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The Gathering of the Community

Words of Welcome and Acknowledgment

We give thanks that we live, work, play, and worship on the traditional and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples including the Katzee, Tsawwassen, Semiahmoo and Kwantlen Nations. May our words and our actions reflect our awareness and appreciation.

Processional Hymn CP # 210 Yours be the Glory Risen Conquering Son

The Gathering of the Community

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

Children's Focus

Gloria: CP 365

Glory to God on high and peace to all on earth
We worship you; we give you thanks, our heavenly King
We give your praise almighty God and Father,
Blessed in Glory bright

Our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Father's only son
The sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin, Have mercy Lord.
Beside the Father's hand enthroned now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord, you only are most high
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ
And now you reign with Father and with Spirit
One in glorious light.

Kyrie Confessions

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy

Collect

Almighty and eternal God,
**the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt,
may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

A reading from Acts

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Listen to what the spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,
Upon the beard of Aaron and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

Second Reading 1 John 1: 1-2: 2

A Reading from John

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us - we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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Thanks be to God

Hymn # 397 Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness

Gospel John 20: 19-33

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said

this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Reverend Paula Porter Leggett

Affirmation of Faith CP # 44

Please rise as you are able.

Let us confess the faith of our Baptism as we sing:

**I believe in God Almighty, Father of all things that be,
maker of the Earth and Heavens, keeper of the sky and sea.
I believe in God's Son, Jesus, now for us both Lord and Christ,
of the Sprit and of Mary born to bring abundant life**

**I believe that Jesus suffered, scourged and scorned and crucified.
taken from the cross, was buried- true life there had truly died.
I believe that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,
then ascended, to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.**

**I believe in God's own Spirit, bonding all the saints within
one church, catholic and holy, where forgiveness frees from sin;**

**in the body's' resurrection, for the breaking of death's chain,
gives the life that's everlasting, this the faith that I have claimed.**

Prayers of the People

The Peace

Please rise as you are able

The Risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
And said," peace be with you "
They were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn SNC # 228 Here is the Bread

**Here is the bread that is broken for you
Take it and eat, take it and eat
Here is the bread that is broken for you
If you eat you will hunger no more.**

**Here is the cup that I offer to you
Take it and drink, take it and drink
Here is the cup that I offer to you
Come receive the forgiveness of sin .**

**Here is the task I am giving to you
Be full of love, be full of love
This is the task I am giving to you
Love each other as I have loved you.**

Eat this and drink in remembrance of me

**I am the way, I am the way
Eat this and drink in remembrance of me
Till we eat in the kingdom of God.**

Prayers over the Gifts

Please Remain Standing

God of grace,
**you have freed us from our sins
and made us a kingdom in your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord.**
**Accept all we offer you this day,
and strengthen us in the new life you have given us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in people the image of your glory.

He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of St. Helen and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Alleluia! As the Risen Lord taught, so we pray:

Lord Jesus remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Please proceed to the altar for communion as directed. Communion is offered in both bread and wine. If you only wish to receive the bread, you may touch the base of the chalice or give a slight bow in reverence to the Sacrament after receiving the bread.

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

Prayer after Communion

Please Rise as you are able

Father,

**we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands
the bread of life.**

**Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you and for each other;
through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

The Doxology

Glory to God

**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.**

Community Announcements

Birthday & Anniversary Candles

**May the blessing of God be upon you
The blessing of the Father and the Son,
And may the Spirit of God
the Spirit of Love
Be with you all your Days.**

**May the blessing of God be upon you
The blessing of the Father and the Son,
And may the Spirit of God
And the Spirit of Peace
Be with you all your Days.**

The Blessing

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.
Amen.

God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.
Amen

Sending Hymn CP #378 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Notices and Prayer List for the week beginning April 7,2024

To assist the office, please ensure that any items for the Notices are received
before Noon on Thursday.

The flowers at the altar this morning are given to the glory of God.

We pray for the whole Anglican Church of Canada – we pray especially for our primate, Archbishop Linda Nichols. We pray also for the Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario.

Anglican Communion – We pray for the Episcopalian/ Anglican Province of Alexandria. We pray for Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines, Bishop Benny Lang-akan and our Companion Parish partnerships.

In our Diocesan Cycle: We pray for Rt. Rev'd. John Stephens, Bishop, Robin our Rector, and Stephen our Deacon. We pray for St Anselm Vancouver, The Rev'd. Alecia Greenfield, and the West Point Grey Neighbourhood Ministry.

We pray for Rev'd Vivian Lam for her health and well being.

We pray for our companion diocese of Northern Philippines.

We pray for our own twinned parish of Holy Apostles, Abatan, and their priest, Father Joey Napat-a.

In all these prayers for the church near and far, we pray for the people and clergy and for the ministries flowing from these places into the communities.

In our Parish Cycle we pray for Linda Vanderblink, and Bijoy and Reema Venkatachellum. We pray for their work, ministry, and families here and away.

Notices

NOTE: Jennifer Semenoff will be away from April 6-20 inclusive. She has prepared three service bulletins for Sundays, April 7, 14 and 21. She will send the bulletins early by email on Friday April 5th .

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN, meet in the Church Hall the First Wednesday of each month for fellowship, 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Bring your own lunch/snack. Coffee/Tea is provided along with a small dessert.

“LUNCH BUNCH” a welcoming group of parishioners and friends who gather to share a lunch, and good fun. \$6.00. They meet the last Thursday of each month 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. we will be having the Lunch Bunch on April 25. Glenda will need to know how many would be coming by Sunday April 21.

PARISH COUNCIL usually will meet on the third Tuesday of each month in the Church Hall at 7:00 p.m. to deal with the ongoing business of the Parish.

ALL PARISH BREAKFAST Saturday, APRIL 13! Its Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. with members from all four of the local Anglican Church Parishes! Just for fun! At Denny's Restaurant, 6850 King George.Hwy. Everyone is welcome, just show up!

STRAWBERRY TEA, We do love our Strawberry Tea - it is scheduled for Saturday, May 25.

ANNUAL YARD SALE is in the works, date to be announced very soon!

THE FOUR PARISH PICNIC will be hosted at St. Helen's on Sunday, June 23
More information to come|

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY Sunday, September 8 will be a Potluck Lunch

INTERNATIONAL DINNER Saturday, October 26

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday, November 30

This Week's Ministry Team

Officiant/Preacher The Rev'd Paula Porter Leggett
Deacon The Rev'd Stephen Thompson
Music.....Matthew Ma
Crucifer/Servers/Psalmist..... John Palmer
Prayers of the Community Cathy Anderson
Readers..... Cynthia Richards and Kelly Foulds
Lay Administration Judy Nicholson and Angelita Sotana
Greeters Christine and Simon Lee
Livestream Tech..... Zoltan Barabas, Tom Beneteau, Simon Lee
Altar Guild Jose Francis Heather Herd and Kelly Foulds
Fellowship ServersSara Vinu and Vinu Jacob

Next Week's Ministry Team

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