

**Twenty-Second Sunday
after Pentecost
9 November, 2025**



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

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

OPENING HYMN My God, How Endless Is Your Love

CP 353

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 mighty,

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 mighty,

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 mighty,

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:

Eternal God,

who caused all holy scriptures

to be written for our learning,
grant us so to hear them,
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that we may embrace and ever hold fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING HAGGAI 1:15B-2:9

Angela White

A reading from the book of Haggai

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendour of this house shall

be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145.1-5,17-22



I will exalt you, O sovereign God,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless you and praise your name for ever and ever.
You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to your greatness. **R.**

One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.
I will ponder the glorious splendour of your majesty
and all your marvellous works. **R.**

You open wide your hand
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
O God, you are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works. **R.**

You are near to those who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.
You fulfill the desire of those who fear you,
you hear their cry and help them. **R.**

You preserve all those who love you,
but destroy all the wicked.
My mouth shall speak your praise, O God;
let all flesh bless your holy name for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-5, 13-17 Hepsi Chand

A reading from the second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So

then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CP 715

Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 20:27-38

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.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die

anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CP 715

Alleluia, Alleluia.

The people are invited to sit.

SERMON

The Rev. Mark Munn

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

Hepsi Chand

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 Restore in Us, O God

CP 178

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Let us pray:
Gracious God,
your word to us is food indeed.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and let your loving-kindness be our comfort,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word. **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,

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

O Christ Who Holds the Open Gate

CP 518

Dona Nobis Pacem

CP 562

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Living God,

in the eucharist you fill us with new hope.

May the power of your love,

which we have known in word and sacrament,

continue your saving work among us,

and bring us to the joy you promise.

We ask this in the name of 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

Now Thank We All Our God

CP 399

*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.*

Mystical Hope – An Advent Book Circle

Advent is a wondrous time of hope and longing. But what kind of hope can we have in such anxious times?

Cynthia Bourgeault's book *Mystical Hope* invites us to engage in a hope that centres on the vibrancy created in our relationship with God and one another, rather than on unreachable dreams. Mystical hope helps us see in new ways and gives us a greater capacity to act well in the world, even in times of trouble.

Please join us for evenings of discussion and prayer based on the book, *Mystical Hope*.

Tuesdays at 7:30pm at St. Helen's West Point **Grey Anglican Church**
November 18 + 25, December 2, 9 + 16

Discover the History + Imagine the Future of West Point Grey

Come learn about the history and future of our shared home, **West Point Grey**. Storytelling by former City of Vancouver planners Jeannette Hvalach and Christina DeMarco. Connect with neighbours, reflect on the past, and dream about the future.

Dates: Wednesday **December 3, 2025 — 7:00 PM**

Wednesday **January 14, 2026 — 7:00 PM**

Location: St. Helen's Anglican Church, 4405 W8th Ave

Light refreshments will be served.

How to Contribute to St. Helen's Financially

We deeply appreciate financial contributions to our shared congregational life and mission. The best ways to donate are:

- Set up a Pre-Authorized Donation - simply send an email to sthelenswpg@gmail.com to get started or change your amount
- Donate via interact e-transfer to sthelenswpg@gmail.com
- Scan the QR code to the right or visit sthelensvancouver.com/give to donate via credit card
- Use one of the envelopes available at the back of the church by the offering plate to donate via cheques or cash



Volunteers for this week:

Intercessor: David Van Blarcom

Readers: Liz Hodgson, Gillian Moore

Counter & Zoom: Lynn Raymond

Bread & Wine: Rev. Jeffrey Preiss, Tony Hodgson, Rev. Mark Munn

Volunteers for next week:

Intercessor: Liz Hodgson

Readers: Suzanne Windsor-Liscombe, Shawn de Raaf

Counter: Lynn Raymond

Zoom: Irene Vavasour

Bread & Wine: Shawn de Raaf, Claire Munn, Paula Pryce

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