

St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

Morning Prayer with Zoom Option

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Ordinary Time

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Today Sara Show leads us in 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. Hymns today are in the blue "Common Praise" hymnals.*

Words of Welcome & a Territorial Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn – "O God of Every Nation"

CP-593

Officiant Great are you, O Lord, and greatly to be praised.

All There is no end of your greatness.

Officiant One generation shall praise your works to another

All and shall declare your power.

Officiant All your works praise you,

All and your faithful servants bless you.

Officiant They make known the glory of your reign of justice and peace

All and speak of your power.

Officiant Our mouths shall speak your praise;

All let all flesh praise your holy name for ever and ever.ⁱ

Officiant Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The children and their teachers move to Sunday School.

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

All 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.

Officiant Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Officiant The Lord is our light and our life.
All **O come, let us worship.**

Invitatory Psalm: Psalm 95:1–7

Officiant Come, let us sing to the Lord;
All **let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

Officiant Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
All **and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

Officiant For the Lord is a great God
All **and a great king above all gods.**

Officiant In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
All **and the heights of the hills are his also.**

Officiant The sea is his for he made it,
All **and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

Officiant Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
All **and kneel before the Lord our maker.**

Officiant For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.
All **Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

 **Invitatory Hymn – “Just as the Deer”**

CP-540

The Proclamation of the Word

First readingⁱⁱ - *Isaiah 65: 17-25* Our reader is Man

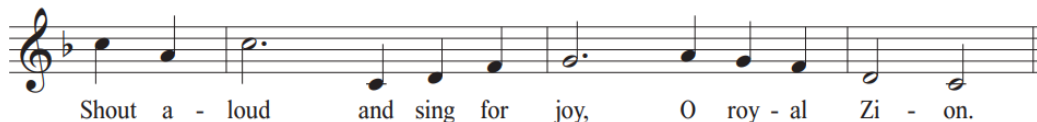
The people of Israel have prayed that God will reveal himself to them as he did in olden times. God has answered: “I was ready to be sought out” but no one sought my help. Israel was disobedient and self-centred, but God will preserve a faithful line that he will choose.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

All Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.
Thanks be to God!

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



Refrain: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion.

You will say on that day: “I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me. **[Refrain]**

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.” **[Refrain]**

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say on that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. **[Refrain]**

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.” **[Refrain]**

Second reading - 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Our reader is Sandra.

We come to the concluding section of this letter – one which counsels against expecting Christ to come again soon. It seems that some in the community have ceased to work and to spread the word of God.

Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even

when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

All Thanks be to God!

🎵 **Gradual Hymn – “Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring”**

CP-514

Gospel Reading – Luke 21:5-19

Reader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We come to the end of Jesus' teaching in the Temple. His prediction of its destruction came true about forty years later. Jesus uses this as an opportunity to tell his followers of the ordeals they will need to endure. Perseverance will be rewarded.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go

after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily – via video

The Ven Ruth Monette

Opportunity for Contemplation with Musical Interlude

Natan Bádue

Apostles' Creed

Officiant

Let us confess our faith as we say,

All

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Led by Elaine

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.

All Hear us, Lord.
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.

All We will exalt you, O God our king;
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.

All Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;
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.**

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 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.
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 – “When Morning Guilds the Skies”**

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All Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour,
and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our
common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved
Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests.
Fulfill now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this
world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father,
are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Collect of the Day

Officiant Let us pray,

All Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world.
Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light
and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

Officiant Uniting our voices with Christians throughout the ages and throughout the world,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

All 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.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Announcements

🎵 **Sending Hymn** - *"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"*

CP-401

Dismissal

Officiant May Christ, who has opened to us the gates of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory.^{iv}

All Amen.

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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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