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Archbishop & Metropolitan and the Bishop of the
Diocese of New Westminster: The Most Reverend John Stephens

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost and Backpack Blessing



Holy Eucharist

September 13th, 2026

10:00 am

Welcome to everyone worshipping with us in-person and online today.

The Gathering of the Community

A Land Acknowledgement for Use at St Clement's

please stand

Written by Jenn Ashton, Indigenous Ministry Leader

Led by: Donna Burdick

At St. Clement's Church, we appreciate that we currently reside, work, and worship in the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary lands of the Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

We recognize, support, advocate for and are grateful to Indigenous individuals and communities who live here now and for those who were forcibly removed from their homelands.

By offering this land acknowledgement, we work to hold ourselves and others more accountable to the needs and rights of Indigenous peoples, here and everywhere.

I, as part of St. Clement's, gratefully and respectfully carry these thoughts today and every day to be reminded of the importance of teaching, culture and contributions of the original caretakers of this land.

The Opening Hymn: Halle, hallelujah SFAGP 21

Halle-, halle-, halle-lujah
Halle, halle-, halle-lujah
Halle-, halle-, halle-lujah
Hallelujah, ha-lle-lujah.

Setting: Author unknown: arr. DN.

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

All **And also with you.**

Presider Almighty God,
All **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.**

Glory to God/ Gloire à Dieu SANC 177

Paperless; call and response led by Lynley Lewis

Music: Peruvian trad.

The Collect

Presider God of our salvation,

**All Your bow in the clouds proclaims your covenant
with every living creature.
Teach us your paths and lead us in your truth,
so that by your Holy Spirit,
we may remember our baptismal vows
and be keepers of your trust with the earth and its inhabitants. Amen**

The Children's Talk (Backpack Blessing)

Beth Bailey

please sit

**Hear God's Word, a flame that lights our path each day.
See God's Word, reflected in our lives.
Live God's Word, throughout each day, in work and play.
God's own Word, keeps us alive.**

*(Music: Lynne Graham: Lyrics: Lynley Lewis) This music can be listened to here:
www.youtube.com/@lynleylewismusic*

A reading from the Book of Exodus (14:19-31)

Lynda Shaw

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Reader Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103 (1-13)

Inclusive Language Psalter. Anglican Church of Canada (2016).

The presider reads the un-bolded verses and the people read the bolded ones

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all the benefits of the Lord.**

The Lord forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;
**redeeming your life from the grave
and crowning you with mercy and loving-kindness;**

satisfying you with good things,
and renewing your youth like an eagle's.

**The Lord executes righteousness
and judgement for all who are oppressed.**

O Lord, you made your ways known to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.

**You are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

You will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger for ever.

**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is your mercy great upon those who fear you.

**As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our sins from us.**

As parents care for their children,
so do you, O Lord, care for those who fear you.

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

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (13: 8-14)

Sylvia Enga

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader	Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.	All	Thanks be to God.
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The Gradual Hymn: Let All Things Now Living CP 403

please stand

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
Love's banners are o'er us; God's light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.

The Gospel

Please all stand for the Gospel as you are able

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (18: 21-35).

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Peter came and said to him [Jesus], 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Deacon The Gospel of Christ

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

the song continues

God's law still enforces, the stars in their courses
And causes the sun in its splendour to shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean in praises combine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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The Sermon

The Reverend Helen Dunn

please sit

sermon notes

Silence for Reflection

The Shema

please stand

Choir Hear, O Israel, God is one.

All **Love the Lord, your God**
 With all your heart,
 All your soul,
 All your mind,
 All your strength. (O) x3

Choir Hear, O Israel. God is love.

All **Love your neighbour as you love yourself,**
 (O) x3

Choir Hear O Israel.

This is God's way.

Text and Music: Rev. David Taylor. Adapted by Lynley Lewis (2018).

This music can be listened to here: <https://www.youtube.com/@lynleylewismusic>. Watch the video called "Lamentations" and start play at 7:14

The Prayers of the People

Jason Rajan

please stand, sit, or kneel

Confession and Absolution

Presider Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Presider Most merciful God,

**All 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.**

Presider 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.

All Amen.

The Peace

please stand

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Please offer peace to one another with a nod, bow, handshake or hug.

The Offertory Hymn: My Soul Cries Out SANC 77

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things
That you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,
And my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
For the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all,
You work great things in me.
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
To the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
And those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
For the world is about to turn.

Refrain

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
Not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
Every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
For the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
For the world is about to turn.

Refrain

Though the nations rage from age to age,
We remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
From the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
Is the promise that holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
Who is turning the world around.

Text: Rory Cooney, based on Luke 1: 46-48.

Music: Melody Irish trad.; arr. Rory Cooney.

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

please stand

The Prayer over the Gifts

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Presider Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

All **Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

If you know the brokenness of life, its fractures within and its division without, then you have participated in the broken body of Christ and you are invited to share in the breaking of bread.

Presider The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
you are the source of light and life for all your creation,
you made us in your own image,
and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus: Santo es el Señor/ Holy is the Lord SANC 214

Holy, holy, holy, holy,
Holy is the Lord! X2

The angels fill the heavens with a song unto the Lord.
Creation lifts its voice up in a song of gratitude.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna to the Lord. X2

Oh blessed is the one who brings a message from the Lord.
The angels, hear them singing: "Holy, holy is the Lord."

Text: Traditional.

Music: Guatemala trad.; arr. Greg Scheer, 2008, ©.

Presider God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Presider Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

All Amen.

Presider Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

All Amen.

Presider Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us in the language closest to your heart,

**All 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

All Give us this bread for ever.

Presider "I am the vine, you are the branches."

All May we dwell in you, as you live in us.

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

please sit

If you are not physically receiving Communion, you are invited to offer this prayer....

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, I 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. I pray you come into my heart, my soul and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. May I serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. Amen.

Music during Communion

Glorify Thy Name

Father, we love You.

We worship and adore You.

Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Refrain: Glorify thy name, glorify thy name.

Glorify thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love You....

Refrain

Spirit, we love You...

Refrain

Text and music: Donna Adkins.

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Give Thanks

(Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, God's Son) X 2

(And now let the weak say, "I am strong"

Let the poor say, "I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us")

X 2

Give thanks. Give thanks.

Text and music: Henry Smith. Integrity's Hosanna! Music copyrighted the song in 1978.

The Prayer after Communion

please stand

Presider All your works praise you, O Lord.

All and your faithful servants bless you.

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

May we, who share his body, live his risen life;

we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;

we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,

so that we and all your children shall be free,

and the whole earth live to praise your name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sending

Community Announcements

please sit

Blessing and dismissal

The Closing Hymn: Go Now in Peace

please stand

Paperless and led by Lynley and the choir

Intercessory Prayers for any concerns happen after the service, with an intercessory team, in the chancel (behind the Ambo or place where people speak from). Please wait until there is a chair free, to leave privacy for the person ahead of you.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral concerns may be referred to the Rev. Helen Dunn at 236-888-4938.

Please let the clergy know if you or a family member is in hospital.

Scripture Readings for next Sunday:

Ex 16:2-15; Ps 105:1-6, 37-45; Phil 1:21-30; Mt 20:1-16

Hello St. Clement's Parents and Children,
St. Clement's cherishes members of all ages including children. If you would like your child/ren to participate in Sunday School, it has started up again, so they can follow the teachers out into the upper room or down into the lower hall following the Children's talk. They will remain in school until the passing of the Peace, where they will be returned to you. If your child/ren would like to remain upstairs in the service, that is fine also. There are coloring activities and toys at the front and back of the church under the pews. Children can take any colouring or activities completed with them at the end of the service but will be asked to leave the other contents (e.g. toys, craft supplies, crayons etc.) behind to be reused in future weeks. Anyone who has questions/thoughts about or would like to help with the Children's Ministry at St. Clement's is encouraged to contact Beth.

What's On This Week and Beyond

- Today** **After service: coffee, tea and goodies** are downstairs in the Parish Hall
- Tuesday** **3 pm Power Hour Prayer** on zoom- contact Lynne Graham.
We give thanks and pray for the world and our community. All are welcome. Everything is confidential.
- Wednesday** **10.30 am Bible Study on the Gospel of John in person.** Contact Helen.
7.30 pm Bible Study- contact Lynne Graham.
- Thursday** **6.30- 7.45 pm Bible Study on the Gospel of John via zoom.** Contact Helen.
- Friday** **7.30 am The ROMEOs** meet at Cora's Restaurant, cnr Marine Dr. and & Fell, for breakfast and Bible Study. (*Retired Old Mean Eating Out*)
10.30 Knitwits Knitting Club- contact Sylvia Enga.

A BIG welcome to Saffron Briggs, a ministry intern from the UK, who is an ordinand in training From the Church of England. She will be with us for about a month, starting on September 13th. If you'd like her to join you in any of ministry groups, please let Helen know and she will try to make that happen. Let's show her how special St Clement's is!

Ministry Connections

Priest	Helen Dunn	on extended study leave for June, July and August
Deacon	Peggy Trendell-Jensen	604-619-5576; "peggy at stclementschurch.ca"
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Building Coordinator	Joanne Graham	"joannedavid05 at gmail.com"

*if you'd like to talk to Donna, please do so between 5 and 6 pm any day except Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Ministry Lay Leaders this Week

Altar set-up and clean-up	Wilna Parry
A/V Technician	Sean Faivre-Duboz
Counters	Sean Faivre-Duboz and Ian Thomas
Eucharistic Ministers	Wilna Parry and Alana Prashad
Eucharistic Bread	Wilna Parry
Intercessory Prayers	Jason Rajan and Beth Bailey
Land Acknowledgement Leader	Donna Burdick
Prayers of the People	Jason Rajan
Readers	Lynda Shaw and Sylvia Enga
Servers	Kassie Barnes and Lucy Makina
Sidespeople	David Smith and Sunday School
Sunday School Teachers	Beth Bailey and Dave Parry
Tea/Coffee hosts	Tally Keir and Olivia Creighton
	*next week Gordon and Lynne Graham

Prayers: *The following are for your prayers this week*

In our own Diocese: Pray for John, our Bishop and Archbishop and Metropolitan; for Stephen, our Archdeacon; Helen, our Regional Dean; and for the North Vancouver Anglican churches. Pray for Shane Parker, Primate; Chris Harper, National Indigenous Archbishop. In our diocesan cycle of prayers this week we pray for Holy Trinity Cathedral and Holy Trinity, Vancouver. We pray for all students at the Vancouver School of Theology.

For the wider Church: Pray for the the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Pray for the clergy and people in the Episcopal Diocese of the Northern Philippines and for our partner parish of St Clement of Alexandria, Payeo.

In our parish community: Pray for: Helen, our priest; Peggy, our deacon (and the diocesan Archdeacon for Deacons); Jenn, our deacon and Indigenous Ministry Leader; Elizabeth, our retired deacon; Allison Williams and her parish discernment group; Lucy Makina and Donna Burdick, our wardens; Beth, our parish administrator and children's ministry worker; Lynley, our music director, Sharon Walker, our treasurer; Mary-Anne, our envelope secretary; Sean, our AV tech; Joanne, our building manager; Jason, our lay pastoral visitor and Brianna, our cleaner. In our cycle of ministries, we pray for our sidespeople and for our stewardship ministry.

In our parish cycle of prayers: Pray for Alison, Megan and Luke Patrick; for Ingrid Potter and for their extended families.

For healing: Pray for Pat Alexander; Stuart Appenheimer; Beth Bailey; Karyn; Delena Bogard; Marie-Claire Concannon; Joanna; Kitty; Margie Dacey; Marion Edwards; Lorna, Duff and Leah Goodwin; Alex Hazell; Barbel Ismen; Olivia; Kate Lunn; Mike Richardson; Kevin Williamson; Ian Thomas; Ray; Henry Bloye; Sandy Hwang; Carol Rowland; Joshua Rankin; Susan Tinker; Leonie (Goodwin); David Smith; Donna Burdick; Becky Barnes; Philip Yong; Steven Seegerts; Caroline Reilly and for their families, caregivers and medical staff.

For outreach: Pray for all newcomers to Canada: Honada & family, Bukhari and Balqiisa, Neema Grace, Malis and his family, Fatemeh, Nasrullah and Mursal, Nasrin & family; Shahla & family, for Bunyamin & family. Thank you for Tsaw Hsar Gay, Lu Kay Paw, Alexander and Ly Gler finding a permanent home in Australia. Pray for protection and safety for those waiting to come: for Samir, Rounak and Shalom; Farzad, Mükerrrem and Junia; for Banat's family members in Pakistan and all displaced persons as they seek a place to call home. We pray for all people in war-torn countries where ongoing conflict, displacement, disease and starvation are common including the DRC, Congo (and Ebola virus outbreak), Lebanon, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Sudan, Ukraine, the USA, Gaza and Syria. We pray for all those affected by the consequences of climate change. We pray for the community groups which use our building.

Backpack Blessing 2026

Gracious and loving God, we ask you to bless these backpacks and bags.

Make them strong for their job of helping us to learn and work and grow.

May their straps and handles never break, their padding never give out, and their zippers and buckles never jam.

May they never be forgotten in strange places.

May the burdens in them be light.

May the bodies that carry them be strong and ever blessed by your love.

In the name of Jesus, our teacher and friend.

Amen.

AND... FYI Wilna Parry reminded us that today is Canada's Grandparents Day! We have so many Grand(parents/others) in our community to be thankful for, praise God!



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