

St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

Sunday, May 17, 2026 – 10 AM
The 7th Sunday of Easter



Ascension

Stained Glass composition by Jacques Le Breton, dd 1508-1519'

Morning Prayer with Zoom Option

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Today, Bob Doyle 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 - "O Lord Most High, Eternal King"

CP-245

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!ⁱⁱ

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.ⁱⁱⁱ

The children and their teachers move to Sunday School.

Invitatory Hymn - "Alleluia No.1" CP-405

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading - Acts 1:1-11 Read by Elaine

Acts picks up where the gospel according to Luke ends, with a small overlap. Luke and Acts are by the same author, whom we call Luke. Both books are written to Theophilus, meaning *lover of God*. This may be a person, but it may be any reader who loves God.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be

baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 47^{IV} Our cantor today is Bob.

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



God has gone up with a shout.

Refrain: God has gone up with a shout.

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.
For the Most High is to be feared; the Ruler of all the earth. **[Refrain]**

Who subdues the people under us, and the nations under our feet.
Who chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob beloved of God. **[Refrain]**

God has gone up with a shout, the Most High with the sound of the ram's-horn.
Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our Sovereign sing praises. **[Refrain]**

For God rules over all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.
God reigns over the nations; God sits upon the highest throne. **[Refrain]**

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, to the One who is highly exalted. **[Refrain]**

The Second Reading – Ephesians 1:15-23. Read by Theresa

Paul has written of the Father's wisdom and insight in making known to us his will, his plan for completion of the restoration of the faithful to oneness with him, as told by Jesus. That both Jews and Gentiles share so much he sees as a milestone in this plan.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and

above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 – Luke 24:44-53

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.

After his resurrection, Jesus has appeared to Cleopas and two other followers, and has shared a meal with them. They have hurried back to Jerusalem to tell of their experience to the eleven disciples and other followers. He has invited them to check that he is really present, and has eaten a piece of broiled fish.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he

withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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 (video)

Opportunity for Contemplation with Musical Interlude - Natan Bádue

The Canticle - A Song of the New Creation^v

(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 – “Holy Spirit, Come to Us” SNC-161

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system of music has the following lyrics: "Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us, kin-dle in us the fire of your love. Ve-ni San-cte Spir-i-tus, tu-i a-mo-ris i-gnem ac-cen-de." The second system of music has the following lyrics: "Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us. Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us. Ve-ni San-cte Spir-i-tus, ve-ni San-cte Spir-i-tus." The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple melodic lines.

Intercessions & Thanksgiving^{vi} - led by Barb

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.^{vii}

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

Offertory Hymn - "Come and Journey with a Saviour" CP-482

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

Offertory Sentence ^{viii}

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

God unheld by word or wall: lift us from dullness and cynical contempt; make us ready for your Spirit of transforming power; and turn our hearts to the mending of the world, through Jesus Christ, the name above all names.^{ix}

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 - Sara

Sending Hymn - "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

CP-321

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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ⁱⁱ Introductory Responses are from "Pray Without Ceasing"

ⁱⁱⁱ Confession is from "Times & Seasons" Church of England

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

^v The Canticle is from "Pray Without Ceasing"

^{vi} The Intercessions and Thanksgiving is from "Pray Without Ceasing"

^{vii} The Passing of the Peace is from "Times & Seasons"

^{viii} The Offertory Sentence is from "The Book of Common Prayer" The Episcopal Church USA.

^{ix} The Collect is from Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt