

St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

Sunday, April 12, 2026 - 10 AM  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter



"Christ shows himself to Thomas"

Mosaic by Rowan and Irene LeCompte, Washington National Cathedral

## Holy Eucharist Service with Zoom Option

The Zoom codes for **all** our worship services are:

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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

Opening Hymn - "Now the Green Blade Rises"

CP-237

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**  
May his grace and peace be with you.  
**All May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Almighty God,  
**All to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Collect of the Day

O God, our beginning and our end: accept our doubts, heal our desire for certainty and, by your Spirit's gentle touch, make us a people forgiven and forgiving; through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace.  
**All Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

*The children and their teachers move to Sunday School.*

Gloria - "Glory to God"

CP-702

## The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading - Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Read by Theresa

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,  
"Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

*Luke has described the coming of the Holy Spirit as best he can in human terms. He writes that it was "like the rush of violent wind" and "divided as of fire". Now, on behalf of the other apostles, Peter has begun interpreting the event to the crowd that has gathered.*

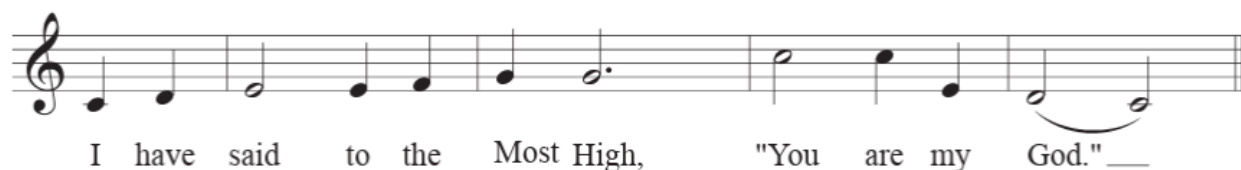
“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

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

**Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm 16

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



**Refrain: I have said to the Most High, "You are my God"**

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said, "You are my God, my god above all other."  
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.  
But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.  
Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. **[Refrain]**

O God, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.  
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.  
I will bless my God who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. **[Refrain]**

O God, I have set you always before me; because you are at my right hand I shall not fall.  
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.  
For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.  
You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **[Refrain]**

## The Second Reading – 1 Peter 1:3-9 Read by Josie

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is

*The author writes to churches in rural Asia Minor. He addresses his letter to those “chosen and destined” by the Father and “sanctified” by the Holy Spirit in order “to be obedient to Jesus Christ” and to share in the forgiveness available through Christ’s sacrificial death.*

revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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** – *John 20:19-31*

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 it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

*Although they have received Mary's testimony from Jesus' tomb (“I have seen the Lord”), the disciples remain fearful that they will also be crucified and do not yet know how to respond to the news of the Resurrection.*

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ  
**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Gospel Acclamation** – “*Alleluia*” CP-715 (refrain only)  
**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Homily** - The Ven Ruth Monette

### **The Apostles' Creed**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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

**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.**

**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.**

### **Prayers of the People - led by Sara**

*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 untrodden, 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 dead<sup>ii</sup>.

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.*

*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](http://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.<sup>iii</sup>

**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**

*“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”* CP-569

*“Bless the Lord, My Soul”* CP-360

**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.<sup>iv</sup>

**All** 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.**

**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 - "We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight"**

CP-244

**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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## ENDNOTES

<sup>i</sup> The Collect is from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* (2009) alt.

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