

**Last Sunday after Pentecost:
The Reign of Christ
23 November, 2025**



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

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

OPENING HYMN Crown Him with Many Crowns

CP 378

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 says:
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

The kingdom is yours,
but we turn away from your just rule:
Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie Eleison (sung once)

CP 706

The power is yours,
but we trust in our own power and strength:
Christ, have mercy.

Christie Eleison (sung once)

CP 706

The glory is yours,
but we fall short of the glory of God:
Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie Eleison (sung once)

CP 706

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:

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. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING JEREMIAH 23:1-6

Gillian Moore

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 19 (LUKE 1:68-79)



1 Blest be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;
 2 God from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;
 3 On those who sit in dark - ness the sun be - gins to rise,



who vis - its and re - deems us, who grants us lib - er - ty.
 a Sav - ior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.
 the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.



The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
 Be - fore him goes the her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
 God guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill that prom - ise and bring the peo - ple peace.
 the proph - et of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of day.
 O bless our God and Sav - ior with songs that nev - er cease!

A reading from the second Letter of Paul to the Colossians

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his be-loved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CP 712

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Blessed are you, O Lord of creation revealing your kingdom to the humble and weak. **Alleluia.**

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.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CP 712

Alleluia, Alleluia.

The people are invited to sit.

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

David Van Blarcom

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 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor CP 84

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Let us pray:
Holy God,
in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant.
Help us, through our offering this day,
to renounce all things that draw us from your love.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

All thanks and praise
are yours at all times and in all places,
our true and loving God;
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;
You brought forth all creatures of the earth
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;
And so as the morning stars sing your praises
we join the heavenly beings and all creation
as we shout with joy:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

CP 719

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent;
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,

you delivered them from bondage
and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
you have freed us from sin,
brought us into your life,
reconciled us to you,
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us
Jesus took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
gave it to his friends and said:
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,
poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,

longing for Christ's coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and wine
that they may be to us
the Body and Blood of your Christ.
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,
and in the fullness of time gather us
all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd CP 630
Jesus, Remember Me CP 634

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty God,

you have made us a royal priesthood

in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Make known his victory through us, we pray,

that all the world may see his light.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God the Father,

who has given to his Son the name above every name,

strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord. **Amen.**

God the Son,

who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,

plead for you at the right hand of the Father. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,

who pours out her abundant gifts upon the Church,

make you faithful servants of Christ our King. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESESSIONAL HYMN

Hail, Thou One Despised Jesus

CP 246

*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.*

Upcoming Events:

20 November (Sun) 11am — Greening of the Church

3 December (Wed) 7pm— Discover the History + Imagine the Future of WPG

14 December (Sun) 8am, 10am— Archbishop John's Visit

19 December (Fri) 7pm— St. Helen's Christmas Concert

20 December (Sat) 9am— Advent Quiet Morning

24 December (Wed) 8pm— Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist Service

25 December (Thu) 10am— Christmas Day BAS Eucharist Service

For more information, visit sthelensvancouver.com/events

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- 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:

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