



Saint Helen's
Anglican Church

Pentecost 19
October 26, 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 380 O Worship the King

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.**

Children's Focus

Gloria: CP 366

**Glory in the highest glory, peace to all, in all their days.
Worship, thanks, and praise unceasing to the source of all we raise:**

**reigning in the sapphire height, hidden from our mortal sight,
now receive our adoration, as we make our supplication.**

**Jesus Christ, the world's redeemer, Lamb of God, for sinners given,
Word eternal, born of Mary, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:
holy one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,
with the Spirit there united, and the God-head high exulted.**

Kyrie Confession

Holy God, you come to meet us when we return to you:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Spirit, you give us life and peace:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Lord God our redeemer,
**who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses
to lead them out of slavery,
free us from the tyranny of sin and death,
and by the leading of your Spirit
bring us to our promised land;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Joel 2: 23-32

A reading from the book of Joel,
O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls. Listen to what the spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 65

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed
In Jerusalem. To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of
Their transgressions.

**Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out.
Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of
your temple.**

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of
our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are
far away.

**You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about
with might.**

You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamour
of the peoples.

**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your
marvellous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy. R**

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous.
the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain
You soften the ground and bless its increase.

**You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with
plenty**

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be
clothed with joy.

**May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys
cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.**

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: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

A Reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy,

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: CP 509 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

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

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to

his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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 declare our faith in God,
**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

How often have I longed to gather your children,
as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,' says the Lord,
'but you would not come to me.'
Let us return to God and confess our sins.

**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

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.
The peace of the triune God be always with you
and also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: CP 610 Before I take the Body of My Lord

Prayer over the Gifts

Please Remain Standing

God of constant love,
**you have guided your people
in all times and ages.**
**May we who offer you our praise today
always be ready to follow where you lead;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting love. And so, with St. Helen, and all the choirs of angels with the church on earth and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,**

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, you alone are holy,
you alone are God. The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.
We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile;
into the future.
We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among
the poor; with us now
We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup
is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and at the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit; in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to
you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church,
without end. **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

God our guide,
**you have fed us with bread from heaven
as you fed the people of Israel.**
May we who have been inwardly nourished
be ready to follow you all our days;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 513 Guide My Feet

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Notices and Prayer List for the week beginning October 26,2025

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 by Pat Nociar in loving memory of family and friends.

We pray for the whole Anglican Church of Canada – we pray especially for our primate, Archbishop Shane Parker.

Anglican Communion – We pray for the Church in Wales.

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. Augustine, Marpole - The Revd Katherine Hough and the Synod Office Staff.

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 Leo Sotana and Samuel and Angelita Sotana. We pray for their work, ministry, and families here and away.

Notices

Claiming Sabbath - Is the theme for our Book Study this Fall. Using insights and wisdom from Walter Bruegemann's book, "Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now." we will explore how systems, organisations and people can re-learn the gift of Sabbath—rest. Join us on the following Sundays in the church, **October 26, November 2 & 9 @ 8:30am**. Please let Fr. Robin or the Church Office know if you are interested in attending. The book can be purchased via Amazon and is available on Kindle and other e-readers. Be sure to purchase the **"New Edition with Study Guide."**

RMIT Retreat Day: The Parishes of St. Helen's, Church of the Epiphany, St. Michaels, and Christ the Redeemer will gather at Christ the Redeemer on Saturday November 15, 9-12 Noon for a retreat day. The Retreat Leader is: The Rev. Dr. Robin Ruder-Celiz.

Coffee Hour Reflections: Come learn more about the prophet Zecharia during coffee hour on Sunday November 23. We hear Zechariah periodically throughout the year, especially in Advent. His message of justice and hope is especially relevant to our lives and world today.

Christmas Market - our biggest fund raiser of the year is on Saturday, December the 6th from 11:00 to 3:00. Raffle tickets will be on sale starting Sunday, October 26 th. Posters will be available shortly. Start thinking about what you will make for the bake table. For more info and questions talk to Jacquie Stinson, 604-517-4661. **NOTE**: There will be a committee at coffee time today. All interested people are welcome.

Surrey Food Bank is the largest food bank in Canada. The donations are down, and the need is up. We need to help. People were asked to bring noodles and Pasta this Sunday. These aren't expensive items so hopefully everyone can help.

Call for Coffee Fellowship Team There is a pressing need for a new additional team for after church coffee leadership. Please contact John Palmer or a Warden.

This Week's Ministry Team

Officiant & Preacher..... The Reverend Dr. Robin Ruder Celiz
Musician..... Joel Adimathra
Deacon..... The Rev. Stephen Thompson
Crucifer/Servers/Psalmist..... Wendy Russell
Prayers of the Community..... Lynn Turner
Readers Aparna Chatterjea & Jacquie Stinson
Lay Administration..... Ian Mulcaster & Cynthia Richards
Greeters Glenda Colquhoun and Judy Nicholson
Livestream Tech..... Zoltan B. Tom B., Simon. L. Ronit V, Ike N. Abdul S
Altar Guild Sarah Venu & Carol Young
Fellowship Servers Chatterjea Family

Next Week's Ministry Team

Officiant/Preacher..... The Reverend Dr. Robin Ruder Celiz
Musician Joel Adimathra
Deacon..... The Rev. Stephen Thompson
Crucifer/Server and Psalmist. ... Alex Mason
Prayers of the Community..... Cathy Anderson
Readers Darrel Shaw & Lynn Turner
Lay Administration..... Wendy Russell & Kelly Foulds
Greeters..... Heather and Wayne Herd
Livestream Tech..... Z. B. Tom B., Simon. L. Ronit V, Ike N. Abdul S
Altar Guild..... Lynn Turner & Jennifer Semenoff
Fellowship Servers Sarah Venu and Venu Jacob

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Thank you for your generosity.

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