



Saint Helen's
Anglican Church

Pentecost 10
August 24, 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 430 Will You Come and Follow Me

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,
**we are taught by your word
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts**

**that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4- 10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Listen to what the spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 71:1-6

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

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: Hebrews 12:18-29

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more,"

indicates the removal of what is shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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Gradual Hymn: CP 434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

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 he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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: SNC 228 Here is the Bread

Prayer over the Gifts

Please Remain Standing

God of glory,

**receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love,
and increase in us that true and perfect gift.**

We ask this 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

Living God,

increase in us the healing power of your love.

guide and direct us

that we may please you in all things,

for the sake 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 492 Sing Hallelujah to Our God

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Notices and Prayer List for the week beginning Aug 24,2025

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 the Province of South East Asia

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. Thomas, Vancouver – The Rev. Steve Black and The Diocesan Ecumenical Multifaith Unit – The Revd David Taylor, Ms Donna Wong-Juliani, ODNW

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 Wayne and Heather Herd, Adele Holland and Lavina Howard . 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)

Archbishop David Crawley We commend to Almighty God our brother Archbishop David Crawley who died the evening of August 17. He was a great mentor to me, and I knew him as a kind and compassionate person. He will be missed!
Grant eternal rest unto David Oh Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon him. May Holy Mary and the Holy Family come to meet him and may he enjoy the vision of God forever. Amen.

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.

ST. HELEN’S ACW – is taking pre-orders for the 2026 Church Calendars. Photos of Anglican churches across Canada are featured, as well as, large daily squares to record your appointments, seasons of the church, Saints’ and Holy Days, liturgical colours, and other key dates. Please speak to Judy Nicholson to reserve a copy for yourself and others for family and friends. The cost, upon receipt, is \$10.00. This a major fundraiser for the Diocesan ACW and net profits support their outreach work. Your support is appreciated. Deadline is Sunday, September 14.

This Week’s Ministry Team

Officiant & Preacher..... The Reverend Georgina Harris
 Musician..... Joel Adimathra
 Deacon..... The Rev. Stephen Thompson
 Crucifer/Servers/Psalmist Wendy Russell
 Prayers of the Community..... John Palmer
 Readers Cynthia Richards & Darrel Shaw
 Lay Administration..... Angelita Sotana & Lynn Turner
 Greeters..... Pat and Tom Beneteau
 Livestream Tech..... Zoltan B. Tom B., Simon. L. Ronit V, Ike N. Abdul S
 Altar Guild J. Francis, H.Herd & K.Foulds
 Fellowship ServersCynthia and Anil Richards, Catherine Hall

Next Week's Ministry Team

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Musician	Joel Adimathra
Deacon.....	The Rev. Stephen Thompson
Crucifer/Server and Psalmist.	Darrel and Jayden Shaw
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Readers	Catherine Hall & Jane Denton
Lay Administration.....	Kelly Foulds & Cathy Anderson
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