

St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

Sunday, May 10, 2026 – 10 AM  
The Sixth Sunday of Easter



Raphael – Paul speaking at the Areopagus

## Holy Eucharist Service with Zoom Option

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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 - "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"**

CP-425

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

Risen Christ, whose gift to us is the Spirit of truth: come, make your home with us, so that, keeping your commandments, we may dwell with you and the Father.

**Amen.<sup>i</sup>**

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

**Gloria - "Glory to God"**

CP-702

## The Proclamation of the Word

**The First Reading - Acts 17:22-31**

Read by Josie

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

*On his second missionary journey, Paul has crossed Asia Minor (modern Turkey) and has arrived in Athens, a city known for its interest in the divine and for its openness to discussion of philosophies and religions. He now tells the good news to those gathered at the edge of the marketplace.*

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of

human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

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

### Psalm 66:8-20<sup>i</sup>

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



Be joy - ful in God, all you lands.

**Refrain: Be joyful in God, all you lands.**

Let all peoples bless you, O God; make the voice of your praise resound.  
You hold our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.

**Refrain: Be joyful in God, all you lands.**

For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.  
You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.  
You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**Refrain: Be joyful in God, all you lands.**

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows,  
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.  
I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.

**Refrain: Be joyful in God, all you lands.**

Let all who fear you come to me, and I will tell them what you have done for me.  
I called out to you with my mouth, and your praise was on my tongue.

**Refrain: Be joyful in God, all you lands.**

If I had found evil in my heart, you, God, would not have heard me;  
But in truth you have heard me; and have attended to the voice of my prayer.  
Praise to you, O God, you have not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld your love from me.

**Refrain: Be joyful in God, all you lands.**

## **The Second Reading – 1 Peter 3:13-22** Read by Pat H

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*The author has exhorted his readers to live ethical lives and not to repay evil for evil. They face persecution for their faith. He asks: who will weaken your faith or cause you to lose it all together?*

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 14:15-21**

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.**

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

*Jesus has told his followers of his impending departure from them. He has told them that he is going, through resurrection and ascension, to the Father, to prepare a place of permanent fellowship for them. He will return to take them there, a place where there is ample room for as many as believe.*

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Gospel Acclamation – “Alleluia” CP-715 (refrain only)**  
**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Homily** - The Rev Neil Jongbloed

*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 Bob D

*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 dead<sup>iii</sup>.

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 - "Spirit of the Living God"**

CP-647

*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*

## **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.<sup>iv</sup>

**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

*“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”* CP-649

*“Come Down, O Love Divine”* CP-645

## 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.<sup>v</sup>

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**

### **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 - "How Firm a Foundation" CP-527**

### **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.

*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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## ENDNOTES

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

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

<sup>iii</sup> The introduction to the Peace comes from The Church of England's *Common Worship: Times and Seasons*, copyright © [The Archbishops' Council](#) 2006 and published by [Church House Publishing](#).

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