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



# Backpack Blessing The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist September 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 Venerable Peggy Trendell-Jensen

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: God the Creator CP 445

God the Creator,
You in love made me
Who once was nothing
But now have grown.
I bring the best of
All my life offers;
For you I share
Whatever I own

O Christ the Saviour, You in love called me Who once was no one Lost and alone. I pledge to go Wherever you summon, Making your will And purpose my own.

O God the Spirit,
You in love move me
Who once was no where
And felt unknown.
I know my need
Of you for companion:
All things can change
When not on my own.

And with the people
Summoned together
To be the church
In which faith is sown,
I make my promise
To live for Jesus
And let the world know
All are his own.

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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 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.

# Glory to God/ Gloire à Dieu SANC 177

Cantor Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

All Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Cantor To God be glory forever!

All To God be glory forever!

#### Refrain:

Cantor Alleluia! Amen!
All Alleluia! Amen!

Cantor Alleluia! Amen!
All Alleluia! Amen!

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All Alleluia! Amen!

Cantor Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!

All Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!

Cantor To God be glory forever!

All To God be glory forever!

God be glory forever! Refrain

Cantor Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!

All Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!

Cantor To God be glory forever!

All To God be glory forever! Refrain

Text: Luke 2: 14.

Music: Pablo Sosa, 1988. © 1989 GIA Publications, Inc.

#### **The Collect**

**Presider** God of our salvation,

Your bow in the clouds proclaims your covenant with every living creature. Teach us your paths and lead us in your truth, so that by your Holy Spirit, we may remember our baptismal vows and be keepers of your trust with the earth and its inhabitants. Amen.

The Children's Talk The Reverend Helen Dunn and Beth Bailey 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.

# A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah (18: 1-11)

Kai Makina

(Music: Lynne Graham: Lyrics: Lynley Lewis)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Reader Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

All Thanks be to God.

#### **Psalm 139** (1-5, 12-17)

Inclusive Language Psalter. Anglican Church of Canada (2016).

The presider reads the un-bolded verses and the people read the bolded ones

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me.
- 2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 3 You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 5 You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.
- Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.
- For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I will thank you because I am marvellously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

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 Paul's letter to Philemon (1: 1-21)

Art Tinker

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you.

Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow-workers.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Reader Holy Word. Holy Wisdom. All Thanks be to God.

# The Gradual Hymn: Allelulia! Glory to God CP 457

please stand

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God who does wondrous things; Let all the people God's praises now sing;

All of creation in splendor shall ring: alleluia! Refrain

See how salvation for all has been won; Up from the grave our new life has begun; Life now perfected in Jesus, the Son: alleluia,

Refrain

#### 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: 25-33).

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now large crowds were travelling with him [Jesus]; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

**Deacon** The Gospel of Christ **All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** 

#### the song continues

Now in our presence the Lord will appear,

Shine in the faces of all of us here,

Fill us with joy and cast out all our fear: alleluia,

\*\*Refrain\*\*

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Call us, Good Shepherd, we listen for you,
Wanting to see you in all that we do,
We would the gate of salvation pass through: alleluia,

\*\*Refrain\*\*

Text: Marty Haugen, (1950-).

Music: Melody Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noels, Paris, 1623; adapt. Marty Haugen (1950-). Text and adapt. © 1986 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

The Sermon

The Reverend Helen Dunn

please sit

sermon notes

The Shema please stand

Cantor Hear, O Israel, God is one.

All Love the Lord, your God
With all your heart,
All your soul,
All your mind,
All your strength. (O)

Repeat x3

Cantor Hear, O Israel. God is love.

All Love your neighbour as yourself,

(O) Repeat x3

Cantor Hear O Israel.

This is God's way.

Text and Music: Rev. David Taylor. Adapted by Lynley Lewis (2018).

The Prayers of the Community Ian Gunn 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.

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: Take My Life, and Let It Be CP 435 please stand

Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

> Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of thy love; Take my feet, and let them be Swift and purposeful for thee.

Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from thee; Take my intellect, and use Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love: my Lord, I pour At your feet, it's treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879).

Music: composer unknown.

#### The Celebration of the Eucharist

#### The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Bless these gifts and our lives, O God,

All that we may share both food and faith
with all people and all creation.
With our own hunger, feed the hungry;
with our doubt, inspire our faith;
and with our voice, we join other voices,
demanding justice, here and everywhere,
now and always. 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 SANC 213

All sing Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, in the highest.

Music: Mass of the City of Light, Brigid Coult, 1990, ©.

Presider We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of famers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, 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** Great Big Creator God

All Baker of loaves of bread

Maker of cups of wine

Setter of tables for feasts

Choose to come to our little table

And set a meal here for 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**

# A Spendthrift Lover is the Lord CP 177

A spendthrift lover is the Lord
Who never counts the cost
Or asks if heaven can afford
To woo a world that's lost.
Our lover tosses coins of gold
Across the midnight skies
And stokes the sun against the cold
To warm us when we rise.

Still more is spent in blood and tears
To win the human heart,
To overcome the violent fears
That drive the world apart.
Behold the bruised and thorn-crowned face
Of one who bears our scars.
And empties out the wealth and grace
That's hinted by the stars.

How shall we love this heart-strong God Who gives us everything, Whose ways to us are strange and odd; What can we give or bring? Acceptance of the matchless gift Is gift enough to give. The very act will shake and shift The way we love and live.

Text: Thomas H. Troeger (1945- ). © 1985 Oxford University Press, Inc. Music: Alfred V. Fedak (1953- ). © 1990 Selah Publishing Co., Inc.

# Bless the Lord, My Soul CP 360

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Text: Ps. 103.1-2; para. Taizé Community (France).

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

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# The Prayer after Communion

All

please stand

Presider All your works praise you, O Lord.

and your faithful servants bless you.

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# The Sending

Community Announcements
Blessing for Intercessory Prayer Ministers

sit
Ian Thomas and Sara Hanney

Blessing and dismissal

#### The Closing Hymn: Halle, hallelujah SFAGP 21

please stand

Halle-, halle-, halle-lujah Halle, halle-, halle-lujah

> Halle-, halle-, hallelujah Halle-, halle-, hallelujah Hallelujah, ha-lle-lujah.

Setting: Author unknown: arr. DN. © SFAGP, 1987.

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:**

Num 21:4b-9; Ps 98:1-6; 1 Cor 1:18-24; Jn 3:13-17

Hello all St. Clement's Parents and Children,

St. Clement's continues to cherish members of all ages including children. If you would like your child/ren to participate in Sunday School, they can follow the teachers down into the lower hall following the Children's talk. They will remain in school until the passing of the Peace, where they will be returned to you. If your child/ren would like to remain upstairs in the service, that is fine also. There are coloring activities and toys under the front pew on the right that they can take to their pew. Children can take any colouring or activities completed with them at the end of the service but will be asked to leave any other contents (e.g. toys, craft supplies, crayons etc.) 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, 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 on September 24th.

7.30 pm Bible Study- contact Lynne Graham.

**Friday** 

**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.

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

Friday September 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Ministry Connections**

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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 Wilna Parry

A/V Technician Sean Faivre-Duboz

Counters Audrey Yong and Mike Crone

Eucharistic Ministers Alana Prashad and Sean Faivre-Duboz

Eucharistic Bread Sally Hinnell

Intercessory Prayers Sara Hanney and Ian Thomas

Prayers of the Community Ian Gunn

Readers Kai Makina and Art Tinker

Servers Christopher Yong

Sidespeople Joanne Graham and Ian Gunn
Tea/Coffee hosts Beth and David Bailey (and youth)

#### **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 Michael, Surrey and St Michael, Vancouver. We pray for all students at the Vancouver School of Theology (including kevîn).

For the wider Church: Pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. 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 everyone involved in planning, creating and making music.

*In our parish cycle of prayers*: Pray for Lynley Lewis, Joseph and Junita Liu 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; 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 and for their families, caregivers and medical staff.

In thanksgiving: Deborah Tuyttens is doing well enough to come off the For healing list.

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.