



Saint Helen's
Anglican Church

Pentecost 7
July 27, 2025
10 AM
Holy Eucharist



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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 602: Lift High the Cross

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 of the Day

O God,
**the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy,**

**increase and multiply upon us your mercy,
that with you as our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal,
that we lose not the things eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Hosea 1: 2-10

A reading from the prophet Hosea,

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel." She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Loruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen." When she had weaned Loruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Loammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God." Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

Listen to what the spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 85

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins.

You have withdrawn all your fury and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

Restore us then, O God our Saviour; let your anger depart from us.

Will you be displeased with us for ever? will you prolong your anger from age to age?

Will you not give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

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 2: 6-15

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians,

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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Gradual Hymn: CP 423: How Great Thou Art

Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily:

The Rev. Dr. Robin Ruder Celiz

Affirmation of Faith: CP 44

Please rise as you are able.

Let us stand and confess our faith 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 572: Let There Be Light

Prayer over the Gifts

Please Remain Standing

God of grace,
**accept all we offer you this day,
as we look toward the glory you have promised.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our 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

God of grace,
we have received the memorial

of the death and resurrection of your Son.

May your love, poured into us,

bring us to your promises.

We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. 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 384: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Notices and Prayer List for the week beginning July 27,2025

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 Papua New Guinea

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. Alban, Richmond · The Anglican Church Women – Ms. Kelly Bowman, President

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 Kelly and Les Foulds and Josephine Francis. 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

Vacation: Father Robin is away on vacation and study leave from July 28 to September 5. For pastoral emergencies please contact The Rev. Georgina Harris, 778-237-1350. For administrative or building concerns please contact the Rector's Warden, Lynn Turner or the Parish Office.

Jam, jelly, chutney and pickle time! All these things are very popular at our Christmas Market so please make extra. Questions? - ask Jacquie Stinson (604-517-4661)

This Week's Ministry Team

Officiant & Preacher.....The Rev. Dr. Robin Ruder Celiz
Musician..... Joel Adimathra
Deacon.....The Rev. Stephen Thompson
Crucifer/Servers/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.....Zoltan B. Tom B., Simon. L. Ronit V, Ike N. Abdul S
Altar Guild J. Francis, H. Herd & K. Foulds
Fellowship Servers the Chatterjea family

Next Week's Ministry Team

Officiant/Preacher..... The Rev. Georgian Harris
MusicianJoel Adimathra
Deacon..... The Rev. Stephen Thompson
Crucifer/Server and Psalmist. Maureen Thompson
Prayers of the Community..... Alejandro Sotres
Readers Jane Denton & Vinita Daniel
Lay Administration..... Cathy Anderson & Lynn Turner
Greeters Glenda Colquhoun & Pat Nociar/ Judy Nicholson
Livestream Tech..... Z. B. Tom B., Simon. L. Ronit V, Ike N. Abdul S
Altar Guild..... Carol Young & Sarah Vinu
Fellowship ServersSarah Vinu and Vinu Jacob

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