

# St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

Sunday, May 3, 2026 - 10 AM  
The 5th Sunday of Easter



**The Stoning of St Stephen**  
Ivory Carving, ca. 1100 AD

## Morning Prayer with Zoom Option

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**Today, Sara Shaw leads us in Morning Prayer.**

*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 - "Here in This Place New Light"**

CP-465

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Let us praise our God

**who has given us life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.**

Let us rejoice, then, even in our distress.

**We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

O God, you have claimed us as your own

**and called us from our darkness into the light of your day.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**<sup>ii</sup>

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.  
*(cf Romans 6.4)*

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, risen and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes as faithless and not believing.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**<sup>iii</sup>

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

**Invitatory Hymn - "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" CP-620**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

**The First Reading - Acts 7:55-60** Read by Bob D

*Stephen has been brought before the Sanhedrin on a charge of blasphemy. He stands falsely accused of saying things against the Temple and Mosaic law. He has answered the high priest by showing that throughout history Israelites have opposed God and failed to keep the Law.*

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16<sup>iv</sup>** *Our cantor today is Andy.*

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



In - to your hands, O God, I com-mend my spi - rit.

**Refrain: Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit.**

In you, O God, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.  
Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me. **[Refrain]**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me. **[Refrain]**

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.  
Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, who are the God of truth. **[Refrain]**

"My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me. Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
and in your loving-kindness save me." **[Refrain]**

## The Second Reading – 1 Peter 2:2-10 Read by John K

*The author writes to readers who are newly baptised. Just as God chose Jesus to be the cornerstone of the new temple, that is, the Church, so Christians are living stones of the spiritual house of God.*

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and: “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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 14:1-14

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 prepares his disciples for his departure. He has given them a new commandment: to love one another as he has loved them. Mutual love will be a sign to everyone that they are his followers.*

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you

know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than

these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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 (video)

*Opportunity for Contemplation with Musical Interlude* - Natan Bádue

**The Canticle - A Song of the New Creation<sup>v</sup>**  
*(from Isaiah 43: 15, 16, 18, 19, 20c 21)*

I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your Sovereign.’

**Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,**

‘Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

**Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?**

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
**the people whom I formed for myself,  
that they might declare my praise.’**

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**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.**

**Meditation Hymn** – “*In God Alone*” CP-563 (English text)

## **Intercessions & Thanksgiving<sup>vi</sup>** - led by Val

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

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world,  
bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...

Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, bread of life,  
give food to the hungry ...  
and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,  
be with us and all who follow you in the way ...

Deepen our appreciation of your truth  
and fill us with your life.

Jesus, Lord of life,  
**In your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,  
recover the straggler, bind up the injured,  
strengthen the sick and lead the healthy  
and strong to new pastures.

Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,  
we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you ...

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us,**  
**accept our prayers, and be with us always.**

**Amen.**

*Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud.  
After a period of silence, the following concluding prayer is said.*

Gracious God,  
you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;  
you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking.  
Grant our requests as may be best for us.

This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **The Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
"Peace be with You."

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

*John 20:19, 20*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.<sup>vii</sup>**

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

## **Offertory Hymn - "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" CP-533**

*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*

## **Offertory Sentence <sup>viii</sup>**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

## **General Thanksgiving Prayer**

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us.  
We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation,  
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,  
and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,  
and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.  
We thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts,  
and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures  
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.  
Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;  
for the truth of his word and the example of his life;  
for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation;  
for his dying, through which he overcame death;  
for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known;  
and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things.

**Amen.**

## **Collect of the Day**

Risen Christ, give us grace to love one another, to search for truth and to walk in the ways of justice and peace, so that we may abide in the Father's love always.<sup>ix</sup>

**Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

## **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 for ever. Amen.**

**Announcements - Val**

**Sending Hymn - "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" CP-528**

**Dismissal**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**He has given us new life and hope.**

**He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

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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.

*Elements of this liturgy without an endnote come from the [Book of Alternative Services](#). (BAS).*

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

*The summaries of the scripture readings are from [Comments](#), a ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal.*

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<sup>ii</sup> Introductory Responses are from "Pray Without Ceasing"

<sup>iii</sup> Confession is from "Times & Seasons" Church of England

<sup>iv</sup> The Psalm is from the George Black Psalter <https://theredeemer.ca/music/george-black-psalter/>

<sup>v</sup> The Canticle is from "Pray Without Ceasing"

<sup>vi</sup> The Intercessions and Thanksgiving is from "Pray Without Ceasing"

<sup>vii</sup> The Passing of the Peace is from "Times & Seasons"

<sup>viii</sup> The Offertory Sentence is from "The Book of Common Prayer" The Episcopal Church USA.

<sup>ix</sup> The Collect is from Propers Working Group (2016)