

St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

Holy Eucharist with Zoom Option

Thanksgiving Sunday

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 12, 2025

10:00 AM



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

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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 the green hymnal "Songs for a Gospel People".

The Gathering of the Community

Words of Welcome and a Territorial Acknowledgement



Opening Hymn - "For the Fruit of all Creation"

CP-259

Celebrant Great are you, O Lord, and greatly to be praised.
All There is no end of your greatness.

Celebrant One generation shall praise your works to another
All and shall declare your power.

Celebrant All your works praise you,
All and your faithful servants bless you.

Celebrant They make known the glory of your reign of justice and peace
All and speak of your power.

Celebrant Our mouths shall speak your praise;
All let all flesh praise your holy name for ever and ever.¹

Celebrant 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.**

Collect of the Day

All Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

The children and their teachers move to Sunday School.



Gloria - "Glory to God"

CP-702

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Read by Josie

"When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When

the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

In Exodus, we read that the Israelites are to offer the first or best fruits of the harvest to God. Our reading expands on this. By the time Deuteronomy was written, the offering was also in thanks for deliverance from Egypt.

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

All Thanks be to God!

Psalm 100ⁱⁱ

Cantors: Andy / Pauline

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



Refrain: The mercy of the Most High is everlasting.

Be joyful in God, all you lands; worship with gladness
and come before God's presence with a song.
Know this: the Highest is God, who made us and claims us,
who leads us and shepherds us. **[Refrain]**

Enter the holy gates with thanksgiving; go into God's temple with praise;
give thanks and call upon the name of God. For our God is good, everlasting in mercy:
God's faithfulness endures from age to age. **[Refrain]**

The Second Reading: *Philippians 4:4-9*

Read by Theresa

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Paul tried to finish his letter earlier, but certain concerns about the community and its members intruded. In the Greek world, *rejoice* was used much as we say *goodbye*, but here Paul means rejoice literally.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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All Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Reading: John 6:25-35

The Rev Neil Jongbloed

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The crowd has misunderstood the nature of the food Jesus gives. They have taken him for a political messiah who will free them from Roman occupation. John continues to pursue the question: Who is Jesus? Is he divine?

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily:

The Rev Neil Jongbloed

Opportunity for Contemplation with Musical Interlude

Natan Bádue

🎵 **Affirmation of Faith "I Believe in God Almighty"**

CP-44

Prayers of the People

Led by Sara

Leader In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

All For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

Leader For this community, our country, and the world;

All For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

All For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

Leader For *John* our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
All For all who serve God in the Church.

Leader For our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord.

All For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our king;

All And praise your name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ,
and for those whose faith is known to you alone,
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

All Who put their trust in you.

Leader Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our
needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be
best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Deacon Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
welcoming sinners and inviting them to the table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

A short time of silence follows.

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.**

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another.



Offertory Hymn: "We Plough the Fields and Scatter"

CP-258

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.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant May God be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God our Creator.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Celebrant Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing:



Sanctus - "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

SaNC-213 (music available from Greeters)

**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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, in the highest.**

Celebrant Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity.
Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection
you open the path from brokenness to health,
from fear to trust, from pride and conceit
to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman,
Jesus gathered together those who loved him.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it
and gave it to his friends,
saying, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you,
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love,
and to proclaim our faith.

All
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever.

All
Amen.

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:



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.**

The Breaking the Bread

Celebrant Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.

All
**So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

🎵 **Agnus Dei – “Jesus, Lamb of God”**

CP-747

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Celebrant These are the gifts of God for all God’s people.
All Thanks be to God.

Communion

To Receive Communion:

Please come forward to the step before the Altar to receive. We begin with the choir, the tech team, and the pews behind them and then move to the other side. Be attentive to physical distancing as you move within the space. To receive, extend both hands, one on top of the other so that the wafer may be placed on your palm. For the wine, you may take a sip from the chalice. We do not dip the wafer into the wine.

If you are not receiving wine, you may stay until the chalice is offered to you or return to your seat immediately.

If you would prefer a blessing instead, please ask for one.

If you need Communion brought to you, please alert a greeter or wave at the priest when everyone else has received.

Those on Zoom will say this prayer together.

If you are attending in-person, but are not receiving communion at this time, you may also wish to say the following prayer.

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, we 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.

We pray that we may know you in heart, and soul and mind. Let nothing separate us from you. May we serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. Amen.

🎵 **Communion Hymns**

“As We Gather at Your Table”

CP-61

“Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works”

CP-407

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

SGP-11

The Sending Forth of the Community

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings.
Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual
thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All 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.**

Announcements

Blessing

Celebrant God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation. God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest. God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation, help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace. The blessing of this Holy Trinity, One in Three, be upon you this day and always.

All Amen.

 Sending Hymn - *"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"* CP-404

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

~ Join us for tea and coffee after the service. ~

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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 From *Pray without Ceasing*.

ⁱⁱ George Black Psalter <https://theredeemer.ca/music/george-black-psalter/>