

St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

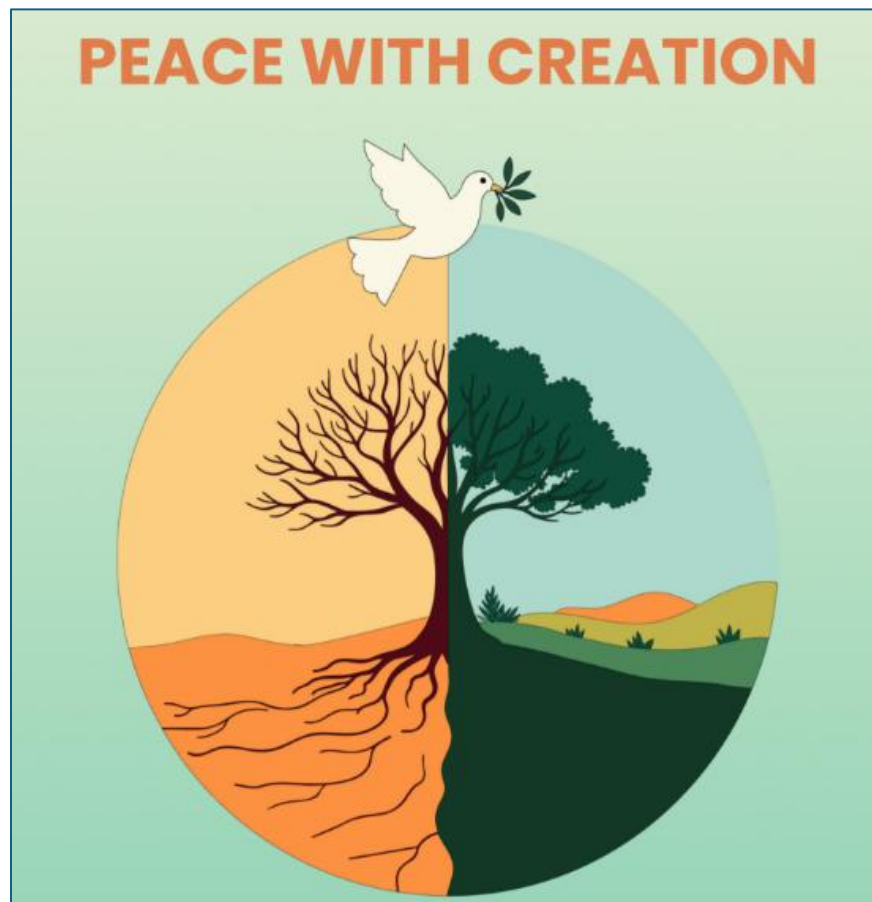
Morning Prayer with Zoom Option

Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 5, 2025 - 10:00 AM

The Feast of St Francis

The 17th Sunday After Pentecost



The Zoom codes for **all** our worship services are:

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Today we welcome Sara Shaw 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. Today one of our hymns is from "Songs for a Gospel People".*

Words of Welcome & a Territorial Acknowledgement

 **Opening Hymn – “Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet”** CP-309

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.

The children and their teachers move to Sunday School.

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.

 **Invitatory Hymn – “Make Me a Channel”** SGP-2

The Proclamation of the Word

First readingⁱⁱ - *Wisdom 11:24-12:1*

Reader: Roxee

The Book of Wisdom (sometimes known as the Wisdom of Solomon) is from a collection of texts known as the Apocrypha which are considered part of the Scriptural tradition in some branches of Christianity, but not all. The Book of Wisdom encourages its readers to love righteousness and seek wisdom.

For you love all things that exist and detest none of the things that you have made, for you would not have formed anything if you had hated it. How would anything have endured if you had not willed it? Or how would anything not called forth by you have been preserved? You spare all things, for they are yours, O Lord, you who love the living.

For your immortal spirit is in all things.

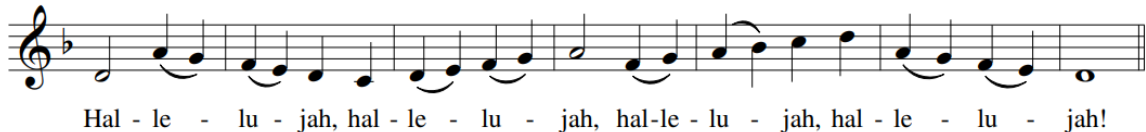
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

All: Thanks be to God!

 **Psalmⁱⁱⁱ** - *Psalm 148:7-14*

Cantor: Pauline

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



Refrain: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

O praise God from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will; **[Refrain]**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars: Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds; Rulers of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all sovereigns of the world; Young men and women, old and young together.
[Refrain]

Let them praise your name, O God, for your name only is exalted,
your splendour is over earth and heaven.
You have raised up strength for your people and praise for all your loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near you. **[Refrain]**

Second reading - *Galatians 6:14-18*

Reader: Man

Paul comes to the end of his letter to the Christians in Galatia, a Roman province in central Asia Minor. The final lines focus on Christ's crucifixion and resurrection as the essential elements of being a follower of Jesus.

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me, for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading – *Matthew 11: 25-30* Reader: Trudi

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Completing a teaching on his relationship with John the Baptist, Jesus invites his listeners to deepen their relationship with God through his teachings.

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of Christ.

All: **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

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

Leader: 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 – “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

CP-416

Collect of the Day

Officiant: Let us pray,

All: Grant us, Almighty God, after the example of your holy servant Francis, to do what you would have us do, and always to desire what is pleasing in your sight, that cleansed by your love, enlightened by your truth, and kindled with the fire of your Holy Spirit, we may follow in the footsteps of your beloved Son and make our way to you, O God most High; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.^{vi}

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

SGP-12

**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.^{vii}

All: Amen.

Sending Hymn - "All Creatures of Our God & King"

CP-355

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.

ST STEPHEN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN CHURCH

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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

ⁱ Opening words combined from Season of Creation: A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes, 2024, www.newcreationliturgies.org, TEC. And Rev Sikawu, Central Methodist Church, Cape Town, Addendum 1: Ecumenical Prayer Service, Season of Creation Celebration Guide: To Hope and Act with Creation, 2024, <https://seasonofcreation.org/resources/>.

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} The collect is from For All the Saints, pg 299)

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