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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 of this.

Processional Hymn: CP 569 Come My Way My Truth My Love

The Gathering of the Community

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

And also with you.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
His mercy endures for ever.

Almighty God,
**To you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Children's Focus

Kyrie Confessions

Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Against you, you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Most merciful God,

**by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ,
you created humanity anew.**

**May the power of his victorious cross
transform those who turn in faith
to him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 43: 16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah,

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Listen to what the spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

**The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.
Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev.**

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy,
shouldering their sheaves.**

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: Philippians 3: 4b-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians,

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee, as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Listen to what the spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Hymn: 435 Take My Life and Let It Be

Gospel: John 12: 1-8

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily:

The Reverend Dr. Robin Ruder-Celiz

Affirmation of Faith

Please rise as you are able

Let us affirm our faith as we say:

**We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang into being,
all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
Virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontious Pilot,**

**he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;
in one church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution

Jesus said:
Before you offer your gift,
go and be reconciled.
As brothers and sisters in God's family,
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

Most merciful God,
**We confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life.
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please rise as you are able

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.
And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: CP 438 O Jesus, I Have Promised

Prayers over the Gifts

Eternal God,
your only Son suffered death upon the cross
to bring the world salvation.
Accept the praise and thanksgiving
we offer you this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

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

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with St. Helen and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we 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

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.**

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

Communion Hymns

CP 615: Just as I am

CP 608: Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy

CP 62: Come, Let us Eat

Prayer after Communion

Please Stand as you are able

Merciful God,

**you have called us to your table
and fed us with the bread of life.**

**Draw us and all people to your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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.

Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

Sending Hymn: CP: 467 Forth In Thy Name

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Notices and Prayer List for the week beginning April 6, 2025

The flowers at the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Riza and Leroy Dove, in memory of mother Hetty Porter and brother Dan Dove, mother Milagros & father Prudencio Gargantiel.

We pray for the whole Anglican Church of Canada – we pray especially for our interim primate, Archbishop Ann Germond.

Anglican Communion – we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

In our Diocesan Cycle: We pray for Most Rev'd. John Stephens, Archbishop, Robin our Rector, and Stephen our Deacon. We also pray for St. George, Fort Langley - The Revd Laurel Dykstra, The Revd Eileen Nurse ,· Archdeacon Luisito Engnan (Fraser), The Territory of the People – Bishop Clara Plamondon .

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 Wendy and Peter Russell and Janice Sanderson We pray for their work, ministry, and families here and away.

We pray for those preparing for baptism, the families and sponsors, especially Zelda Akubueze.

Notices

Baptisms: On Easter Sunday, April 20, Zelda Akubueze will be baptised. She and her family are new to Surrey.

Formal Confession differs from the General Confession (the form we typically use during Sunday worship) in that this is an opportunity to talk through and or confess to a priest matters that are weighing on your heart and mind. These sessions are private and by appointment because sometimes you just need to talk through something with a priest. Lent is a great opportunity for this. If you are interested in learning more, or to make an appointment, please contact Fr. Robin at 604-379-8966 or sainthelensrector@gmail.com.

Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, April 8 at 7pm in the hall. If you are unable to attend, please email your regrets to Fr. Robin or the Parish Office.

Deborah McClellan: We commend to Almighty God our sister, Deborah McClelland. A Requiem Mass with Interment will be at St. Helen's on April 12 at 1pm. Grant her eternal rest O Lord and Let light perpetual shine upon Deborah. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

The Surrey Food Bank continues to do important work in feeding the most vulnerable in society. To help support this vital ministry everyone is encouraged to donate at least one tin per week, it will go a long way in assisting with food security in our neighbourhood.

Steve Thompson continues to recover as he and his medical team work to achieve some stabilization in his treatment. While he is in good spirits most days, the process is quite tiresome and he thanks people for their prayers and concerns as he keeps us in his prayers and looks forward to the day when he is able to be present with us in church and in his role as Deacon.

This Week's Ministry Team

Officiant..... The Rev. Dr. Robin Ruder Celiz
Deacon..... The Rev. Stephen Thompson
Music Matthew Ma
Crucifer/Servers/Psalmist Kelly Foulds
Prayers of the Community Lynn Turner
Readers Beatrice Ampong & Wendy Russell
Lay Administration..... Judy Nicholson & Angelita Sotana
Greeters..... Janette Bulkan & Maureen Thompson
Livestream Tech..... Zoltan B. Tom B., Simon. L. Ronit V, Ike. N .
Altar Guild..... J. Francis, H. Herd & K. Foulds
Fellowship Servers..... Sarah Vinu and Vinu Jacob

Next Week's Ministry Team

Officiant/Preacher The Rev'd Dr. Robin Ruder Celiz
Deacon..... The Rev'd. Stephen Thompson
Music Matthew Ma
Crucifer/Server and Psalmist..... Jayden Shaw & Darrel Shaw
Prayers of the Community Jennifer Semenoff
Readers Aparna Chatterjea & Janette Bulkan
Lay Administration..... Ian Mulcaster & Cynthia Richards
Greeters Glenda Colquhoun & Pat Nociar
Livestream Tech..... Zoltan B. Tom B., Simon. L. Ronit V, Ike N .
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