

WELCOME TO Evening Prayer

The Week of the Ascension | May 21, 2026

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As members of a parish in the Diocese of New Westminster, we acknowledge that we are gathered from a variety of locations within the traditional and unceded ancestral territory of the Coast Salish people, including but not limited to, the halq'-emylém speaking Kwantlen, Kwikwetlem, Musqueam, Tseil-watuth, and Tsawwassen nations.





Mount Sinai & The Mountain of Galilee

This week, our readings carry us to the peaks of divine encounter. From the cloud-veiled glory of Sinai to the commissioning authority on the mountains of Galilee, we celebrate Christ who has ascended to fill all things.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

"You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God."

— Ephesians 2:19

CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.



I, John, your brother who share with you the persecution and the kingdom and the endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write in a book what you see..."

Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest.

THE SECOND READING REVELATION 1:14-18

His head and his hair were white as snow; his eyes like a flame of fire; his feet like burnished bronze; his voice like the sound of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars...

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, **“Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last and the Living One. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever.”**



THE GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 28:16-20



Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, **“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...”**
“And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Officiant: 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Rejoicing in Christ's glorious ascension, let us pray to the Lord. To the bidding, God of glory, please respond, 'hear our prayer'.

Make your Church a messenger of the gospel that has been revealed... Keep all Christian people open to receive the power of the Holy Spirit. God of glory,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: As we look up in adoration... Make us bearers of your hope to those who share our lives. God of glory,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: May our prayers be accepted through Christ who is risen, ascended, and glorified. **All: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT OF ASCENSION DAY

Almighty God, whose only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven: May our hearts and minds also there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Unmute for final dismissal

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

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