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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 206. Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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

Collect of the Day

O God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread.
Open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in his redeeming work,
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 2. 14a, 36-41

A reading from book of Acts,
Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd,
"Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him
both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they
heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other
apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be
baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may
be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise
is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom
the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments
and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."
So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three
thousand persons were added.

Listen to what the spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Psalm: 116. 1-3, 10-17

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Hallelujah!

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. 17-23

A reading from the first letter of Peter,

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of

Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: CP 216. Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

Gospel: Luke 24. 13-35

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

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these

things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

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 233: He Rose

Prayers over the Gifts

Creator of all,

**you wash away our sins in water,
you give us new birth by the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.**

**As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life within us.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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, gracious God, 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

Author of life divine,
**in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord.
Feed us always in these mysteries,
that we may show your glory to all the world.**

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

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

Internment of May Taylor

Please stand for the Internment. After the prayers and Blessing, the Altar party will make their way to the graveyard where May's ashes will be buried with her husband. The congregation is invited to follow the procession to the graveyard, and/or make their way to the hall.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

**“You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all;
and we are mortal, formed of the earth,
and to earth shall we return.**

**For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,
You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”**

**All of us go down to the dust;
yet even at the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour,
we commend your servant May Taylor.
Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock,
a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive her into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

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.

Recessional Hymn: CP 321. All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

The Altar Party process to the graveyard with the ashes of May Taylor during the sinning of CP 321. The congregation is invited to follow the procession and gather in the graveyard, or make their way to the hall.

At the Graveside

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never
turn away anyone who believes in me. *John 6.37*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
we commend to almighty God our sister May Taylor,
and we commit her body to the ground; †
earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.
The Lord bless her and keep her,
the Lord make his face to shine upon her
and be gracious to her,
the Lord lift up his countenance upon her
and give her peace. **Amen.**

Rest eternal grant to May Taylor, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon her.

May her soul,
and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Personal Notes

Notices and Prayer List for the week beginning April 19, 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 the church of the Province of Myanmar

In our Diocesan Cycle: We pray for Most Rev'd. John Stephens, Archbishop, Robin our Rector, and Stephen our Deacon. We also pray for The Deanery of North Vancouver - The Revd Helen Dunn, Regional Dean; The children and youth of our church, and those ministries by, with and for them: The Diocesan Youth Movement and parish youth leaders , ; All Saints, Agassiz, The Revd Philip Barker ; The Territory of the People – The Revd Clara Plamondon, Bishop-elect, The Deanery of Oakridge – The Revd Melanie Calabrigo .

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 Wendy and Peter Russell and Janice Sanderson. We pray for their work, ministry, and families here and away.

Notices

Parish Council meets on Tuesday April 21, 2026 at 7pm in the parish hall.

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.

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.

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**

This Week's Ministry Team

Officiant /Preacher..... The Rev. Dr. Robin Ruder Celiz
Honorary AssistantThe Rev Paula Porter Leggett
Deacon..... The Rev. Stephen Thompson
Music Joel Adimathra
Crucifer/Servers/Psalmist Maureen Thompson
Prayers of the Community.....Lynn Turner
ReadersMareen Mathew & Roshan Mathew
Lay Administration.....Judy Nicholson & Wendy Russell
Greeters.....Christine Lee & Vinu Jacob
Livestream Tech..... Zoltan B. Tom B., Simon. L. Ronit V, Ike. N. A.Sillah
Altar Guild..... Lynn Turner &Jennifer Semenoff
Fellowship Servers..... C.& A .Richards, C.Hall D .Dronsfield

Next Week's Ministry Team

Officiant/Preacher The Rev'd Dr. Robin Ruder Celiz
Honorary AssistantThe Rev. Paula Porter Leggett
Deacon..... The Rev'd. Stephen Thompson
Music Joel Adimathra
Crucifer/Server and Psalmist.....Jayden Shaw
Prayers of the Community..... Cathy Anderson
Readers Vinita Daniel & Abdul Sillah
Lay Administration..... Mareen Mathew & Roshan Mathew
GreetersPat and Tom Beneteau
Livestream Tech..... Zoltan B. Tom B., Simon. L. Ronit V, Ike N .
Altar Guild.....J. Denton , Beneteau and M. Thompson
Fellowship Servers.....J.Bulkan, L.Moo, D.& C. Stewart, L .Richardson

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