

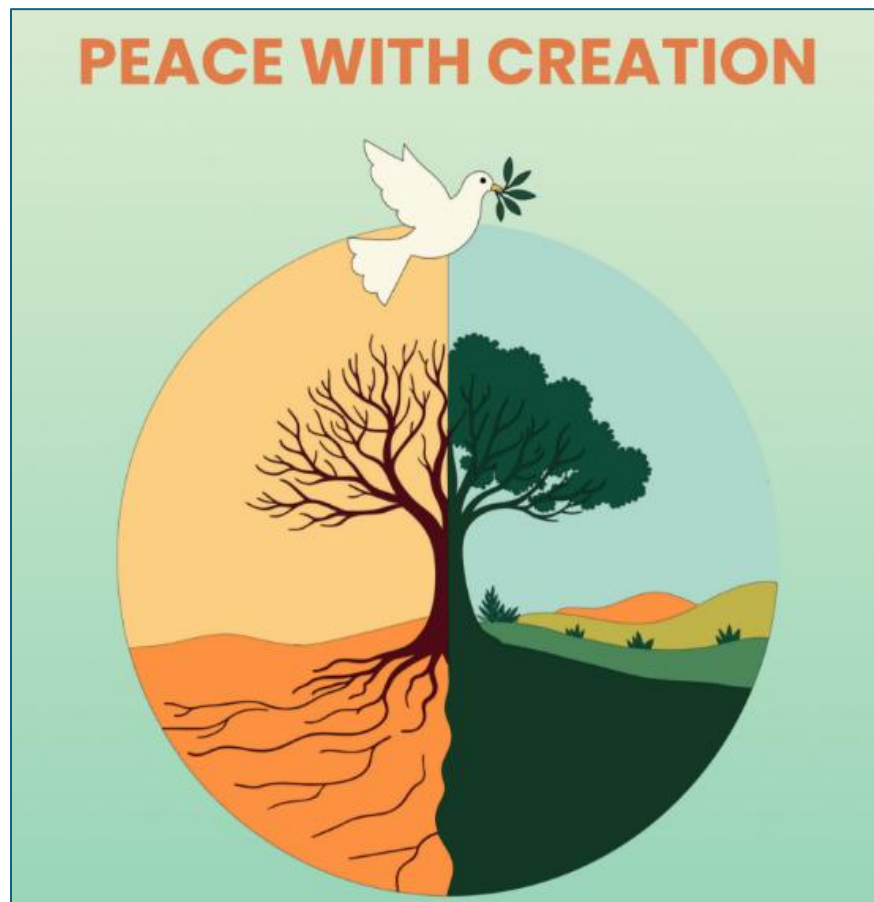
St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

Morning Prayer with Zoom Option

Ordinary Time

Sunday, September 21, 2025 - 10:00 AM

The 15th Sunday After Pentecost



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Today we welcome Colleen Butterley 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.*

Words of Welcome & a Territorial Acknowledgement

🎵 **Opening Hymn – “Dear God, Compassionate and Kind”**

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Officiant: This is the day the Creator has made

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Officiant: Blessed be the name of God, God of our ancestors,
God of the generations yet to come.

All: Blessed be the Creating God, Redeeming Son, and the Sustaining Spirit.

Officiant: As we gather, we hear the groans of Creation
and the cries of our sisters and brothers.

All: As we gather, we bring our seeds of hope, the first fruits of the Spirit.ⁱ

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.

The children and their teachers move to Sunday School.

The Proclamation of the Word

First readingⁱⁱ - *Jeremiah 8:18-9:1*

- read by Theresa

The people of Judah have strayed from God's ways. They have refused to turn back to God, as he has exhorted them to do through the prophet Jeremiah. They have provoked God by worshipping foreign gods. Jeremiah loves the people dearly. Is God really not going to heal them?


My joy is gone; grief is upon me; my heart is sick. Listen! The cry of the daughter of my people from far and wide in the land: "Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" "Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?" "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." For the brokenness of the daughter of my people I am broken, I mourn, and horror has seized me.

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of the daughter of my people not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

 **Psalmⁱⁱⁱ** - *Psalm 79:1-9*

Cantor: Pauline

The cantor sings the refrain first, then everyone repeats it the second time. The cantor sings the verses.



Refrain: Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name.

O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;
they have defiled your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.
They have given the bodies of your servants to the birds of the air for food,
the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.
They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem,
and there is no one to bury them. **[Refrain]**

We have become a taunt to our neighbours, mocked and derided by those around us.
How long, O God? Will you be angry forever? Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?
Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you
and on the kingdoms that do not call on your name. **[Refrain]**

For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation.
Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors;
let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.
Help us, O god of our salvation, for the glory of your Name;
deliver us and forgive our sins, for your name's sake. **[Refrain]**

Second reading - *1 Timothy 2:1-7*

— read by Roxee

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

All: Thanks be to God!

The author, writing in Paul's name, urges Christians to pray for everyone — even for secular authorities who may persecute them. God, he says, is for all people. Christ shared human nature for the benefit of all, and, at a time chosen by God, lived and died for all people.

♪ **Gradual Hymn** – “*Dear Shepherd of Your People, Hear*”

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A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke – Luke 16:1-13

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus tells a story about two people whom the crowd would consider dishonest. Before being fired, the manager acts pragmatically on behalf of the rich man. Discipleship requires a pragmatic approach too. We should use all God's gifts, and especially money, prudently.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So,

summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

written by the Rev. Neil Jongbloed
and read by Colleen Butterley

Affirmation of Faith

Officiant: In this season as we remember especially the whole of creation and our place within it, we join with Christians throughout the world to affirm that which we believe:

All: **We have faith in one God, one Source of all life,
one Ground of the whole Earth, who created all things good.
And we have faith in Christ, in whom we have been shown
the special role of humanity to bear God's likeness
in working and caring for Creation,
in seeking to understand her mysteries and powers,
in working with these powers for the wellbeing of life on Earth.
And we have faith in God's Spirit who leads us
to a meek, unselfish and compassionate lifestyle.
So that the Earth is inherited in peace, her life is transformed for all
creatures and her bounty shared justly.
So be it. Amen.**^{iv}

Prayers of the People

— led by Barb H

Leader: Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.
In the beginning,

All: **God was.**

Leader: Here and now,

All: **God is.**

Leader: In the future,

All: **God will be.**

Leader: Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet.

[Silence] God, Giver of life,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

[Silence] God, Giver of life,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed.

[Silence] God, Giver of life,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being.

[Silence] God, Giver of life,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

[Silence] God, Giver of life,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

[Silence] God, Giver of life,
All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.

[Silence] God, Giver of life,
All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures.

[Silence] God, Giver of life,
All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help *[here the prayer leader may name aloud our parish's known prayer concerns]*.

[Silence] God, Giver of life,
All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died.

[Silence] God, Giver of life,
All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: In the beginning,
All: God was.

Leader: Here and now,
All: God is.

Leader: In the future,
All: God will be. ^v

Confession and Absolution

Officiant: Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

[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 God of heaven has made a home on earth.

All: Christ dwells among us and is one of us.

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. St Stephen's depends on the generosity of our members and visitors to continue to offer Christ's light to our neighbours.



Offertory Hymn – “For the Healing of the Nations”

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Collect of the Day

Officiant: Let us pray,

All: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

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**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.**

Doxology

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: Let us bless God who established the dance of creation,
who marveled at the lilies of the field,
who transforms chaos to order.
And may God lead us to transform our lives and the Church,
to listen to the voice of all creatures,
and to reflect God's glory in creation.^{vi}

All: Amen.

🎵 **Sending Hymn** - *"Let There Be Light"*

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Dismissal

Leader: Tend the earth, care for God's good Creation; as you have received freely,
so give freely. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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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.

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Endnotes

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

ⁱⁱⁱ 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/>

^{iv} Affirmation of Faith Adapted From India. Source: Sinfonia Oecumenica, Gütersloher Verlagshaus, Gütersloh 1998. Reproduced by ECEN for Creation Time 2003, found in Addendum 1: Ecumenical Prayer Service, Season of Creation Celebration Guide: To Hope and Act with Creation, 2024, <https://seasonofcreation.org/resources/>.

^v TEC, Season of Creation resources

^{vi} Blessing and Dismissal from Season of Creation: A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes, 2024. As above.