

St. Helen's Anglican Church of Canada  
Diocese of New Westminster

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 26, 2026**



Presider: The Ven. Richard Leggett  
Preacher: The Ven. Richard Leggett  
Deacon: The Reverend Jeffrey Preiss  
Music Director: Dale Throness

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### PRELUDE

*All stand*

OPENING HYMN All People That on Earth Do Dwell

CP 349

### THE GREETING

*Presider*

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.**

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God,

**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.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

CP 702

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.**

*Please be seated*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING    Ezekiel 34.7-15

Gillian Moore

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: As I live, says the Lord God, because my sheep have become a prey and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves and have not fed my sheep, therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: Thus says the Lord God: I am against the shepherds, and I will hold them accountable for my sheep and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them.

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day



For our God is good,  
everlasting in mercy:  
God's faithfulness endures from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING Acts 2.42-47

Liz Hodgson

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The new believers 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (2x)**

CP 457

*Choir:*

*Call us, good Shepherd; we listen for you,  
wanting to see you in all that we do;  
we would the gate of salvation pass through;  
Alleluia!*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (2x)**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL 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.**

Jesus said, "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.

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.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (2x)**

CP 457

SERMON

The Ven. Richard Leggett

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe and trust in God the Father,  
the source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist.**

**We believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again.**

**We believe and trust in God the Holy spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world.**

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

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
the holy and undivided Trinity. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERCESSIONS, PETITIONS, AND THANKSGIVINGS

David Van Blarcom

### THE EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

*As the altar is prepared for Holy Communion, the congregation is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity.*

OFFERTORY HYMN Rejoice in God, All Earthly Lands

CP 351

*Please remain standing until communion.*

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Let us pray.

God of loving care,  
**you spread before us the table of life,  
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.  
Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and our shepherd. Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

**CP 719**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With blessed Helen and your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Be known to us, Lord Jesus,  
in the breaking of the bread.

**Be known to us, Lord Jesus,  
in the breaking of the bread.**

The bread which we break, alleluia,  
is the communion of the body of Christ.

**Be known to us, Lord Jesus,  
in the breaking of the bread.**

One body are we, alleluia,  
for though many, we share one bread.  
**Be known to us, Lord Jesus,  
in the breaking of the bread.**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD

CP 745

THE COMMUNION

*All who seek Christ and are drawn to this holy table are invited to come forth to receive Holy Communion. Dipping the bread (intinction) into the wine is not permitted. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than Holy Communion, please indicate such by placing your right hand over your heart.*

COMMUNION HYMNS The Lord's My Shepherd

CP 519

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

CP 508

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of steadfast love,  
**watch over the Church redeemed by Christ's self-offering.**  
**May we who share in these holy mysteries**  
**come safely to your eternal kingdom,**  
**where there is one flock and one shepherd.**  
**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

## EASTER BLESSING

May God the Father, open to you the gates of everlasting life.

**Amen.**

May God the Son, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
the Holy One of Israel,  
the Word of redemption and the Spirit of wisdom,  
be with you now and always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN    Splendour and Honour

CP 364

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to gather  
all God's beloved into loving community. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## POSTLUDE

*Please be seated for the postlude. The community disperses in silence.  
In respect of those who may linger in contemplation,  
conversation is reserved for the narthex.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. HELEN'S

### Join us for our Sunday Worship on May 3, 2026

**Book of Common Prayer | at 8:00 am**

*This is a simple yet deep spoken celebration of the Eucharist using the traditional Book of Common Prayer.*

**Choral Eucharist | at 10:00 am**

*This is a modern Eucharist service, with choral music sung by the St. Helen's Choir.*

## YOU ARE INVITED!

FIND YOUR PLACE AT ST. HELEN'S!

At St. Helen's, community doesn't just happen.

It is built through presence, participation, and shared responsibility.

Every Sunday and throughout the week, people here help create something meaningful, together. There are many ways to take part.

There is a place for you.

**April 12 – WELCOME** Come. Be present. Stay for coffee.

Learn what happens here.

**April 19 – ENGAGE** Explore how you can take part—

in ways that fit your life.

**April 26 – PARTICIPATE** Step into the life of this community.

Sign up. Try something. Begin. This is not about filling roles.

It is about building a community where everyone takes part.

**See the sign up sheet in the narthex (entrance area).**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

## Mission Conference

Anglicans from across the diocese are invited to gather for **Mission Conference** that invites us to listen carefully for where the Holy Spirit may be leading us now. Bishop Michael Curry, former Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, is the keynote speaker. This conference is free. Child care is available.

WHEN : **Saturday, May 30, 2026**

WHERE : **1410 Nanton Ave, Vancouver  
(Synod Office)**

TIME : **8:30am to 3:30pm**

Anglicans are also invited to join the additional event on Friday, May 29 at 7pm at Christ Church Cathedral for ***Sing Without Ceasing***, a Choral Festival. The conference weekend closes on Sunday, May 31 with a Sunday Eucharist service at Christ Church Cathedral at 10:30am. All are welcome.

Registration:

<https://bit.ly/3QdSue7>



Questions? Please email [conference@vancouver.anglican.ca](mailto:conference@vancouver.anglican.ca)



The graphic features a blue and white color scheme. On the left, the text 'mission CONFERENCE' is displayed in a serif font, with 'mission' in lowercase and 'CONFERENCE' in uppercase. Below this, the tagline 'Moving in Mission, Guided by Spirit' is written in a cursive font. To the right, the date 'MAY 30 2026' is shown in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the date, the text 'More information coming soon' is written in a smaller, italicized font. At the bottom left, there is a portrait of Archbishop Michael Curry, with the text 'Keynote Speaker Archbishop Michael Curry' next to it. The bottom left corner contains the venue information: 'Venue | DIOCESAN SYNOD OFFICE 1410 NANTON AVENUE | VANCOUVER'. The bottom center features the logo of the Diocese of New Westminster, Anglican Church of Canada. The background of the graphic shows silhouettes of hikers on a trail against a sunset sky.

## **Wildfire / Emergency Preparedness Open House**

With the 2024 construction blaze at 41st and Collingwood still in recent memory, local residents will be interested in learning how to prepare for the risk of house fires caused by a major earthquake or a forest fire in nearby Pacific Spirit Park. Come with your family to the May 2 Wildfire and Emergency Preparedness Open House hosted by Dunbar Earthquake and Emergency Preparedness (DEEP) and FireSmart B.C.

Check out information booths and demonstrations from community partners including:

- DEEP and VECTOR HAM radio operators
- Pacific Spirit MedVents
- Vancouver Fire Rescue and FireSmart BC
- UBC Engineering Shake Table
- Canadian Red Cross
- Survive-It Disaster Preparedness
- Total Prepare (a supplier of emergency preparedness products)
- Metro Vancouver Emergency Management and Pacific Spirit Park Society
- KOM Community Policing Centre.

A small fire engine will also be on site for children to explore.

**When : Sat, 2 May, 2026, from 10:30 am to 1 pm.**

**Where : Disaster Support Hub beside the tennis courts in the park behind the  
Community Centre, 4747 Dunbar Street, Vancouver, BC V6S 2H2**

This free event is made possible by funding support from the Province of BC, FireSmart Canada and Vancity. No registration needed.

### **Volunteers Today:**

Intercessor: David Van Blarcom

Readers: Gillian Moore, Liz Hodgson

Lay Administrators: Tony Hodgson, Suzanne Windsor-Liscombe

Counter: Lynn Raymond

Zoom: Irene Vavasour

### **Volunteers Next Week:**

Intercessor: Anne Bonnycastle

Readers: Suzanne Windsor Liscombe

Lay Administrators: Paula Pryce

Counter: Dale O'Brien

Zoom: Tony Hodgson

### **Next Week's Scripture Readings**

*The First Reading: Proverbs 4.10-18*

*The Second Reading: Acts 7.55-60*

*The Gospel: John 14.1-14*

# WHAT HAPPENS HERE

## *Life at St. Helen's: A Community in Action*

**Every Sunday and throughout the week, people here help create something meaningful, together.**

## *Before, During, and After Worship*

**At St. Helen's, ministry isn't one thing. It's a shared rhythm of care, presence, and participation.**

- **Preparing the space**
- **Welcoming each person who walks through the door**
- **Proclaiming scripture and leading worship**
- **Sharing in the Eucharist**
- **Connecting over tea and conversation**
- **Supporting one another beyond Sunday**

**This is how community takes shape.**

## *Why It Matters*

**This isn't just about filling roles.**

**It's about:**

- **Building relationships**
- **Creating belonging**
- **Supporting one another in faith and in life**
- **Participating in something bigger than ourselves**

**Volunteers shape the life of this parish.  
And in turn, this community shapes us.**

# HOW YOU CAN BE PART OF IT

## Ways to Participate at St. Helen's

There are many ways to be part of what happens here

## Care & Outreach

- **Neighbourhood Ministry:** Support those in our wider community

## Worship & Liturgy

- **Readers:** Share the scriptures that ground our worship
- **Lay Administrators:** Assist in offering the Body and Blood of Christ during Eucharist (appointed annually and licensed by the Bishop)
- **Altar Guild:** Prepare the sacred space: linens, vessels, and flowers
- **Choir (directed by Dale Throness):** Lead music that carries our prayer and praise
- **Intercessors:** Lead the Prayers of the People, giving voice to the needs, hopes, and concerns of the Church and the world

## Leadership & Stewardship

## Hospitality & Community

- **Greeters:** Offer a warm welcome at the door
- **Tea & Coffee Hosts:** Create space for connection after the 10am service
- **Zoom Team:** Ensure those at home remain part of our community

- **Parish Council:** Help guide the life and direction of the parish
- **Counters:** Care for the financial life of the community
- **Wardens & Trustees:** Take responsibility for the parish's governance, property, and financial life
- **Delegates to Synod:** Carry the voice of St. Helen's into the wider Church

There is a place for you here.  
Talk to us. Get involved. Be part of the life of St. Helen's.

## How to Contribute to St. Helen's Financially

We deeply appreciate financial contributions to our shared congregational life and mission. The best ways to donate are:

- Set up a Pre-Authorized Donation - simply send an email to [sthelenswpg@gmail.com](mailto:sthelenswpg@gmail.com) to get started or change your amount
- Donate via interact e-transfer to [sthelenswpg@gmail.com](mailto:sthelenswpg@gmail.com)
- Scan the QR code to the right or visit [sthelensvancouver.com/give](http://sthelensvancouver.com/give) to donate via credit card
- Use one of the envelopes available at the back of the church by the offering plate to donate via cheques or cash



### Office Hours

Tuesday, 09:00am-5:00pm  
Wednesday, 09:00am-5:00pm  
Friday, 09:00am-5:00pm

Meetings with the Interim Priest by appointment  
Tuesday and Friday, 9:30am-1pm

### Connect with us:

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