

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

**Presentation of Christ**  
**1 Feb, 2026**



Presider: The Ven. Douglas Fenton  
Deacon & Preacher: The Reverend Jeffrey Preiss

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*All stand*

HYMN All Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

CP 385

## 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.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

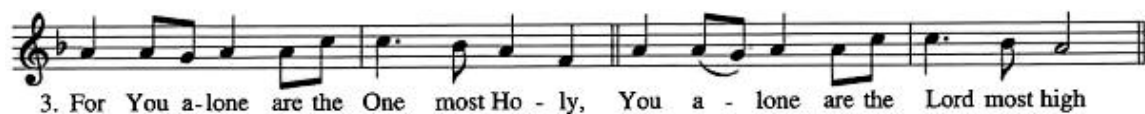
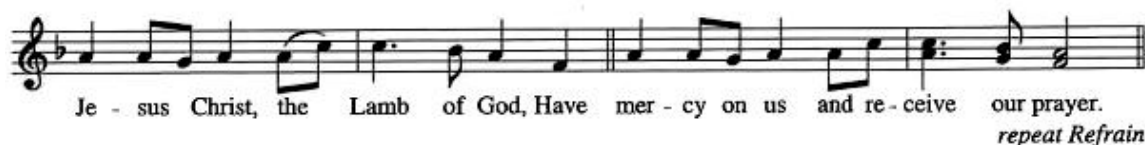
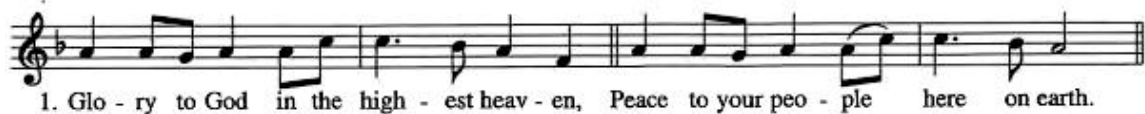
Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
welcoming sinners  
inviting them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

### *Silent Reflection*

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.**

# GLORIA



## COLLECT

God of love,  
you gave your Son  
to be a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.  
With Simeon and Anna  
and all who hail redemption's happy dawn,  
may we sing your praise and proclaim salvation  
in Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING      MALACHI 3.1-4

Angela White

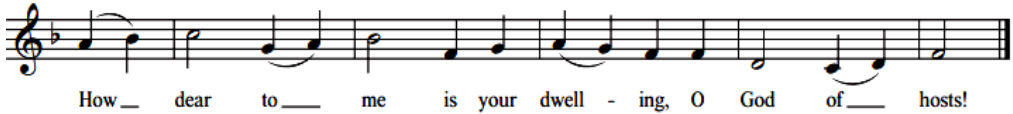
See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight — indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 84



How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts!  
My soul has a desire and longing for your courts;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in you, O living God. **R.**

The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;  
by the side of your altars, O God of hosts,  
my God who reigns over me. **R.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house!  
they will always be praising you.  
Happy are the people whose strength is in you!  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. **R.**

Those who go through the desolate valley  
will find it a place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.  
They will climb from strength to strength;  
The God of gods will be seen in Zion.  
O God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
hearken, O God of Jacob. **R.**

Behold our defender, O God;  
and look upon the face of your anointed.  
For one day in your courts  
is better than a thousand in my own room,  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked. **R.**

You, God, are both sun and shield,  
you will give grace and glory.  
No good thing will you withhold  
from those who walk with integrity.  
O God of hosts,  
happy are they who put their trust in you! **R.**

## SECOND READING HEBREWS 2.14-18

Alida Preiss

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, Jesus 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 become 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.**

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL LUKE 2.22-40

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus 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.**

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*Please be seated.*

SERMON

The Ven. Richard Leggett

APOSTLE'S CREED (*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

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THE PEACE

We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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    O God of Font and Altar

CP 389

*Please remain standing until communion.*

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Let us pray:  
God of Simeon and Anna,  
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 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 God.

**We give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh from the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

*Introduction* **f** 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.  
**mf** Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
**Broadly**  
**rit. ff** san - na in the high - est! **molto rit.** Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Source of all being and eternal Word, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, 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

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.**

## LAMB OF GOD

*mf* O - Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
Have mer - cy, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.  
*mf* All O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
Lul - lay, lul - la, thou lit - tle tin - y child; *mp* *p* *rall.* Grant us your peace. *pp*

## 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 How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

CP 498

In God Alone

CP 563

*All stand.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray:

God for whom we wait,  
you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna  
who lived to welcome 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.**

## 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 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

CP 486

## DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world  
proclaiming that the Messiah has come to us.  
**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**

**Ash Wednesday Service**— Wednesday, February 18 | 7:00 pm

**Lenten Quiet Morning**—Saturday, February 21 | 9:00 am–12:30 pm

**Annual Vestry Meeting**—Sunday, February 22 | After 10am Service

**The Eucharist as God's Self Giving**—Tuesday, February 24—March 24 |  
6:30pm-7:30pm (Zoom)





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