

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

**The Baptism of the Lord**  
**Jan 11, 2026**



Presider & Preacher: The Ven. Richard Leggett  
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## **GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME**

*All stand*

HYMN On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry

CP 103

## **GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

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 give thanks for the light of God that shines in the darkness

**A light no darkness can quench**

In this time and place

We give thanks for the light and peace of Jesus Christ  
the Word made flesh.

**The light of all people.**

In this time and place

We pray that the Spirit of God will be renewed  
in our hearts and minds

**That we might be the light of God in the world.**

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.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR HOLY BAPTISM

*Water is poured into the font with these words*

God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.  
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.  
**Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.**

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
for your gift of water in creation;  
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,  
bringing light and life;  
for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
baptized in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation,  
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,  
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,  
washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit  
move upon these waters.  
Restore through them the beauty of your creation,  
and bring those who are baptized  
to new birth in the family of your Church.

Drown sin in the waters of judgement,  
anoint your children with power from on high,  
and make them one with Christ  
in the freedom of your kingdom.  
For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours,  
now and for ever.

**Alleluia. Amen.**

*An act of penitence and dedication*

God of truth,  
you are faithful to the covenant you have made with us;  
look in mercy on your people.  
From all our sins, O Lord:  
**wash us, and we shall be clean.**

We have broken the pledges of our baptism,  
and failed to be your disciples.  
From all our sins, O Lord:  
**wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Though we are saved by Christ  
and dead to sin through the deep waters of death,  
we have not witnessed to his grace by our manner of life.  
From all our sins, O Lord:  
**wash us, and we shall be clean.**

We have shown indifference to those in need  
and have been afraid to stand up for justice and truth.  
From all our sins, O Lord:  
**wash us, and we shall be clean.**

We have been slow to forgive, and have failed to remember  
your repeated forgiveness of our sins.

From all our sins, O Lord:

**wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Today we rejoice and give thanks  
because your Son humbled himself to be baptized in the Jordan.  
Through the waters you have given us the mystery of baptism  
for the remission of our sins.

From all our sins, O Lord:

**wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Through water and Spirit  
you give us new life as the people of God,  
and pour out upon us the gifts of your new covenant.

From all our sins, O Lord:

**wash us, and we shall be clean.**

Almighty God,  
in our baptism you have consecrated us  
to be temples of your Holy Spirit.  
May we, whom you have counted worthy,  
nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith,  
and worship you with upright lives;  
through Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**HYMN**      Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

CP 35

*During the hymn, all are welcome to come and bless themselves in the font.*

## COLLECT

Let us pray.

God of glory,  
immerse us in your grace,  
make us with your image,  
and raise us to live our baptismal promises,  
so that, empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we may follow the example of Christ your beloved  
in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING      ISAIAH 42:1-9

Hepsi Chand

A reading from the book of Isaiah

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my

name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 29



God shall give the peo - ple the bless - ing of peace. —

Ascribe to the Holy One, you gods:

Ascribe to the Holy One glory and strength.

Ascribe to God all glory, bless God's name;  
worship God in the beauty of ho-liness. **R.**

The voice of the Holy One is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders:

God is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of God is a powerful voice;  
the voice of God is a voice of splendour. **R.**

The voice of the Holy One breaks the cedar trees;  
God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
God makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **R.**

The voice of the Holy One splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of God shakes the wilderness;  
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the Holy One makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the Holy One all are crying, "Glory!" **R.**

God sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Holy One sits enthroned, reigning for evermore.  
The Holy One shall give strength to all people;  
God shall give the people the blessing of peace. **R.**

SECOND READING ACTS 10:34-43

Paula Pryce

A reading from the book of Acts

Peter began to speak to the Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand for the Gospel*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.**

**Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!**

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#### THE HOLY GOSPEL MATTHEW 3:13-17

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness."

Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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*Please be seated.*

SERMON

The Ven. Richard Leggett

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(All stand)*

Let us confess the faith of our baptism.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

*Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom for prayer.*

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

David Van Blarcom

#### THE PEACE

Christ is our peace.  
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.  
The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

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.*

#### OFFERTORY HYMN    Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

CP 45

*Please remain standing until communion.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Let us pray:

God of life and freedom,  
we celebrate the revelation of Jesus  
as the Christ who makes all creation new.

Accept all we offer you this day  
and make us new in him,  
who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Life up your hearts.

**We life them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our Creator.

**We 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 Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Introduction Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly God - of pow'r and might:  
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Glo - ry to You, - O Lord most high.  
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
 Broadly  
 rit. ff  
 molto rit.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
 Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
 Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
 Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
 Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
 Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
 Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
 the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever. **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

We break the bread of life,

and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,**

**light in the midst of us,**

**bring us to light and life.**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*All who seek Christ and are drawn to this holy table are invited to come forth to receive Holy Communion. Dipping the bread (intinction) into the wine is not permitted. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than Holy Communion, please indicate such by placing your right hand over your heart.*

COMMUNION HYMN	Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering	CP 165
	What King Would Wade	CP 164

*All stand.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray:

Gracious God, lover all,  
by this sacrament you make us  
one family in Christ your Son,  
one in the sharing of his body and blood,  
one in the communion of his Spirit.

Help us to grow in love for one another  
and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.  
We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory  
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;  
and the blessing ...

HYMN	When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known	CP 163
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## DISMISSAL

We have come to Christ, the living water.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*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 at St. Helen's :*

*This Wednesday—Jan 14: Discover the History + Imagine the Future of  
West Point Grey*

*Thursday—Jan 15: Contemplative Prayer Resumes for the new year!*



# ST. HELEN'S

WEST POINT GREY ANGLICAN CHURCH

## 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.

**Dec. 3, 2025 – 7 PM**  
**Jan. 14, 2026 – 7 PM**

Everyone is welcome - come curious and leave connected.



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- Use one of the envelopes available at the back of the church by the offering plate to donate via cheques or cash



### **Volunteers Today:**

Intercessor: David Van Blarcom

Readers: Hepsi Chand, Paula Pryce

Lay Administrators: Rhodri Windsor-Liscombe, Paula Pryce

### **Volunteers Next Week**

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