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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.

### Processional Hymn: CP 425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

### The Gathering of the Community

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May his grace and peace be with you.

**May he fill our hearts with joy**

### Children's Focus

### Kyrie Confessions

Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Against you, you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

### **Collect of the Day**

Almighty and eternal God,  
**the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt,  
may we, who have not seen, have faith  
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

#### **First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2: 14a, 22-32**

A reading from book of Acts,

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are 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 freed him from 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.' 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."

Listen to what the spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm: 16**

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord,  
"You are my Lord, my good 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.**

O Lord, 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 the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me,  
night after night.  
**I have set the Lord always before me; because he is 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.**

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:** 1 Peter 1: 3 – 9

A reading from the first letter of Peter,

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 honour when Jesus Christ is 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.

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**Hymn:** CP 237 Now the Green Blade Rises

## **Gospel: 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 of the house where the disciples had met were locked 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." 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, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come 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**

**Homily:**

The Reverend Neil Fernyhough

**Affirmation of Faith**

*Please rise as you are able*

Do you believe and trust in the Holy One of Israel  
Source of all being and life  
The one for whom we exist.

**We believe and trust in God.**

Do you believe and trust in the Incarnate Word  
Who took our human nature  
Died for us and rose again.

**We believe and trust in God.**

Do you believe and trust in the Power of the Most High  
Who gives life to the people of God?  
And makes Christ known in the World.

**We believe and trust in God.**

**This is the faith of the Church.**

**This is our Faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God.**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Peace**

*Please rise as you are able*

The Risen Christ came and stood among his disciples.  
And said “Peace be with you”

Then they were glad they had seen the Lord.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you.**

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn: CP 242 This is the Feast of Victory of our God**

### **Prayers over the Gifts**

*Congregation stands*

God of grace,  
**you have freed us from our sins  
and made us a kingdom in your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
and strengthen us in the new life you have given us,  
through 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,

almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

**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**

Alleluia, as the Risen Lord taught, 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*

Father,

**we have seen with our eyes  
and touched with our hands  
the bread of life.**

**Strengthen our faith  
that we may grow in love for you and for each other;  
through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen**

## **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**

### **Blessing**

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.  
**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn: CP 405 Alleluia 1**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Notices and Prayer List for the week beginning April 12, 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 our primate, Archbishop Shane Parker .

**Anglican Communion** – we pray for Igreja Anglicana de Moçambique e Angola

**In our Diocesan Cycle:** We pray for Most Rev'd. John Stephens, Archbishop, Robin our Rector, Paula our Honorary Assistant and Stephen our Deacon. We also pray for The Deanery of Kingsway ; All Saints, Ladner , The Revd Liz Hamel; Sorrento Retreat and Conference Centre , The Revd Michael Shapcott, Executive Director, the Staff and Board of Directors .

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 Anil and Cynthia Richards and Jean Robertson .We pray for their work, ministry, and families here and away.

## Notices

**Lunch Bunch** is on Thursday, April 23 in the Upper Hall at 11:45 am. The cost is now \$10.00. Your friends and family are welcome.

COME TO THE MUSIC with the Kent Street Choristers, a fun Spring afternoon concert right here at St. Helen's at 2:00 p.m. SATURDAY, APRIL 18,2026 **has been postponed**

**SAVE THE DATE- JUNE 13 Our STRAWBERRY TEA** is back bigger and better than ever. Enjoy a lovely time over strawberry dessert, a fashion show, bake table, previously loved jewellery - all sorts of fun things will be happening. Let your friends and family know, bring them with you for a lovely afternoon. More information re tickets etc. in the coming weeks.

### **Rector's Absence**

Father Robin will be away from April 6 until Monday the 13th of April. Father Neil Fernyhough will cover services on Sunday April 12.

### **This Week's Ministry Team**

Priest..... The Rev. Dr. Robin Ruder Celiz  
Officiant .....The Rev. Neil Fernyhough  
Honorary Assistant .....The Rev Paula Porter Leggett  
Deacon..... The Rev. Stephen Thompson  
Music ..... Joel Adimathra  
Crucifer/Servers/Psalmist..... Wendy Russell  
Prayers of the Community..... Jennifer Semenoff  
Readers .....Jayden Shaw & Jane Denton  
Lay Administration..... Cathy Anderson and Ian Mulcaster  
Greeters..... Abdul Sillah & Judy Nicholson  
Livestream Tech..... Zoltan B. Tom B., Simon. L. Ronit V, Ike. N . A.Sillah  
Altar Guild..... Sarah Vinu and Carol Young  
Fellowship Servers..... The Chatterjea family

### **Next Week's Ministry Team**

Officiant/Preacher ..... The Rev Dr. Robin Ruder Celiz  
Honorary Assistant .....The Rev. Paula Porter Leggett  
Deacon..... The Rev. Stephen Thompson  
Music ..... Joel Adimathra  
Crucifer/Server and Psalmist..... Mareen Thompson  
Prayers of the Community..... Cathy Anderson  
Readers .....Mareen Mathew & Roshan Mathew  
Lay Administration..... Judy Nicholson & Lynn Turner  
Greeters ..... Christine Lee & Vinu Jacob  
Livestream Tech..... Zoltan B. Tom B., Simon. L. Ronit V, Ike N .  
Altar Guild.....Lynn Turner & Jen Semenoff  
Fellowship Servers.....J.Bulkan, L.Moo, D.& C. Stewart, L.Richardson

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Pre-Authorised Debit (PAD): Contact the Parish Office for details.

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