

St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

Sunday, August 23, 2026 – 10 AM
The 13th Sunday after Pentecost



"Finding of Moses" By Sebastien Bourdon, 1655, United States

Holy Eucharist with Zoom Option

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The Gathering of the Community

*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.*

Our Sunday-school is on hold for the summer holidays from July 5 to Sept. 6, inclusive. Activity envelopes for children of different ages are available in the cabinet drawer at the back of the church – you are invited to help yourself to these as needed. There will also be a short children's talk on most Sundays

Words of Welcome & a Territorial Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn "Praise the Lord the Almighty" CP-384

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.
And also with you.

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 Collect of the Day

We are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Children's Talk

Gloria "Glory to God" CP-702

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading Exodus 1:8-2:10 Read by Josie

Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land."

Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them."

It is now several centuries since the people of Israel arrived in Egypt during a famine and were welcomed by Joseph. They have grown in numbers, and have probably spread beyond the land of Goshen.

So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

The Psalmⁱⁱ
Psalm 124 *Our cantor today is Bob D.*

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



Our help is in the name of our God, who made hea - ven and earth.

Our help is in the name of our God, who made heaven and earth.

If God had not been on our side, let Israel now say; If God had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us;

Our help is in the name of our God, who made heaven and earth.

Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us; Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us; Then would the raging waters have gone right over us.

Our help is in the name of our God, who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be God! who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of God, the maker of heaven and earth.

Our help is in the name of our God, who made heaven and earth.

The Second Reading

Romans 12: 1-8

Read by Man

Paul has concluded the doctrinal section of his letter. He now turns to practical application of the gospel. He first tells us how we are to behave in the Christian community.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

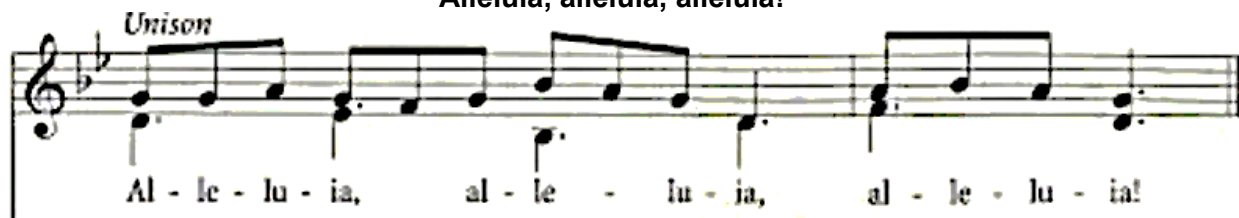
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia" CP-710

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



The Gospel Reading
Matthew 16: 13-20

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus has warned his disciples about those who follow the teachings of the religious leaders. While they understand something of the world around them, they do not grasp that he ushers in the time of the Kingdom of God.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,

and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia" CP-710
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



Homily
The Rev. Neil Jongbloed

Opportunity for Contemplation with Musical Interlude
Catherine Ho

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we sing,
Affirmation of Faith
"I Believe in God Almighty" CP-44

Intercessions & Thanksgiving
led by Barb

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

For this community, our country, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For John our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For our own needs and those of others.
Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our king;
And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ,
and for those whose faith is known to you alone,
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
**in your compassion, forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peaceⁱⁱⁱ

The peace of the Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

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

Offertory Hymn
“The Love of Jesus Calls Us” CP-434

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.

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return.

Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law.

In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour.

He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities.

By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” CP-735

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blesséd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks, 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."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations.
We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.

Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;
through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Amen.

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

"The Lord's Prayer"

By Nattaniel Bádue
words and music on page 10

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

"Agnus Dei"

by Nattaniel Bádue
Words and music on page 11

The 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.^{iv}

Communion Hymns

"Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels"

CP-494

"We Hold the Death of the Lord"

CP-68

"Holy Spirit, Come to Us"

SNC-161 (words and music on page 11)

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.

Prayer after Communion

Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Pat N

Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord

and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.
Amen.

Sending Hymn
"How Firm a Foundation" CP-527

Dismissal^v

Go forth in the name of Christ
Thanks be to God.

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Please join us for tea and coffee in the Parish Hall.

**The Lord's Prayer**

Nattaniel Bádue

Folk-guarania ♩ = 94

Eb Gsus4 G *mf* C G Bb

Voice

Our Fa - ther in heav - en hal - lowed be your

7 F C F C Bb G

V. name your king - dom come your will be done on earth as in heav - en.

12 Am Em F C F C

V. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread, for give us our sins as we for -

18 F C Bb G C

V. -give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of

23 G Dm C F

V. trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil for the king - dom the

27 C Bb Gsus4 G Am G

V. po - wer and the glo - ry are yours. Now and for

32 C G Am F G7 rall. Csus4 C

V. ev - - er. Now and for e - - - ver.

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# Agnus Dei

Nattaniel Bádue

B $\flat$  B $\flat$  Cm7

Lamb of God you take a -

5 Fm7 Eb/G Bbsus4 B $\flat$  A $\flat$ /B $\flat$  Eb/B $\flat$  B $\flat$

- way the sins of the world. Have mer - cy on us.

9 B $\flat$  Gm Cm A $\flat$  Eb A $\flat$ /Eb Eb

Lamb of God you take a - way the sins of the world.

13 A $\flat$  Eb Eb Gm6 A $\flat$

Have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God you take a -

18 Eb D $\flat$  rall. A $\flat$  Eb

- way the sins of the world. Grant - - - us peace.

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.

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.

# HOLY SPIRIT, COME TO US

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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.*

Hymns, unless noted otherwise, are from the "Common Praise" hymnal of the Anglican Church of Canada. All hymns are licenced via: OneLicence Church Music copyright permission.

### Endnotes

<sup>i</sup> The Collect is from Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

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

<sup>iii</sup> The Peace is from Times & Seasons, Church of England

<sup>iv</sup> Invitation words from Iona.

<sup>v</sup> The Dismissal is from Pray Without Ceasing