



Saint Helen's
Anglican Church

Pentecost 6
July 20, 2025
10 AM
Holy Eucharist



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We welcome everyone worshipping with us today whether in person or online.

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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 306: O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing

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.

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.**

Collect

Almighty God,
**your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.**

**Give us pure hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Amos 8:1-12

A reading from the prophet Amos,

This is what the Lord God showed me - a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," says the Lord God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!" Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the

mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Listen to what the spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 52

You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness against the godly all day long?
You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, O worker of deception.

**You love evil more than good and lying more than speaking the truth.
You love all words that hurt, O you deceitful tongue.**

Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living!

**The righteous shall see and tremble, and they shall laugh at him, saying,
"This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, but trusted in great
wealth and relied upon wickedness."**

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God;

**I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever. I will give you thanks for
what you have done and declare the goodness of your Name in the
presence of the godly.**

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: Colossians 1:15-28

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians,
He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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Gradual Hymn: CP 575: Let Streams of Living Justice

Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily:

The Rev. Dr. Robin Ruder Celiz

Affirmation of Faith:

Please rise as you are able.

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

Hear, O Israel,

the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your mind,

and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

**The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.**

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's 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

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy,
that you may be kept safe and blameless
in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The Peace of the Lord is always with us.
And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: CP 57: Thou Who at Thy First Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Please Remain Standing

O God,
accept our praise and thanksgiving.
Help us in all we do
to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice;
through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should praise you,
gracious God,
for you created all things.
You formed us in your own image:
human you created us.
When we turned away from you in sin,
you did not cease to care for us,
but opened a path of salvation for all people.
You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.
Through Moses you led your people
from bondage into freedom;
through the prophets
you renewed your promise of salvation.
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age,
we give thanks and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.
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.

Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time,

you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Creator of all.
He healed the sick
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he 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.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God,
his perfect sacrifice
destroys the power of sin and death;
by raising him to life
you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Recalling his death,
proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be one body and one holy people,
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior 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

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

Prayer after Communion

Please Rise as you are able

O God,

as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries,

may our lives be a continual offering,

holy and acceptable in your sight;

through Jesus Christ our 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

The Blessing

May the Lord Jesus who serves with wounded hands, teach you to serve others.

May the Lord Jesus who walks with wounded feet, walk with you to the end of your road.

May the Lord Jesus who loves with a wounded heart, be your love forever.

Whenever you go out, may you see the face of Jesus in everyone you meet, and may they see the face of Jesus in you.

And the Blessing of the God of Hope, the God of Compassion, and the God of Life be with you and those you care for, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: CP 502: You are Salt for the Earth

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Notices and Prayer List for the week beginning July 20,2025

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 Shane Parker .

Anglican Communion – We pray for the church of Pakistan

In our Diocesan Cycle: We pray for Rt. Rev'd. John Stephens, Archbishop, Robin our Rector, and Stephen our Deacon. We also pray for St. Faith, Vancouver- Archdeacon Adam Yates, · Dr Shakuntala Soden, Diocesan Refugee Administrator

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 Leroy & Riza Dove and Luis Duran . We pray for their work, ministry, and families here and away.

Notices

St. Helen's Prayer Circle is a ministry that offers support and comfort. Its members are dedicated to praying for others whether it be for a short or long-term illness, upcoming surgery and recovery, special blessing, safe travels, prayer of thanksgiving, etc. It operates separately from the Prayers of the People during Sunday services to provide privacy and confidentiality for those who wish it. Requests may be for yourself, a family member, friend, or co-worker. Once received, requests are passed on to Father Robin and other Prayer Circle members. The contact person is Judy Nicholson (604-594-8562 or bnichols@dccnet.com). Speak to her in person to request prayers or learn more.

Bottle Depot A change has been made to the way our St. Helen's account at Return- It is credited. If you bring your returnables to the depot please use Kelly's phone number 604 722 9828. The church number no longer works. You can also bring your bottles to church on the last Sunday of the month as usual

This Week's Ministry Team

Officiant & Preacher.....The Rev. Dr. Robin Ruder Celiz
Musician..... Joel Adimathra
Deacon.....The Rev. Stephen Thompson
Crucifer/Servers/Psalmist..... Jayden & Darrel Shaw
Prayers of the Community..... Jennifer Semenoff
ReadersAparna Chatterjea & Wendy Russell
Lay Administration..... Ian Mulcaster & Cynthia Richards
Greeters Heather and Wayne Herd
Livestream Tech.....Zoltan B. Tom B., Simon. L. Ronit V, Ike N. Abdul S
Altar Guild Jane Denton, P. Beneteau and M. Thompson
Fellowship Servers Sarah Vinu and Vinu Jacob

Next Week's Ministry Team

Officiant/Preacher..... The Rev. Dr. Robin Ruder Celiz
MusicianJoel Adimathra
Deacon..... The Rev. Stephen Thompson
Crucifer/Server and Psalmist. Alex Mason
Prayers of the Community..... Cathy Anderson
Readers Darrel Shaw & Lynn Turner
Lay Administration..... Wendy Russell & Kelly Foulds
Greeters Glenda Colquhoun & Pat Nociar
Livestream Tech..... Z. B. Tom B., Simon. L. Ronit V, Ike N. Abdul S
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