



Saint Helen's
Anglican Church

Pentecost 8
August 3, 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 381: Praise my Soul

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 Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom.
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,**

**and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Hosea 11: 1-11

A reading from the prophet Hosea,

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. They shall go after the Lord, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

Listen to what the spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 107: 1-9

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes; they found no way to a city where they might dwell.

They were hungry and thirsty; their spirits languished within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

He put their feet on a straight path to go to a city where they might dwell.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.

For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Whoever is wise will ponder these things, and consider well the mercies of the Lord.

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 3: 1-11

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians,

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are

above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things - anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: CP 362 Tell Out My Soul

Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull

down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily:

The Reverend Georgina Harris

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 84 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

Prayer over the Gifts

Please Remain Standing

God our sustainer,
**accept all we offer you this day,
and feed us continually with that bread
which satisfies all hunger,
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.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 shared in the mystery
of the body and blood of Christ.**

**May we who have tasted the bread of life
live with you for ever.**

We ask this in the name of 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 564 Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Notices and Prayer List for the week beginning Aug 3,2025

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 Episcopal church in the Philippines

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 the Martyr, Burnaby - The Revd Liz Ruder-Celiz and The Archdeaconry of Burrard – Archdeacon Rob James, Regional Archdeacon.

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 Dulcenia and Jose and Jeedee Gedalanga . 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

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)

ST. HELEN'S ACW – is spreading the word about a CANADA COMFORTS SOCIETY/COMPASSIONATE CARE WAREHOUSE joint project. These volunteer organizations, based in Victoria, work together to ship 40 foot bins of clothing, hygiene kits, building supplies, bikes, tools, medical and educational supplies and much more overseas. Children's assessment kits form part of their shipments. Each one requires 25 empty sewing thread spools, plastic or wooden. Have any, you or family and friends, want to donate? Please pass them on to Judy Nicholson. Your support is appreciated.

This Week's Ministry Team

Officiant & Preacher..... The Reverend Georgina Harris
Musician..... Joel Adimathra
Deacon.....The Rev. Stephen Thompson
Crucifer/Servers/Psalmist.....Maureen Thompson
Prayers of the Community.....Alejandro Sotres
Readers..... Jane Denton & Vinita Daniel
Lay Administration.....Cathy Anderson & Lynn Turner
Greeters.....Glenda Colquhoun & J. Nicholson /P Nociar
Livestream Tech.....Zoltan B. Tom B., Simon. L. Ronit V, Ike N. Abdul S
Altar Guild Sarah Vinu and Carol Young
Fellowship Servers the Lah Family

Next Week's Ministry Team

Officiant/Preacher..... The Reverend Neil Fernyhough
MusicianJoel Adimathra
Deacon..... The Rev. Stephen Thompson
Crucifer/Server and Psalmist. Alex Mason
Prayers of the Community..... Cathy Anderson
Readers Mareen Mathew &Roshan Mathew
Lay Administration..... Vee Villar & Edward Villar
Greeters Ikechukwu Nwaogu & Jasmyne Kennedy
Livestream Tech..... Z. B. Tom B., Simon. L. Ronit V, Ike N. Abdul S
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