### St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

# Holy Eucharist with Zoom Option The Feast of Pentecost

# Sunday, June 8, 2025 10:00 AM



"Veni Sancti Spiritus", St. Aloysius Somers Town, London, Englandi

# The Gathering of the Community

This morning, we are engaging in interactive, all-ages worship. We do this because it gives the adults a chance to remember the "child" part of being a child of God, and it gives the children a chance to experience worship from beginning to end (without being removed from the adults for Sunday School). In this we remember that we are called to be together as one community, united in our baptism, regardless of age.

### Words of Welcome & a Territorial Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: "She Comes Sailing on the Wind" CP-656

Celebrant: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people

All: and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Celebrant: All who are led by the Spirit of God

are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

Celebrant: Renew the face of your creation, Creator of all,

and pour on us the gifts of your Spirit,

All: and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Celebrant: For the creation waits with eager longing

for the glorious liberty of the children of God.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people

and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Celebrant: Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our crucified, risen and ascended

Lord and we have walked with him through his journey of love. We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross. We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death. We have enjoyed his risen presence with us and his revelation of

himself through the breaking of bread.

We have seen his return to the throne before which every knee shall

bow and every tongue confess that this Jesus is Lord.

And now, with the followers of his own time, we celebrate the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people, through whom we

make Christ known to the world.

Gloria "Glory to God"

CP-702

### **Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

All: Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen

your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### The Proclamation of the Word

To accommodate our interactive reflections on the Word of God this morning, we are hearing our Scripture passages in a different order than is our usual practice.

### A reading from the Gospel According to John

(John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15)

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.

I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But After the Last Supper, Jesus continues to tell the disciples about the mission they are to undertake. The "Advocate" is the Holy Spirit; he is the "spirit of truth", and will be sent to the disciples, and to the Church, by Christ "from the Father".

because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



The cantor sings the refrain first, then everyone repeats it the second time. The cantor sings the verses.



Refrain: Send forth your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth.

O God, how manifold are your works: in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.

Refrain: Send forth your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it. All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it, you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

Refrain: Send forth your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth.

You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust. You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

Refrain: Send forth your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth.

May your glory endure for ever; may you rejoice in all your works.

You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

Refrain: Send forth your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth.

I will sing to you as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being. May these words of mine please you; I will rejoice in you, O God. Praise God, O my soul. Hallelujah!

Refrain: Send forth your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth.

### A Readings from the Acts of the Apostles

(Acts 2:1-21)

Our second Scripture story will be presented by Pastor Ruth. The biblical text is provided here for reference.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they

It is now fifty days since the Resurrection. Many pilgrims have come to Jerusalem for the Festival of Weeks. Luke, the author of Acts, tries to describe the coming of the Holy Spirit, but all he can say is what it is like. Divinity, to some extent, is beyond our experience and comprehension.

Cantor: Andy

asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

All: Thanks be to God!

**Reflection** The Ven. Ruth Monette

## **Activity/Prayer Stations**

Prayerful activities will be described for participants.

Affirmation of Faith Hymn: "I Believe in God Almighty" CP-44

### The Peace

Celebrant: God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge

of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

The Peace is an invitation for us to extend the blessing of God's absolution of our sins to our neighbours. You are invited to greet those sitting nearest to you with a wave, handshake, fist bump of other greeting.

CP-408

During the singing of the Offertory Hymn, the greeters will bring the offering plates through the congregation. Financial offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrances to the worship space or made online at www.ststephenburnaby.ca/pages/donate. St Stephen's depends on the generosity of our members and visitors to continue to offer Christ's light to our neighbours.

# **The Holy Communion**

### **Preparation and Prayer over the Gifts**

Celebrant: Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your

Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We

ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

### The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: God is here.

All: The Spirit is with us.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

One Voice: Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

All: Listen, and we will hear.

Celebrant: Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your

glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us happy times and things to celebrate. In these we taste your

kingdom, a feast for all your children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing

your praise:

### **Sanctus** "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord"

CP-719

Celebrant: We thank you, loving Father, because,

when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son.

He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us

Christ's body and his blood.

One Voice Why do we share this bread and wine?

All: Listen, and we will hear.

Celebrant: On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,

Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks,

and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,

for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Holy One, with this bread and this cup we celebrate Jesus' love, death, and risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit,

and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

One voice: How do we follow Jesus Christ?

All: Listen, and we will hear.

Celebrant: Help us, O God, to love one another, as we look forward to that day

when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with St Stephen and all your saints we give you glory,

through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so we

pray:

# The Lord's Prayer

SGP-12

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: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: Though we are many, we are one body,

because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei: "Lamb of God"

CP-690

Celebrant: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### Communion

#### To Receive Communion:

Please come forward to the step before the Altar to receive. We begin with the choir, the tech team, and the pews behind them and then move to the other side. Be attentive to physical distancing as you move within the space. To receive, extend both hands, one on top of the other so that the wafer may be placed on your palm. For the wine, you may take a sip from the chalice. We do not dip the wafer into the wine.

If you are not receiving wine, you may stay until the chalice is offered to you or return to your seat immediately.

If you would prefer a blessing instead, please ask for one.

If you need Communion brought to you, please alert a greeter or wave at the priest when everyone else has received.

# Those on Zoom will say this prayer together.

If you are attending in-person, but are not receiving communion at this time, you may also wish to say the following prayer.

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

We pray that we may know you in heart, and soul and mind. Let nothing separate us from you. May we serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. Amen.

# **♪** Communion Hymns

"Draw Near and Take"
"Spirit of the Living God"

CP-49

CP-647

## The Sending Forth of the Community

### **Prayer after Communion**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

All: Father, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your

Holy Spirit, that we may show forth his gifts to all the world. We ask this

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.vi

**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.

#### **Announcements**

### + Blessing

Celebrant: Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.

With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit. Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer. Strong and weak, women and men<sup>vii</sup> tell out your word; the young receive visions, the old receive dreams.

With the new wine of the Spirit they proclaim your reign of love.

Amid the birth pangs of the new creation the way of light is made known.

Source of freedom, giver of life,

blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant: May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created,

breathe into you the life he gives.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came

among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,

bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be

upon you this day and remain with you always.

All: Amen.viii

Sending Hymn: "Come Down, O Love Divine" CP-645

### **Dismissal**

Celebrant: Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.ix

A time of celebration and fellowship follows in the Parish Hall.

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### **Liturgical Notes:**

In the context of Christian worship, Israel does not refer to the current political state but either to the historic Hebrews of the ancient Near East, or in Christian theology, to all people who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ. We continue to pray for peace among all peoples and the victims of war, remembering especially the government of Israel, the leaders of Hamas, and the people of Israel and Palestine.

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i From Art in the Christian Tradition, the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library <a href="https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56946">https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56946</a>

ii The opening words are from *Pray Without Ceasing: Morning and Evening Prayer for the Seasons of the Church Year and Ordinary Time* by Richard Leggett, authorized the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, 2024. https://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/pray-without-ceasing.pdf

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vi Prayer After Communion is from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

vii This text uses a binary expression of human gender. We have left it in the text today because the wording references scripture (Joel 2:28-32) and the other references speak of ranges of human experience (strengthen/weakness, old/young) which are meant to convey the idea that everyone will experience the Spirit's renewal. We recognize the imperfections of this approach.

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