



Saint Helen's
Anglican Church

Pentecost 14
Holy Cross Sunday
September 14, 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 602 Lift High the Cross

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,
**whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
was lifted high upon the cross
that he might draw the whole world to himself,
may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption,**

**have grace to take up our cross and follow him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Numbers 21: 4b-9

A reading from Numbers

The people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Listen to what the spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 98 1-6

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all that ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

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: Corinthians 1:18-24

A Reading from first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

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Gradual Hymn: CP 312 Sing a New Song Unto the Lord

Gospel: John 3: 13-17

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said, "No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily:

The Reverend Dr. Robin Ruder Celiz

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 48 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

Prayer over the Gifts

Please Remain Standing

Merciful God,
through the death of your beloved Son
you transformed an instrument of shame
into a sign of hope and glory.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and renew in us the mystery of his love;
through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. 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 right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all.

We praise you here where the Fraser River meets the Salish Sea,
where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side.
We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.
We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation.
Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration.
They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced
others from their lands.
They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families
and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and
listened to ravens.
Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal
and cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

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

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 farmers 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 St Helen and 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.

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

Almighty God,

**we give thanks that you have made us partakers
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who took our nature upon him
and suffered death upon the cross for our redemption;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. 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 537 In the Cross I Glory

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Notices and Prayer List for the week beginning September 14 ,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 Anglican Church of South America

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. Anne, Steveston – The Rev. Marnie
Peterson, The Deanery of Golden Ears - The Revd David Edgerton, Regional Dean and
Postulants for Holy Orders.

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 Roshan and Mareen Mathew. 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

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.

BC LIONS are hosting their Faith and Family night on October 4, at 4 PM. BC vs the Calgary Stampeders. Adult tickets \$25 of which \$10 will be donated to World Vision. Youth 17 and under tickets \$15. At the end of the game, the team chaplain, some staff and players will come out to mingle and talk about their faith, the game, and World Vision. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in attending the game, please make sure that you sign up on the sheet at coffee time. More information to come.

Our Christmas Market will be on Saturday, December 6th. We will have an organizational meeting on Sunday September 21st at coffee hour. This is our largest fund raiser of the year so please plan to attend. If you have suggestions or questions, please talk to Jacquie Stinson (694-517-4661).

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY- September 14 All activities start again! **Sunday School** begins, and we will gather as a church family to share a POTLUCK LUNCH following the church service. If you are able, please bring a dish to share at this luncheon, and please plan to join us! There is always ample food so if you forget or if you have a busy week, bringing a dish is not necessary but joining us at table is!

This Week's Ministry Team

Officiant & Preacher..... The Reverend Dr. Robin Ruder Celiz
Musician..... Joel Adimathra
Deacon..... The Rev. Stephen Thompson
Crucifer/Servers/Psalmist..... Kelly Foulds
Prayers of the Community..... John Palmer
Readers Alejandro Sotres & JoAnn Sotres
Lay Administration..... Vee Villar & Edward Villar
Greeters..... Glenda Colquhoun & Maureen Thompson
Livestream Tech..... Zoltan B. Tom B., Simon. L. Ronit V, Ike N. Abdul S
Altar Guild Jane Denton, P. Beneteau & M. Thompson
Fellowship Servers Janette Bulkan & John Palmer

Next Week's Ministry Team

Officiant/Preacher..... The Reverend Dr. Robin Ruder Celiz
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Deacon..... The Rev. Stephen Thompson
Crucifer/Server and Psalmist. Wendy Russell
Prayers of the Community..... Jennifer Semenoff
Readers Jayden Shaw & Jane Denton
Lay Administration..... Ian Mulcaster & Lynn Turner
Greeters Abdul Rahim Sillah
Livestream Tech..... Z. B. Tom B., Simon. L. Ronit V, Ike N. Abdul S
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