

# **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

## **21 September, 2025**



St. Helen's  
Anglican Church of Canada  
Diocese of New Westminster

## GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

OPENING HYMN O Worship the King

CP 380

*All stand.*

In this time and place  
We gather on the ancestral lands of the Musqueam nation  
**From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.**

In this time and place  
We meet in the presence of the living God  
**The living God who creates us and all that is.**

In this time and place  
The risen Christ stands in our midst.  
**The risen Christ who accompanies us and all people.**

In this time and place  
God's Holy Spirit breathes in and through us  
**The Holy Spirit who transforms us and all life.**

In this time and place  
Together, one people of God.  
**+ In the name of God, Source of all being,  
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Jesus said:  
Before you offer your gift,  
go and be reconciled.  
As siblings in God's family,  
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

## KYRIE CONFESSION

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are everlasting.

**Holy God, holy and almighty,**

**holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

CP 707

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,  
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,  
according to your steadfast love.

**Holy God, holy and almighty,**

**holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

CP 707

O keep my soul and deliver me;  
let me not be put to shame, for I have put my trust in you.

**Holy God, holy and almighty,**

**holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

CP 707

## ABSOLUTION

May almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

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.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

FIRST READING     JEREMIAH 8:18-9:1     Rhodri Windsor Liscombe

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor 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 hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor 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 my poor people!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM 79

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 thie blood like water all around Jerusalem,  
and there is no one to bury them. **R.**

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

Shawn de Raaf

A reading from the Letter of Paul to Timothy

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 is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia*

CP 712

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 16:1-13

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.**

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.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CP 712

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*The people are invited to sit.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith, as together we say:

**You, O God, are Creator of all,  
by whom every being in heaven and earth  
is fashioned, named, and sustained.  
You call us each by name.**

**You, O God, are Living Word,  
who came and pitched your tent with us,  
lived and died and rose again.  
You speak to us now through faith.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit,  
who comforts, strengthens, and inspires,  
sending us forth to share your love.  
You are the breath of grace.**

**You, O God, are Trinity:  
Creator, Word, Spirit;  
artist, healer, friend.  
You are holy mystery.  
We worship you. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Liz Hodgson

*Please stand as you are able.*



## THE PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE OFFERTORY

*As the altar is prepared for Holy Communion, the congregation is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. A QR code is provided at the back of the leaflet for those who prefer to donate online. During the collection, a hymn is sung.*

OFFERTORY HYMN DEAR SHEPHERD OF YOUR PEOPLE HEAR CP 521

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Let us pray:

God of power,  
the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe.  
Accept our offering this day,  
and help us to live in peace and harmony  
with all your creation,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,  
for the gift of a world full of wonder,  
and for our life which comes from you.  
By your power you sustain the universe.

You created us to love you with all our heart,  
and to love each other as ourselves,  
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.  
In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world  
and gather us into one great family.

Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven,  
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

## **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

**CP 719**

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,  
because in sending Jesus, your Son,  
to us you showed us how much you love us.  
He cares for the poor and the hungry.  
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken,  
he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love.  
On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death.  
By raising him from the dead  
you show us the power of your love  
to bring new life to all your people.

On the night before he gave up his life for us,  
Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying,  
“Take this, all of you, and eat it:  
this is my body which is given for you.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,  
said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said,  
“Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood,  
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many,  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.”

Gracious God, with this bread and wine  
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,  
and we offer ourselves to you in him.  
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,  
that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread,  
and share in the life of the family of your children.

Father, you call us to be your servants;  
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,  
that all the world may gather in joy  
at the table of your kingdom.  
We sing your praise, almighty Father,  
through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

This is the bread of life given in love for us.

This is the cup of restored relationship with God.

These are the gifts of God for all God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## LAMB OF GOD

CP 745

## COMMUNION HYMN

Unto the Hills around Do I Lift Up

CP 543

Bless the Lord, My Soul

CP 436

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray:

Ruler of the universe,

all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son.

May we who have shared in holy things

grow into maturity in him.

This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

The Wisdom of God

the Love of God

and the Grace of God

strengthen you

to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,

+ in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

RESESSIONAL HYMN

Blest Are the Pure in Heart

CP 439

*Please be seated for the postlude. The community disperses in silence.  
In respect of those who may linger in contemplation, conversation is  
reserved for the narthex.*



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- Use one of the envelopes available at the back of the church by the offering plate to donate via cheques or cash



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