St. Philip's Anglican Church

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023, 10:00 am

A Parish of the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster

The Right Reverend John Stephens, Bishop

The Reverend Lorne Manweiler, Rector & Regional Dean of Point Grey

Welcome!

We're glad you're here!

We are happy and honoured that you've joined us this morning—whether in-person or online via Facebook and the parish website. If you need a place to take a break with your child, a nursery area is available. Washrooms are available on the main level of the church. Please ask a sidesperson or your neighbour if you have questions or need assistance. You're warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the Fireside Room following the service.

The Holy Eucharist

Book of Alternative Services, pp. 185 ff.

– The Gathering of the Community –

Prelude *Nazard (from Suite Francais)* *Jean Langlais (1907-1991)*

Welcome

Processional Hymn CP 373 – "This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made"

Acknowledgement

Celebrant We begin by acknowledging that we live, work, play, and worship on the traditional and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples including the xʷməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) and Səl̓ílwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

All **May our words and our actions reflect our awareness and appreciation of this.**

A moment of silence for reflection is kept.

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Gloria in Excelsis CP 371 – "To God Be the Glory"

Collect of the Day

Celebrant O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All **Amen.**

Children's Chat

– The Proclamation of the Word –

"New Perspective"

Being a disciple requires an expansive perspective on forgiveness. Today our perspective is broadened by the good news that God's forgiveness is not based on our idea of fairness, but rather on abundant, unimaginable grace. God "does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities" (Ps. 103:10). The king forgives our entire debt, no matter how enormous it is (Matt. 18:23-27). We also are challenged to stretch our perspective and forgive each other. With Peter, we learn to stop keeping score (Matt. 18:21-22).

It's not an easy thing to do. Again and again we fall back on limited human understandings of what is "fair." Looking at the story of Joseph and his brothers, it's easy for us to say that his brothers really didn't deserve forgiveness. Even their plea for forgiveness is dishonest and manipulative—have they really repented (Gen. 50:15-17)? Joseph takes the wider view and realizes that it isn't his brothers' intentions that matter, but God's. God's forgiveness is much greater than what is fair, what we deserve.

So what does this new, broadened perspective look like in the lives of Christians and congregations? Paul provides a pragmatic glimpse: "Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them" (Rom. 14:3). If all are truly welcomed by God, we are called to share the good news of that welcome in all we say and do.

First Reading Genesis 50:15-21

read by Sheryl Mackay

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:1-13 *Read responsively by whole-verse.*

Second Reading Romans 14:1-12

read by Derek Simpkins

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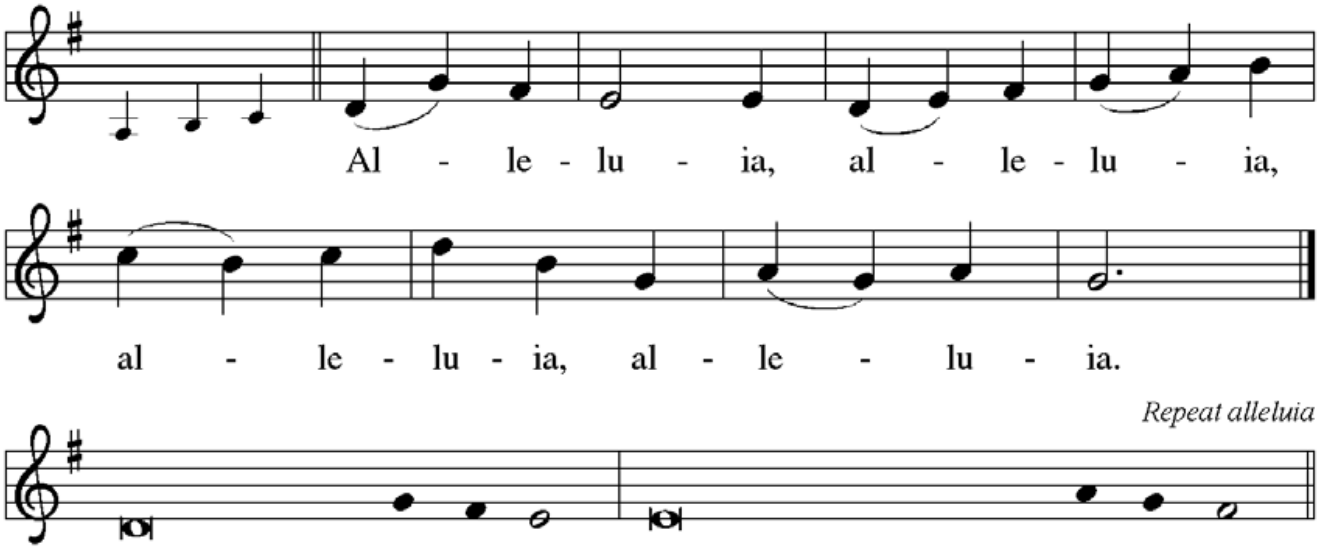
Alleluia & Verse

*Alleluia. We have an advocate, Jesus | Christ the righteous;**
your sins are forgiven on account | of his name. Alleluia. (1 John 2:1, 12)

The Holy Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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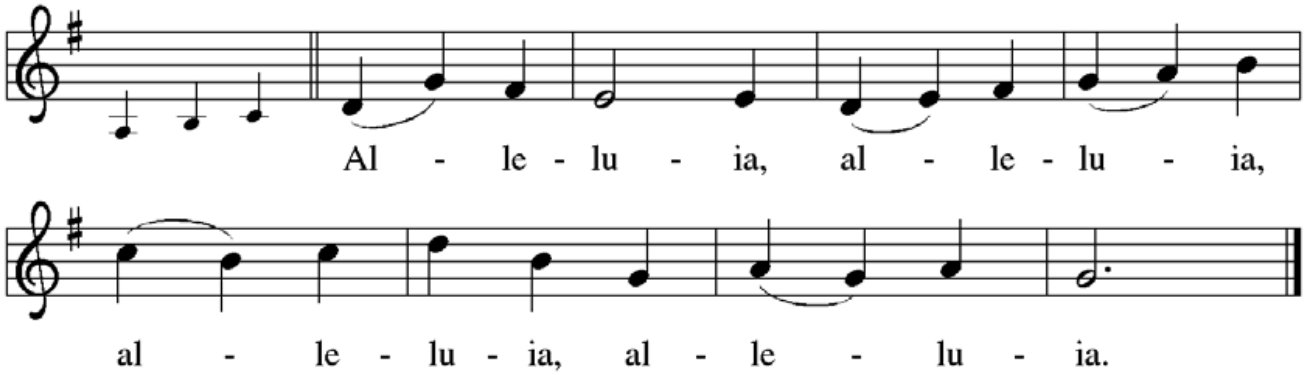
Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Alleluia

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed BAS 189

The Prayers of the Community *Debbie Matheson, Intercessor*

Confession and Absolution BAS 191

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Preparation of the Gifts, Offering, & Offertory Hymn CP 657 – "Loving Spirit"

– The Celebration of the Eucharist –

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.
People **We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.**

Celebrant Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

BAS/ELW

Celebrant The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

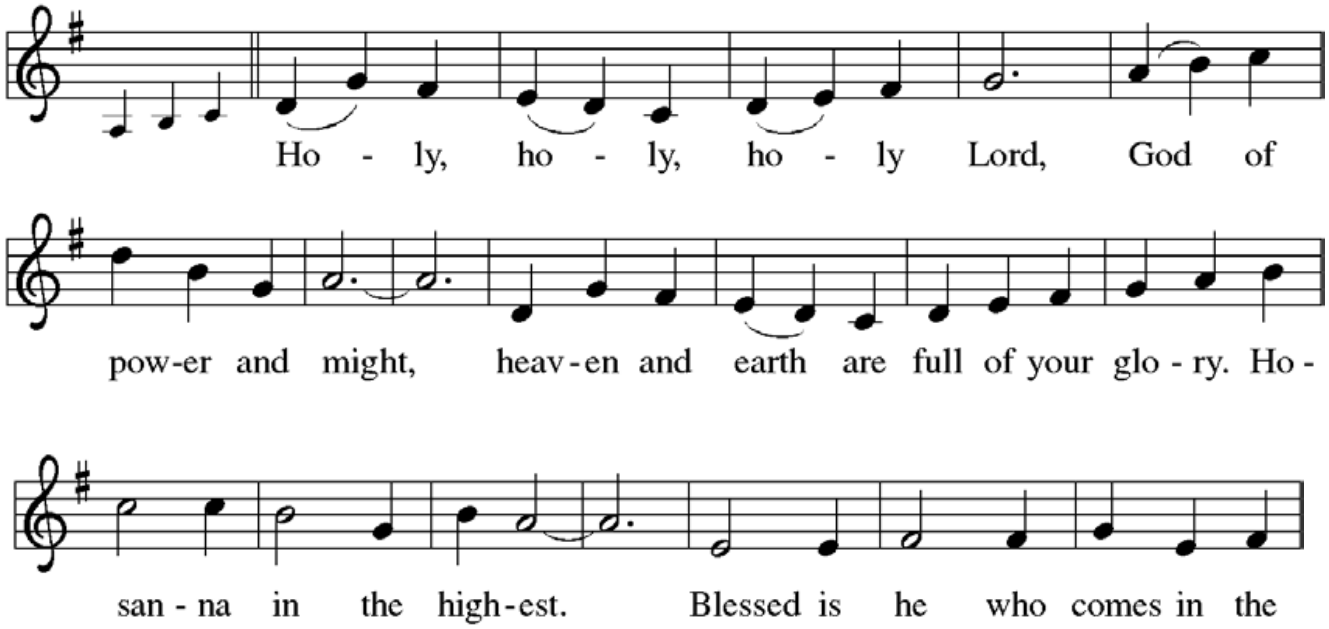
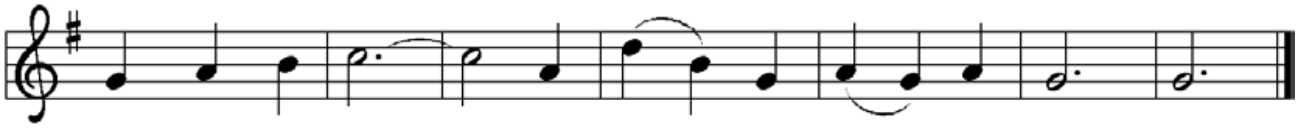
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus *(all sing)*



Celebrant O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Celebrant Remembering his death, we cry out: *All* **Amen.**
Celebrant Celebrating his resurrection, we shout: *All* **Amen.**
Celebrant Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead: *All* **Amen.**

Celebrant O God, you are Breath: *All* **send your Spirit on this meal.**
Celebrant O God, you are Bread: *All* **feed us with yourself.**
Celebrant O God, you are Wine: *All* **warm our hearts and make us one.**
Celebrant O God, you are Fire: *All* **transform us with hope.**

Celebrant O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

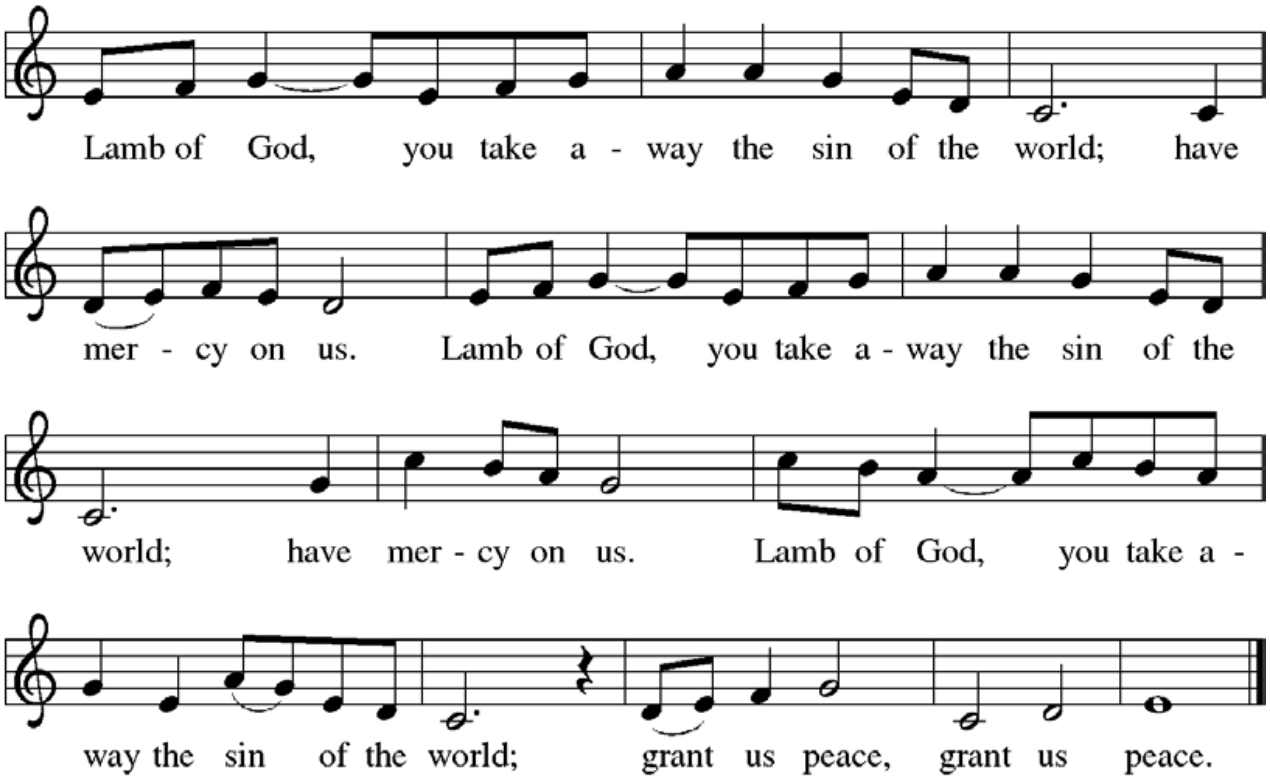
Celebrant Jesus invites you to this table.

All **Come, eat and live.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei—Lamb of God



The Communion CP 62 – "Come, Let Us Eat"
CP 52 – "O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near"

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.

People **May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other.**

Celebrant We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Parish Announcements *Given by the Churchwardens*

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

All **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

Celebrant May the love which overcomes all differences
which heals all wounds
which puts to flight all fears
which reconciles all who are separated
be in us and among us, now and always

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be upon you this day and for ever more.

All **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn CP 84 – "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour"

Dismissal *The celebrant dismisses the people, saying,*

Celebrant Go in peace. God is at work in you!

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Bass and Treble Trumpets in Dialogue *L.-N. Clerambault (1676-1749)*

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Notices for 16th Sunday after Pentecost - Sept 17, 2023

Upcoming at St. Philip's

Sun 17 Sep	10:00 am	**16th Sunday after Pentecost.** Eucharist celebrated by Rev. Lorne Manweiler Live Streamed Worship at 10 AM at https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/ Recorded on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicandunbar
Sat 23 Sep	10am - 12:00pm	**Screening in Faith Workshop** (Fireside Room)
Sun 24 Sep	10:00 am	**17th Sunday after Pentecost** Eucharist celebrated by Rev. Lorne Manweiler *Readings: Jonah 3:10 - 4:11, Ps.145:1-8, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16*
Sun 24 Sep	4:00 - 5:00pm	**Community Hymn Sing!** Bring your friends to sing and **Make a Joyful Noise!**
Sun 24 Sep	5:30 pm	**All Parish Open Gym and Potluck Dinner**
Tue 26 Sep	7:30 pm	**Parish Council Meeting** (Garden Room)
Sat 14 Oct	10:00 - 2:00pm	**St Philip's Fall Book Sale**

PRAYER LIST - Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers: Lama Chebli, Beverly, Joan, Philippa, Alex, Jock Munro, Adele and Cameron Wonnick, Leslie and David, Ann, and Billie.
We pray for those who have died. We pray for comfort and peace for all loved ones and friends who are experiencing loss.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

If you would like to donate towards the church flowers in thanksgiving of a Milestone, Anniversary, or In Memory of a loved one, please contact Tiffany Ho at 604-224-3238. All donations appreciated.

JONES GIRLS

The Jones Girls welcome new members to their monthly Monday lunch meetings. Contact Janet Brown @ 604-266-0571

TEA & TALK - Sun Sept 17, 2:00 - 4:00pm

Contact Debbie Matheson (debbiematheson53@gmai.com) if you'd like to help host Ukrainian guests of all ages at *Tea & Talk*.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO COMPLETE IT - Sat Sept 23 10:00 - 12:00

Reminder of the group education session on Sat Sept 23rd; there will be coffee and treats. Please confirm with Connie Maclaren (conniemaclaren@gmail.com)

ALL PARISH OPEN GYM AND POTLUCK DINNER - Sunday Sep 24, 5:30 for set up
Come one, come all - come for fellowship, food and fun! Bring your favourite dish to share and your favourite game to play. Everyone welcome!

HYMN SING! Sunday, Sept 24, 4:00 - 5:00pm
Raise the Roof! Come join us at St. Philip's this Sept 24 For an old time Hymn Sing with St Philip's Choir, Ruth Stephens on Trombone, Brian Mix on Cello, Paolo Bertolussi on flute, and Lorne Manweiler and Michael Murray on our Casavant Organ. Suggested $20 donation at the door goes to the organ fund. Email the event poster to friends. **Let's Make a Joyful Noise!**

THE FALL BOOK SALE - Sat Oct 14, 10:00 - 2:00pm
Donate great fiction and popular non-fiction in good condition for readers of all ages to the gym stage from Oct 6 - 12. Volunteers are invited to sort books on Thurs Oct 12, 6:00 - 9:00 and Friday 10:00 - 12:00, sell on Saturday, 10 - 12 & 12 - 2, and pack up. No textbooks, travel or cook books.
Contact debbiematheson53@gmail.com. Invite your friends to donate, explaining the parameters. Thanks!

CENTERING PRAYER: WEDNESDAYS at 7:30 - 9:00pm
Wed. Sept 20 -7:30 pm Centering Prayer group meets every Wednesday in the sanctuary. To attend or for further information contact Mary Lymburner 778-898-5117 or Gloria Sutcliffe 604-809-4195

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: An invitation
You are cordially invited to add your name to the rather short list of those who currently assist in preparing and serving coffee, tea and cookies after Sunday services. Coffee Time is a fun opportunity to chat and share fellowship. Please see the SIGN UP sheet at Sunday's coffee table, or contact Joanne jvondette@gmail.com Many thanks in advance for your support.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Our food supply is low for our next outing. We urgently need the following food items in order to fill the packets we send out:

- Ensure, Boost or meal replacement drink, Protein Bars, Cereal Bar
- Men's Socks - new ones please

We are also collecting fall and winter clothing items:

- Winter, rain and fleece jackets - Mens Size Med and Large, Women's size Large
- Rain pants and sweatpants
- Men's underwear and long underwear
- Gloves and Toques

We are always grateful for the following items:

- Razors
- McDonald's $10 gift cards
- Sleep bags

- Travel toothbrush & toothpaste
- Sleeping bags (synthetic is best)
- Sleeping Mats
- Tarps (ideally not bright colours)

Please only donate the items listed above, when we receive items not on the list we end up dropping them at the charity shop or throwing them away. You can leave your donations in the Narthex baskets on Sundays.

BEING A GOOD ANCESTOR: ***A journey on the path of truth and reconciliation:*** **June 2023-2024**
In this year-long series of conversations and programs, we will explore and inhabit the relationships and commitments that we make in our daily lives toward the ongoing work of truth and reconciliation. All are warmly welcomed to join in conversations and hands-on learning opportunities as we ask ourselves what it means to be a good ancestor. Learn more at https://stfaiths.ca/events/beading-workshop/ **The Sept 23 beading workshop is now full.**

WELCOME OUR NEW PARISH CARETAKER
Francis Hart D'Emilio was born and raised in Vancouver and spent ten years in Toronto. He obtained a B.A. in Visual Art and Socio-cultural Anthropology from U.B.C in 2015. He has worked in residential and commercial construction for over 20 years and has training as a finishing carpenter and painter.
Francis has many interests: he especially loves to grow organic vegetables and medicinal plants, bake bread, hike local trails with his partner Micaela, and cook great food. He currently sits on the board of the Metro Vancouver Alliance as a faith representative and also serves on the council of Salal & Cedar Watershed Discipleship. Francis keeps the Celtic Wheel of the Year, and was confirmed in the Anglican tradition in May of 2023 at Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver. You can reach Francis via email: caretaker@stpdunbar.com or by calling the parish office at 604-224-3238.

RECEIVE NEWS, BULLETIN AND ORDER OF SERVICE BY EMAIL Please contact Tiffany Ho in the office (604-224-3238) or at manager@stpdunbar.com to receive a bulletin by email. **Deadline** for submissions to the bulletin is **Wednesday at noon**.

STAFF & CLERGY
- Parish Manager Tiffany Ho's office hours are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Mon - Fri;
- Caretaker Francis Hart D'Emilio's hours vary; email him or call the parish office
- Music Director Michael Murray is available in the office at various times, plus via email or voicemail;
- Parish Accountant Christine Cen is currently working from home and is available via email;
- Rector and Dean Reverend Lorne's Sabbath days are Fridays and Saturdays.

CONNECT Parish administration and lay leaders are your servant-leaders. We're happy to hear from you about any questions or concerns, to offer help and support, and invite you to reach out to us:

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