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Archbishop & Metropolitan and the Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster: The Most Reverend John Stephens



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist August 31st, 2025

Welcome to everyone worshipping with us in-person and online today.

The Gathering of the Community

please stand

The Presider greets the community

A Land Acknowledgement for Use at St Clement's

Written by Jenn Ashton, Indigenous Cultural Sensitivity Leader Read by: The Reverend Elizabeth Mathers

At St. Clement's Church, we appreciate that we currently reside, work, and worship in the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary lands of the Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

We recognize, support, advocate for and are grateful to Indigenous individuals and communities who live here now and for those who were forcibly removed from their homelands.

By offering this land acknowledgement, we work to hold ourselves and others more accountable to the needs and rights of Indigenous peoples, here and everywhere.

I, as part of St. Clement's, gratefully and respectfully carry these thoughts today and every day to be reminded of the importance of teaching, culture and contributions of the original caretakers of this land.

The Opening Hymn: Let My People Seek Their Freedom CP 471

From the slave pens of the Delta,
From the ghettos on the Nile,
Let my people seek their freedom
In the wilderness awhile":
So God spoke from out of Sinai,
So God spoke and it was done,
And the people crossed the waters
Toward the rising of the sun.

"From the aging shrines and structures, From the cloister and the aisle, Let my people seek their freedom In the wilderness awhile":
So the Son of God has spoken, And the storm clouds are unfurled, For God's people must be scattered To be servants in the world.

When we murmur on the mountains For the old Egyptian plains, When we miss our ancient bondage, And the hope, the promise, wanes; Then the rock shall yield its water And the manna fall by night, And with visions of a future Shall we march toward the light.

In the maelstrom of the nations, In the journey into space, In the clash of generations, In the hungering for grace, In our agony and glory, We are called to newer ways By the Lord of our tomorrows And the God of earth's todays.

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Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All And also with you.

Presider Almighty God,

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.

The Collect BAS p 377

Presider Author and Giver of all good things,

all graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Children's Talk

The Reverend Helen Dunn

please sit

Hear God's Word, a flame that lights our path each day.
See God's Word, reflected in our lives.
Live God's Word, throughout each day, in work and play.
God's own Word, keeps us alive.

(Music: Lynne Graham: Lyrics: Lynley Lewis)

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah (2: 4-13)

Alison Stevens

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?'

I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, savs the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Reader Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 81 (1, 10-16) Inclusive Language Psalter. Anglican Church of Canada (2016). The presider reads the un-bolded verses and the people read the bolded ones

- Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- 10 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, 'Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.'
- And yet my people did not hear my voice, and Israel would not obey me.
- So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, to follow their own devices.
- Oh, that my people would listen to me!
 That Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I should soon subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before me, and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat and satisfy them with honey from the rock."

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (13: 1-8, 15-16)

Donna Burdick

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

All Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn: Where Charity and Love Prevail CP 487 please stand

Where charity and love prevail, There God is ever found; Brought here together by Christ's love, By love are we thus bound.

> With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn; Let us with heart and mind and strength Now love him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults confess; And let us love each other well In Christian holiness. Let strife among us be unknown, Let all contention cease; Be His the glory that we seek, Be ours His holy peace.

The Gospel

Please all stand for the Gospel as you are able

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (14: 1, 7-14).

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Deacon The Gospel of Christ

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

the song continues

Let us recall that in our midst Dwells God's begotten Son; As members of His body joined, We are in Him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed If honored be God's name;
Our common life embraces all Whose Father is the same.

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Music: Attrib. Lucius Chapin (1769-1842)

The Sermon

The Reverend Helen Dunn

please sit

sermon notes

Silence for Reflection

The Nicene Creed BAS p 188

Presider Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.

Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified; who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the Community

David Smith

please stand, sit, or kneel

Confession and Absolution

Dear Friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy. God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table.

Let us confess our sins confident in God's forgiveness.

All 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.

Presider 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.

All Amen.

The Peace please stand

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Please offer peace to one another with a nod, bow, handshake or hug.

The Offertory Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling CP 486 please stand

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, Let us all thy grace receive. Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore they temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above, Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love. Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley ()1707-1788).

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of mercy and grace,

the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing.
Fill us with good things at your table,
so that we may come to the help of all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

If you know the brokenness of life, its fractures within and its division without, then you have participated in the broken body of Christ and you are invited to share in the breaking of bread.

Presider The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you are the source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord CP 735

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. X2
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Music: Dutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-). Arr. © 1985, 1989 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

Presider We give you thanks, Gracious God, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: "Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me".

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me".

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ. Through him all glory and honour are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us in the language closest to your heart,

All 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 Breaking of the Bread

Presider "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

All Give us this bread for ever.

Presider "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

please sit

If you are not physically receiving Communion, then offer this prayer

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, I offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I pray you come into my heart, my soul and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. May I serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. Amen.

Music during Communion Jason Rajan playing, "In Christ Alone" by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty. Arranged by THANKYOU MUSIC.

The Prayer after Communion

please stand

Presider Almighty God,

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All you renew us at the table with the bread of life.

May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider 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.

The Sending

Community Announcements sit

Blessing for Intercessory Prayer Ministers Sylvia Enga and Lynne Graham

Blessing and dismissal

The Closing Hymn: Lift High the Cross CP 602 please stand

Refrain Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore the sacred name!

Come Christian people, sing your praises, shout!

If we are silent, even stones cry out. Refrain

Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:

Teach us compassion for each human life. Refrain

Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme:

Let peace be our passport, peace a living dream. Refrain

Great is the cost of walking on this road,

To follow and suffer with the Son of God. Refrain

Worlds to be born and children yet to be,

Come, take up this song into eternity. Refrain

Text: Refrain George William Kitchin (1827-1912); st. 1-5 Shirley Erena Murray (1931-), alt.

Music: Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

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Intercessory Prayers for any concerns happen after the service, with an intercessory team, in the chancel (behind the Ambo or place where people speak from). Please wait until there is a chair free, to leave privacy for the person ahead of you.

Pastoral Care: Pastoral concerns may be referred to the Reverend Helen Dunn at 236-888-4938. Please let the clergy know if you or a family member is in hospital.

Scripture Readings for next Sunday:

Jer 18:1-11; Ps 139: 1-5, 12-17; Philem 1-21; Lk 14:25-33

Hello all St. Clement's Parents and Children,

St. Clement's continues to cherish members of all ages including children. For the summer months of July and August, there is no Sunday school. There are toys, colouring books and colouring utensils in the front pew on the right. You can either sit up there or go and bring materials back to where you're sitting. Children can take any colouring or activities completed with them at the end of the service but will be asked to leave everything else behind to be reused in future weeks. Anyone who has questions/thoughts about or would like to help with the Children's Ministry at St. Clement's is encouraged to contact Beth Bailey whose email address is near the back of the bulletin.

What's On This Week and Beyond

Tuesday

1-3 pm The Park Jam- guitar and singing musical drop in. Contact Mike Krouzelka.

3 pm Power Hour Prayer on zoom- contact Lynne Graham.

We give thanks and pray for the world and our community. All are

welcome. Everything is confidential.

Wednesday 10.30 am Bible Study will resume in the fall

7.30 pm Bible Study- contact Lynne Graham.

7.30 am The ROMEOs meet at Cora's Restaurant, cnr Marine Dr. and & Fell, for

breakfast and Bible Study. (Retired Old Men Eating Out). Contact David Smith.

10.30 Bales for the North Knitting group- contact Sylvia Enga.

Saturday September 6th Family Fun Day and Celebration of Reading 11-2pm at the Lynn Valley

Plaza. We will be hosting an activity this year. Come check us out and bring your family for some fun ©

Upcoming...

Friday September 12th 10.30-12 pm Understanding Intergenerational Trauma and Healing. A presentation by the Indian Residential School Survivors Society of B.C.

Friday September 19th Swing into Fall Swing Dancing Night 6.45- 10.30 pm here at the church.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased on the website.

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*if you'd like to talk to Donna, please do so between 5 and 6 pm any day except Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Ministry Lay Leaders this Week

Altar set-up and clean-up Elizabeth Mathers
A/V Technician Sean Faivre-Duboz

Counters Audrey Yong and Gordon Graham

Eucharistic Ministers Junita and Joseph Liu

Eucharistic Bread Barbel Ismen

Intercessory Prayers Sylvia Enga and Lynne Graham

Prayers of the Community David Smith

Readers Alison Stevens and Donna Burdick

Servers Christopher Yong

Sidespeople Olivia Creighton and David Smith Tea/Coffee hosts Charlotte and Harold Nelson

Prayers: The following are for your prayers this week

In our own Diocese: Pray for John, our Bishop and Archbishop and Metropolitan; for Stephen, our Archdeacon; Helen, our Regional Dean; and for the North Vancouver Anglican churches. Pray for Shane Parker, our Primate; Chris Harper, National Indigenous Archbishop. In our diocesan cycle of prayers this week we pray for St Mary, Kerrisdale and St Matthew, Abbotsford. We pray for all students at the Vancouver School of Theology (including kevîn).

For the wider Church: Pray for Church of South India (United). Pray for the clergy and people in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines and for our partner parish of St Clement of Alexandria, Payeo. For all Pastors/Priests and congregations of other denominations in Lynn Valley and around the world.

In our parish community: Pray for: Helen, our priest; Peggy, our deacon (and the diocesan Archdeacon for Deacons); Elizabeth, our retired deacon; Jenn Ashton, our Indigenous Cultural Sensitivity Leader and for her diaconal discernment process; Beth, our parish administrator and children's ministry worker; Lynley, our music director, Brianna, our cleaner and our wardens: David Smith and Donna Burdick. In our cycle of ministries, we pray for our grounds management team and our librarians.

In our parish cycle of prayers: Pray for Mike Krouzelka, Ken Kuhn, Steve and Mary Lee and for their extended families.

For healing: Pray for Amin; Pat Alexander; Stuart Appenheimer; Beth Bailey; George Banham; RL Birmingham; S. Birmingham; J. Birmingham and M. Mezzaroba; AJ Mezzaroba; Delena Bogard; Oliver Christie; Marie-Claire Concannon; Joanna; Jamie; Kevin; Kitty; young Clayton; K Coyne; Gerry; Marion Edwards; Lorna and Leah Goodwin; Alex Hazell; Barbel Ismen; Olivia; Kelsie Potter; Carol Rowland; Tony S; Rodrigo Suarez; Deborah Tuyttens and for their families, caregivers and medical staff.

For outreach: Pray for all newcomers to Canada: Honada & family, Bukhari, Neema Grace, Malis and his family, Fatemeh, Nasrullah, Nasrin & family; Shahla & family, for Bunyamin & family. Pray for protection and safety for those waiting to come: Tsaw Hsar Gay, Lu Kay Paw, Alexander and Ly Gler from Myanmar; for Samir, Rounak and Shalom; Farzad & Mükerrem; for Banat's family members in Pakistan and all displaced persons as they seek a place to call home. We pray for all people in war-torn countries where ongoing conflict, displacement and starvation are common including the DRC, Afghanistan, Sudan, Ukraine, Gaza and Syria. We pray for all those affected by the consequences of climate change. We pray for the community groups which use our building.

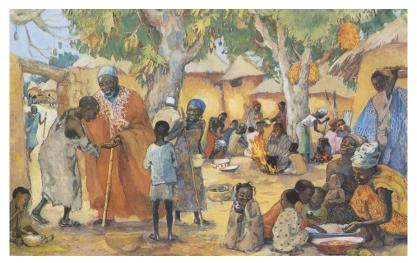
Did you know?

Joanne Graham is looking for a third leather chair or loveseat to go in the hall in the carpeted area. Preferred colours would be black and brown. Good condition is appreciated. Please contact her if you have one that you want to get rid of or if you have any leads on finding one. Thank you!

There are red covered, large-print Bibles that are available if you are vision impaired and like to read along with the Bible passages for the service available at the sidespeople's desk. Also, if you need one for home use, feel free to borrow one.

There is a huge amount of photos in the office that have been sitting in the filing cabinet or stacked away on poster boards. I'm wondering and hoping that some of you would like to take on the project of naming the people, putting the dates on and deciding whether or not to keep them or give them to the archives. I'm thinking that it might be nice to put some photos up in the upper room. What do you think?

I found a number of copies of St Clement's 2010 parishioner's cookbook. If you'd like one, in celebration of our completed kitchen, please contact the office.



JESUS MAFA. The Poor Invited to the Feast, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, Tenn.