



Saint Helen's
Anglican Church

Presentation of the Christ
February 1, 2026
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 of this.

Introit Hymn: CP 486 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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.

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 Confessions

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
for you have sent us your salvation.

**Inspire us by your Holy Spirit
to recognize him who is the glory of Israel
and the light for all nations,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from the prophet Malachi,

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Listen to what the spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

**"Who is this King of glory?" "The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle."**

Lift up your heads, O gates lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

**"Who is he, this King of glory?" "The Lord of hosts, he is the King
of glory."**

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: Hebrews 2: 14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews,

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become

like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: CP 759 The Song of Simeon

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

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 the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for

the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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 & Absolution

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us 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

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 Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: 59 Jesus Calls Us here to Meet Him

Prayers over the Gifts

Almighty God,

accept the joyful offering of your Church,

and grant that your Son may shine in us

as the light that lightens every nation.

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

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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 honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,

through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.
In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,

so that we, in the company of St. Helen and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour 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 Stand as you are able

God for whom we wait,

you fulfilled the hope of Simeon,

who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah.

Complete in us your perfect will,

**that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom;
for he is Lord for ever and ever. 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

Birthday & Anniversary Candles

May the blessing of God be upon you

The blessing of the Father and the Son,

And may the Spirit of God

the Spirit of Love

Be with you all your Days.

May the blessing of God be upon you

The blessing of the Father and the Son,

And may the Spirit of God

And the Spirit of Peace

Be with you all your Days.

The Blessing

Christ our Lord, to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts,
reveal to you his glory and pour upon you the riches of his grace;
and the blessing ...

Sending Hymn: CP 621 Before the World Began

Dismissal

One in heart and one in mind,
and empowered by the Spirit,
go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Notices and Prayer List for the week beginning February 1, 2026

The flowers at the altar this morning are given to the glory of God

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

Anglican Communion – we pray for the church of England.

In our Diocesan Cycle: We pray for Rt. Rev'd. John Stephens, Archbishop, Robin our Rector, and Stephen our Deacon. We also pray for the Archdeaconry of Capilano; Church of the Epiphany, Surrey - The Revd Liz Ruder-Celiz & The Revd Alpha John; Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver, The Very Revd Christopher Pappas, The Revd Areeta Bridgemohan, The Revd Clare Morgan.

We pray for our companion diocese of Northern Philippines. 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 Judy Glanville and Terri Harding. We pray for their work, ministry, and families here and away.

Notices

VESTRY: St Helens annual vestry meeting will be on **February 22, 2026.**

Those responsible for reports, please start preparing them and submit them to the office as early as possible and no later than February 3,2026.

LUNCH BUNCH: Everyone is invited to join us for lunch and fellowship on Thursday, February 25th in the Upper Hall. The cost of \$6.00. Your friends and family are welcome.

‘AGING WITH GRACE’ – is a free 6 week program being hosted by St. Cuthbert’s Anglican Church (11601 82 Street, North Delta). Professionals will address and answer questions on a variety of topics of interest to seniors and families including Christian Grandparenting, Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, Hearing & Eyesight Loss, Knowing When to Downsize & Resources, Palliative Care & Last Rites, and Legacy Planning & Terminal Costs. The series runs from January 8 to February 12 after their 10am Thursday mid-week service. Free lunch to follow. Please register at <https://stcuthbert.ca/events/aging-with-grace-seminar/2026-01-08>.

Office Information Jennifer will be away from January 18 to February 2 inclusive. As a result, the service bulletins will be printed in advance on Feb 15 for January 25 and Feb 1. If you have notices after January 15 they will need to be addressed in community announcements.

This Week's Ministry Team

Officiant The Rev. Dr. Robin Ruder Celiz
Deacon The Rev. Stephen Thompson
Music..... Joel Adimatha
Crucifer/Servers/Psalmist..... Alex Mason
Prayers of the Community Cathy Anderson
Readers..... Aparna Chatterjea & Jacquie Stinson
Lay Administration Ian Mulcaster & Cynthia Richards
Greeters Glenda Colquhoun & Abdul R. Sillah
Livestream Tech Z. Barabas, T Beneteau, S Lee, Ronit V. I.Nwaogu,A.Sillah
Altar Guild..... Jane Denton ,P.Beneteau ,M.Thompson
Fellowship Servers.....Sarah Vinu & Vinu Jacob

Next Week's Ministry Team

Officiant/Preacher The Rev'd Dr. Robin Ruder Celiz
Deacon The Rev'd. Stephen Thompson
Music..... Joel Adimatha
Crucifer/Server and Psalmist .. John Palmer
Prayers of the Community Lynn Turner
Readers..... Darrel Shaw & Lynn Turner
Lay Administration Janette Bulkan & Kelly Foulds
Greeters Heather & Wayne Herd
Livestream Tech . Z. Barabas, T. Beneteau, S. Lee Ronit V. I.Nwaogu ,A.Sillah
Altar Guild J.Francis, H.Herd, K.Foulds
Fellowship Servers. Cynthia & Anil Richards, C. Hall, D.,Dronsfield

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