St. Philip's Anglican Church

# The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

*November 19, 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*
*Michael Murray, Director of Music & Organist*

**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** Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring *J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)*

**Welcome**

**Acknowledgement**

*Celebrant* We acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional territory of the xʷməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) and Səl̓ílwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh), nations who have sought to walk gently on this land. We seek a new relationship with the original Peoples of this land, one rooted in and based on honour and deep respect.

*A moment of silence is kept.*

**Processional Hymn** CP 70 – "Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts"

*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 366 – "Glory in the Highest Glory"

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## Children's Chat

## – The Proclamation of the Word –

### *"Awake to the Grace of God"*

*Linked with the reading from 1 Thessalonians and Psalm 90, Jesus' parable of the talents invites a full-hearted response to God's lavish gifts of faith and purpose: "Use 'em if you've got 'em!" The people of God are meant to be engaged, alert, and ready to share what we have received from our prodigally (wastefully) generous God. While the parable has sometimes been interpreted in the context of judgment, a careful reading also spotlights the beauty of the faith-generated response to God's lavish grace.*

*One word for this is stewardship. Presented in light of God's gift of faith and purpose, this "churchy" term can today be transformed to new understanding in the proclamation of the gospel text. Instead of the weight of obligation and duty we so often associate with religion, we are invited today to another way: What does it mean to be awake to the grace of God?*

*On the surface Jesus' parable is a simple premise: the contrast of workers who please and workers who disappoint their master. Psalm 90 sings to us to carefully treasure our lifetimes, for there is something at stake. First Thessalonians is a letter reminding people they have exactly what they need to survive and thrive.*

*What does it mean to be awake to the grace of God?*

*In a time in history when so many people are discouraged with work, home, life, and church, a word from Jesus' parables may be healing, enriching, and startlingly attractive. The gospel text today is an opportunity to remind the people of God that there is a depth to faith that is sustainable. In fact, beneath the parables of Jesus is a depth it will take a lifetime to unpack.*

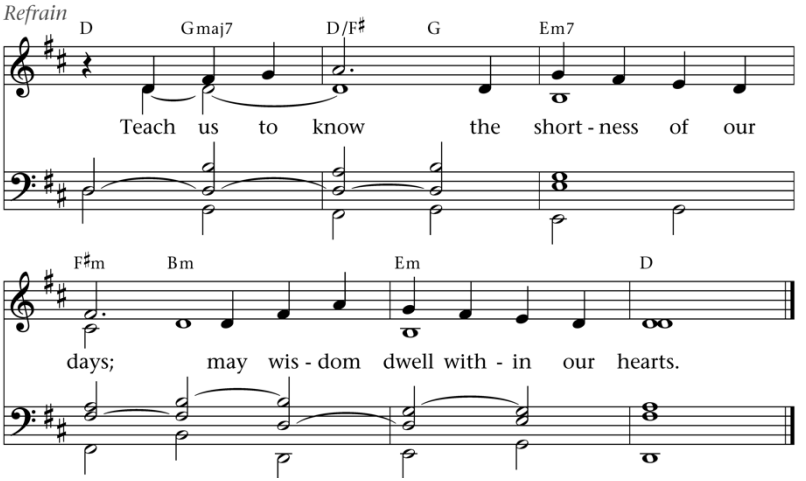
## First Reading Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

*read by Michael Vondette*

*Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.*

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

## Psalm 90:1-8 *(all sing the refrain)*



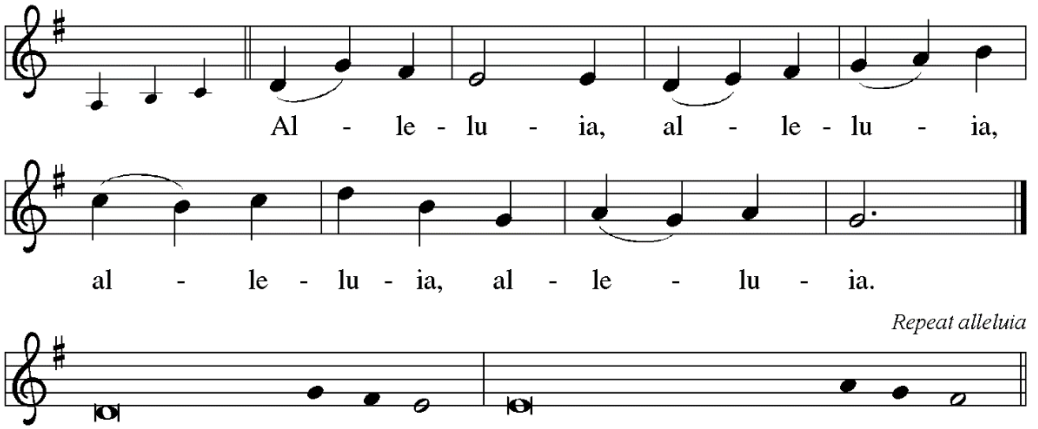

## Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

*read by Mira Bortolussi*

*Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.*

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

## Alleluia & Verse




*Abide in me as I a- | bide in you;* those who abide in me | bear much fruit. (John 15:4, 5)*

## The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

*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.**

*Put on the spot by the Pharisees, Jesus displays wisdom by summarizing the law of God in just two commandments and by demonstrating the Messiah must be more than the son of David.*

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

## Alleluia *(refrain only, as above)*

## Sermon

## The Apostles' Creed BAS 189

## The Prayers of the Community *Nadine Gomm, 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 551 – "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

## – The Celebration of the Eucharist –

## Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings.

*People* **Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made,**

*Celebrant* through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*BAS/ELW*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

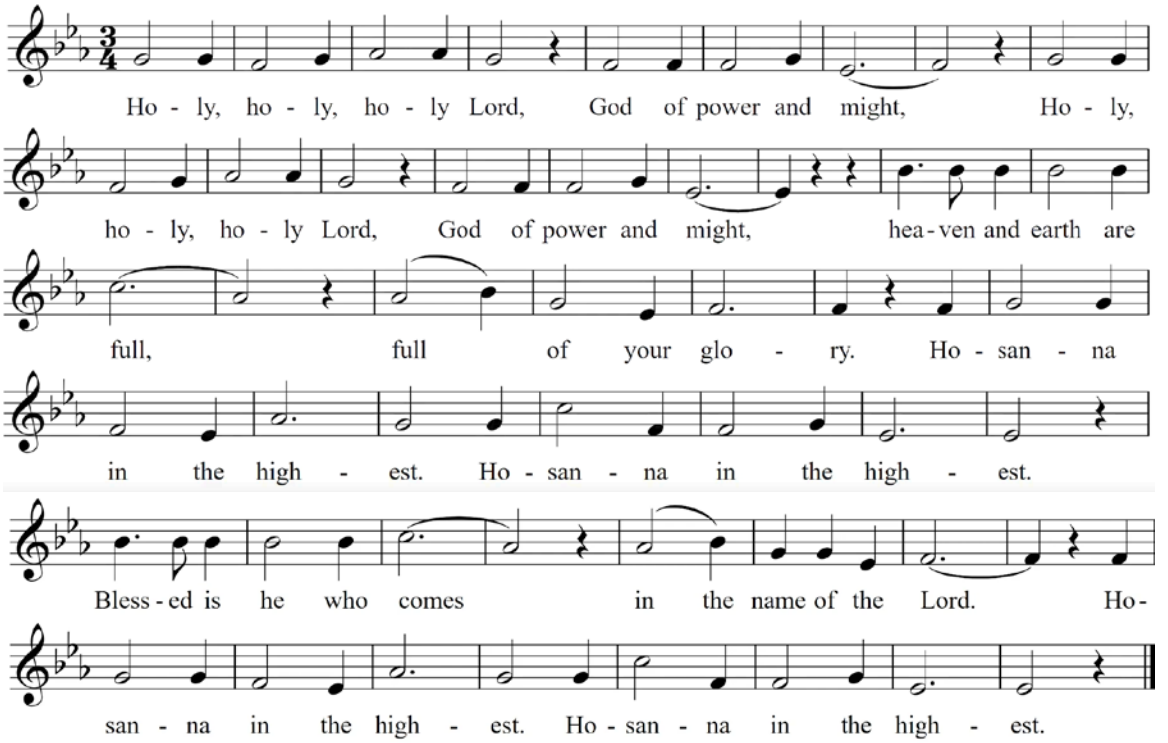
*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*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 Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Sanctus** *(all sing)*




*Celebrant* Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us and upon this meal the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, 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* There is a place for you at the Banquet.

*All* **Come, and feast at Jesus' Table.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## *Agnus Dei*—Lamb of God CP 747 – "Jesus, Lamb of God" *(all sing)*

## The Communion CP 170 – "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery,"
CP 71 Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

## Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.

*People* **Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.**

*All* **Amen.**

## Parish Announcements *Given by the Churchwardens*

## Stewardship Moment

## 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 God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God, Sovereign, ☩ Saviour, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

*All* **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

CP 405 – "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord"

## Dismissal

*The celebrant dismisses the people, saying,*

*Celebrant* Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in G major *J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)*

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Notices for 25th Sunday after Pentecost - Nov 19, 2023

**Upcoming at St. Philip's**

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| Sun 19 Nov | 10:00 am | 25th Sunday after Pentecost<br>Eucharist celebrated by Rev. Lorne Manweiler.<br>Follow the livestreamed service https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/<br>Stay afterwards for Commitment Sunday lunch, a celebratory Parish event in the gym. |
| Sun 26 Nov | 10:00am | Last Sunday after Pentecost<br>Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Ps 95:1-7, Eph 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46 |
| Sun 26 Nov | 11:30 - 12:30 | Speed Dating with your trustees: listen, learn, discuss, question, suggest and envision. |
| Tue 28 Nov | 7:30 pm | Parish Council Meeting |
| Sat Dec 2 | 11:00 - 2:00 | The Christmas Fair |

**PRAYER LIST -** Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers: Dwayne Poliquin, Julian, Evelyn Anderson, Joan, Philippa, Alex, Jock Munro, Adele and Cameron Wonnick, Leslie and David, Ann, and Billie.

We pray for those who have died, especially The Reverend Helen Hill. We pray for comfort and peace for all loved ones and friends who are experiencing loss.

**FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR**

The flowers at the altar are given by Thelma Stephens to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones. 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.

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY LUNCHEON**: Sunday, November 19th

Celebrate our commitment to St Philip's with a parish luncheon after the service (with a donation box) All are welcome!

**STEWARDSHIP 2024** ends Sunday Nov. 19 with our last guest speaker

We ask for all pledges to have come in by Sunday, if possible. Blessings to all, Sheryl MacKay and Debbie Matheson

**SPEED DATING** Nov 26 with your Trustees after the Service 11:30 - 12:30

Mark your calendar for this fun event! There will be four "dates" with two of your Trustees, each "date" covering a different topic and lasting 15 minutes. We are looking forward to hearing from you. Pick up a cup of tea or coffee and join in!

**CHRISTMAS FAIR: Sat Dec 2, 11:00 - 2:00**
**Raffle for a fabulous Hamper**. Please see Daphne Francis at coffee time. Tickets $10 ea. or two for $15, cash only please.
Christmas Plants **- Suzi Noetzel - order your Poinsettias and Festive plants here by** 1:00 pm Nov 24 **for pick up Dec 2.**
Artisans' Craft Tables **- local artisans are invited to sell their wares at our fair. Apply on our website or here.**
**Create, collect and donate gifts, crafts, knitting, baking, Christmas Cakes, vintage linens, preserves, Christmas decor…**
**If you are not sure how you could help, please ask one of your Wardens - we are happy to make introductions!**

**SENIORS COFFEE MORNING**: Tuesdays 10:00 am in the Fireside Room
Coffee morning is open to all. Drop by yourself and invite your friends!

**OUTREACH CHRISTMAS HAMPERS:** Nov 26, Dec 3, 10, 17
Outreach arranges for needy families at three Vancouver elementary schools to receive parishioners' help in the form of grocery cards and gift cards at Christmas. Joanne Vondette and Sandy Harrison welcome us to sponsor a family, in the gym starting Nov 26.

**"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"** Dramatic Reading, Sunday Dec 17, 7:00 pm
Featuring: Charlie Demers, Christopher Gaze, Amy Bell, Grant Lawrence and more. If you'd like to attend, but don't drive at night, please speak to a Warden. Tickets for sale on our website or here: A Christmas Carol Tickets

**CENTERING PRAYER:** Wednesdays 7:30 pm in the sanctuary
We welcome new members. Call Mary Lymburner 778-898-5117 or Gloria Sutcliffe 604-809-4195

SUPPORT FOR PHILIPPA
**Many have asked "what can I do to help?" If you would like to help Philippa and her daughter Caitlin, please contact Daphne Francis at daphnemfrancis@gmail.com or Kathy Shier at Kdshier@shaw.ca**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY**
For a full account of the November outing click here **https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/news/with-gratitude**

Collecting Winter Clothing and Food in the Narthex baskets on Sundays

Men's sports socks and underwear
Rain pants and sweatpants
Sleeping bags (synthetic is best)
Rain and fleece jackets
Toques and gloves
Sleeping mats

Meal replacement drinks (Ensure/Boost)
Cereal bars & Protein bars (no nuts, seeds or oatmeal bits)
McDonald gift cards
Can openers
Canned meat or fish
Tents or tarps

PLEASE ONLY DONATE THE ABOVE CLOTHING ITEMS and keep in mind that we won't give out items that are stained, have holes, or with broken elastic. REGARDING FOOD- please only donate items that have at least a 3 month expiry date on them as it takes us that long to organise, package and get them out to our friends on the streets. Thank you for your support.

**SIGN UP TO RECEIVE NEWS AND BULLETINS BY EMAIL**

If you don't receive our weekly bulletin by email, you are not on our parish list! Please join us so we can reach you.

Contact Tiffany Ho in the office (604-224-3238) or at manager@stpdunbar.com to receive the weekly bulletin, order of service, and other news by email.

**Add news to the bulletin.** Deadline for the submission of news items to Tiffany for the bulletin is **Wednesday at noon**.

**Diocese:** Subscribe to the weekly e-newsletter of the Diocese at https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/subscribers

**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; please email him to be in contact with him;
- 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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