

St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

Sunday, April 5, 2026 - 10 AM
Easter Sunday



Holy Eucharist Service
with Zoom Option

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*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.*

The Gathering of the Community

Words of Welcome & a Territorial Acknowledgement

The Service of Light

The service begins with the lighting of the Christ Candle.

All Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,

All Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;
to him be glory and power, through every age and for ever. Amen.

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world, Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

As the Easter Candle is lit:

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

As the Candle is carried forward:

Leader The light of Christ.
All Thanks be to God.

When the Candle arrives at the front of the church:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Opening Hymn - "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

CP-203

Collect of the Day

All God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death. Fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.ⁱ

The children and their teachers move to Sunday School.

Gloria - "Glory to God"

CP-702

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading - Acts 10:34-43

Read by Josie

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness 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.”

The setting is the house of Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Regiment, part of the military occupation force in Palestine. Cornelius, already a believer in God, has had a vision. As a result, he has invited Peter to visit. It was against Jewish law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile, but Peter comes anyway, with “some believers from Joppa”.

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

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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

This is the day our God made, let us re-joice and be glad.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

**Refrain: This is the day our God made, let us rejoice and be glad.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

Give thanks to God who is good; whose mercy endures for ever.
Let Israel now proclaim, “God’s mercy endures for ever.” **[Refrain]**

God is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the Most High has triumphed! The right hand of the Most High is exalted!
The right hand of the Mighty One has triumphed!” **[Refrain]**

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of God.
God has punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death. **[Refrain]**

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to God.
“This is the gate of the Holy One; those who are righteous may enter.” **[Refrain]**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. **[Refrain]**

This is God’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.
On this day our God has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. **[Refrain]**

The Second Reading – Colossians 3:1-4

Read by Bob R

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The author has described baptism as being “raised with Christ” and becoming sharers in his suffering and death. Baptism entails dying to one’s old ways and focussing on new, godly, ones.

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

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation – “Alleluia” CP-715 (refrain only)

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 28:1-10

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.

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.”

On Friday, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James have seen Jesus’ body laid in the tomb, the stone door sealed, and a guard mounted. Now an angel, a messenger from God, tells them that Jesus has risen from the dead.

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation – “Alleluia” CP-715 (refrain only)

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Homily - The Rev Canon Harold Munn

Opportunity for Contemplation with Musical Interlude - Natan Bádue

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Thanksgiving over the Water

God be with you

All And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

All Amen.

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All **I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

All **I will, with God's help.**

The Celebrant moves through the congregation sprinkling those present with water from the baptismal font.

Almighty and everliving God, may your hand be ever over us, your servants; let your Holy Spirit be ever with us and lead us in the knowledge and obedience of your word, that we may serve you in life and dwell with you in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People - led by Bob D

The leader will name aloud our parish's known prayer concerns and conclude with the following prayer:

Leader Let us offer our intercessions, petitions, and thanksgivings, saying, "God of our ancestors, hear our prayer."

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth,

All **God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.**

Leader For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples,

All **God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.**

Leader For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected,

All **God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.**

Leader For all whom we have injured or offended,

All **God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.**

Leader For grace to amend our lives and to further your reign,

All **God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.**

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. After a period of silence, the following concluding prayer is said.

Leader O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrudged, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the deadⁱⁱ.
The peace of Christ be with you.

All **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another.

Offertory Hymn - "Crown Him with Many Crowns" CP-378

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

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life.

Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus - "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

CP-719

**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.**

We give thanks to you, Lord, our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, 'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **We remember his death;**
we proclaim his resurrection;
we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer - *"The Lord's Prayer"* SGP-12

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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All **Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

All **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

Agnus Dei - *"Lamb of God"* CP-745

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Come to this table not because you must - but because you may.

Come not because you have all faith, but because you have some faith and would like to grow.

Come because you love the Lord and would like to love more.

Come because all is ready and because you are his body.

To Receive Communion:

Please come forward to the step before the Altar to receive. We begin with the choir, the tech team, and the pews behind them and then move to the other side. Be attentive to physical distancing as you move within the space. To receive, extend both hands, one on top of the other so that the wafer may be placed on your palm. For the wine, you may take a sip from the chalice. We do not dip the wafer into the wine.

If you are not receiving wine, you may stay until the chalice is offered to you or return to your seat immediately.

If you would prefer a blessing instead, please ask for one.

If you need Communion brought to you, please alert a greeter or wave at the priest when everyone else has received.

Those on Zoom will say this prayer together.

If you are attending in-person, but are not receiving communion at this time, you may also wish to say the following prayer.

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

We pray that we may know you in heart, and soul and mind. Let nothing separate us from you. May we serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. Amen.

Communion Hymns

“Alleluia! The Strife is over”

CP-212

“Alleluia No 1”

CP-405

The Sending Forth of the Community**Prayer After Communion**

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son’s resurrection, so that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

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.**

Announcements

Blessing May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Sending Hymn - “Yours be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son” CP-210

Dismissal

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.
All Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Please join us in the Parish Hall after the service for tea and coffee!

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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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