

St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

**Morning Prayer with Zoom Option**

# **Ordinary Time**

Sunday, August 3, 2025 10:00 AM

*The Feast of St Stephen the Martyr*



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## Today we welcome Sara Shaw as officiant in our Morning Prayer.

*Thank you for joining us for worship this morning! This document provides a guide for our time together. You are invited to join in saying the words in **bold**. Bookmarks to pre-mark the hymnals are available where you picked up this guide.*

*During July and August, in-pew activity packets are available for children. They can be found on the table at the rear of the worship space. If you need more space or more movement than the pews allow, a play mat and more flexible seating is available to the right of the altar, going into the Parish Hall.*

### Words of Welcome & a Territorial Acknowledgement

♪ Opening Hymn – “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

CP-533

Officiant: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise

**All: and your glory all day long.**

Officiant: Christ has triumphed over death:

**All: O come let us worship.**<sup>i</sup>

Officiant: Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:

**All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Officiant: Almighty God,

**All: 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.**

### Invitatory Psalm: Psalm 95:1–7

Officiant: Come, sing to the Holy One !

**All: Shout for joy to the Rock who defends us!**

Officiant: Come into the Presence with thanksgiving!

**All: Raise our voices in joyful hymns!**

Officiant: Truly the Holy One is a great God,

**All: supreme above all gods,**

Officiant: in whose hands are the ends of the earth

**All: and the heights of all the mountains.**

Officiant: The sea belongs to God who made it,

**All: whose hands formed the dry land.**

Officiant: Come, worship and bow down;

**All: kneel in the presence of our Creator.**

Officiant: Truly, truly, our God is the Holy One,

**All: whose people we are, all in God’s pasture.**



Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.  
Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, who are the God of truth.  
**[Refrain]**

"My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me. Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me." **[Refrain]**

**Second reading - Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51c-60 – read by Josie**

Stephen, one of the seven selected to address issues between Hebrew-speaking Christians and Greek-speaking Christians in the early church in Jerusalem, is arrested. In the course of his trial, he argues against Temple practices.

Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. Then they secretly instigated some men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before

the council. They set up false witnesses who said, "This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law, for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us." And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

Then the high priest asked him, "Are these things so?" And Stephen replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me. You are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it."

When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

**All:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.  
**Thanks be to God!**

 **Gradual Hymn – "By All Your Saints"- with v 2Q**

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**Gospel reading – Matthew 23:34-39**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus is in the midst of criticizing the Pharisees for their hypocrisy and ostentatiousness. Scholars believe that the author of this Gospel was linking early Christian experience of rejection with past rejection of prophets.

For this reason I send you prophets, sages, and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town, so that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. Truly I tell you, all this will come upon this generation.

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and

you were not willing! See, your house is left to you, desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”

**All:** The Gospel of Christ  
**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon** - Video

Ven. Ruth Monette

 **Affirmation of Faith** “*I Believe in God Almighty*”

CP-44

**The Prayers of the People** – led by Bob D

**Leader:** Let us bring our prayers, our intercessions, and our thanksgivings to our God, remembering all who are in need in body, mind, or spirit.

*After a time of silence, the leader may name the printed prayer concerns of the parish. The Prayers of the People are concluded with the following prayer:*

**Leader:** Let us say together:

**All:** **Source of light, yours is the morning and yours is the evening. May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine forever in our hearts and draw us to that light where you live in radiant glory. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution**

**Officiant:** Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting them to the table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

*A short time of silence follows.*

**Officiant:** Most merciful God,

**All** **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.**

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*The Peace is an invitation for us to greet those with whom we worship as a sign of our reconciliation to them through the blessing of God's absolution of our sins. You are invited to greet those sitting nearest you with a handshake or other non-touch greeting.*

### **The Passing of the Peace**

Officiant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*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](http://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.*



### **Offertory Hymn – “All Things Are Thine”**

CP-304

### **Collect of the Day**

**Grant us grace, O Lord, that like Stephen we may learn to love even our enemies and seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.**

Officiant: Uniting our voices with Christians throughout the ages and throughout the world, let us pray as our Saviour taught us.



### **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.**

Officiant: 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**

Officiant: The Lord bless us and keep us.  
The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us.  
The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace.

**All: Amen.**

🎵 **Sending Hymn** - *"Draw the Circle Wide"*

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### **Dismissal**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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**THANK YOU** to our choir members, our readers, our tech support, and to our other volunteer servers this Sunday: our Zoom host Barb, Parish host Pat N, our Greeters Man and Dawn; Prayer leader: Bob D; our Offering caretaker: Pat N; Altar Guild: Elaine & Pat H.

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### Liturgical Note:

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.

*Elements of this liturgy without an endnote come from the [Book of Alternative Services](#), (BAS).  
The prayer for those not receiving Holy Communion is borrowed from Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster.  
The summaries of the scripture readings are from [Comments](#), a ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal.*

Hymns, unless noted otherwise, are from the "Common Praise" hymnal of the Anglican Church of Canada. All other hymns are licenced via: OneLicence Church Music copyright permission.

### Endnotes

<sup>i</sup> The basis for this Morning Prayer is from *Pray Without Ceasing*.

<sup>ii</sup> The notes on the readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary Commentary, at the [montreal.anglican.org](http://montreal.anglican.org) site [Link](#), written by Chris Haslam.

<sup>iii</sup> The Psalms are taken from the George Black Psalter at the Church of the Redeemer website, Anglican Church of Canada. <https://theredeemer.ca/music/george-black-psalter/>