

St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

Sunday, April 26, 2026 - 10 AM
The 4th Sunday of Easter



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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 - "Alleluia! Glory to God"

CP-457

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son is the good shepherd, send us out as shepherds to seek the lost, to heal the injured and to nurture all with grace and compassion; through Jesus, who calls each by name.

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 2:42-47 Read by Bob R

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Peter, speaking for the other apostles, has interpreted the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost as a sign that the final age, the age of the Church, has begun. Many have turned to Christ and have been baptised.

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

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 23

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



O— God is my shep - herd, I shall not be in want.

Refrain: O God is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

O God, you are my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

You make me lie down in green pastures and lead me beside still waters. **[Refrain]**

You revive my soul and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **[Refrain]**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in your house, O God, for ever. **[Refrain]**

The Second Reading – 1 Peter 2:19-25 Read by Bob D

For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

Even though the readers, as Christians, are seen by their pagan neighbours as socially inferior, the author has urged them to live ethically, as "servants of God". Now he tells Christian slaves, or servants, how they are to behave and who they are to emulate in their lives.

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation – "Alleluia" CP-715 (refrain only)

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

The Gospel Reading – John 10:1-10

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.

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

Some religious leaders have questioned Jesus' healing of a blind man on the Sabbath as being against the Law. He has raised their ire by suggesting that their claim to understand the path to salvation is ill-founded. The way to eternal life is through Christ.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Homily - The Ven Ruth Monette

Opportunity for Contemplation with Musical Interlude - Natan Bádue

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 Val

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

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,

God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

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

God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

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,

God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

For all whom we have injured or offended,

God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

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

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.

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.

Amen.

The Peace

Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the deadⁱⁱ.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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

Offertory Hymn - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

CP-384

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.ⁱⁱⁱ

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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,

**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.

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.
Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.
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.
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

- "Dona Nobis Pacem" CP-562
- "The Lord's My Shepherd" CP-519

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.^{iv}

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 / Birthday Song (words alone on next page).

A COMMUNITY BLESSING

by Adam Jonathas Cox

May the Lord bless and keep you. Baste you in a love that is true. See the face of Christ in each person. Know that love is giv'n to you. Al le - lu Al le - lu Know that love is giv'n to you. Al le - lu Al le - lu Know that love is giv'n to you.

**May the Lord bless and keep you. Bathe you in a love that is true.
See the face of Christ in each person, know that love is giv'n to you.
Allelu, Allelu. Know that love is giv'n to you.
Allelu, Allelu. Know that love is giv'n to you.**

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.

Amen.

Sending Hymn - "Praise to the Lord" CP-382

Dismissal

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

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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The prayer for those not receiving Holy Communion is borrowed from Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster.

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ENDNOTES

ⁱ The Collect is from *A Prayer Book for Australia* (1995) alt.

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