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The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist October 25th, 2026
10:00 am

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

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: Come Down, O Love Divine CP 645

Come down, O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far out-pass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till they become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

*Text: Biancoda Siena (1350?-1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt.
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). © Oxford University Press.*

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
Music: Peruvian trad.

The Collect

Presider Your love, O God, is boundless.

Opening Prayers (1997) alt.

All **We who were strangers
have been made your children;
we who were defenceless
have been brought into your household.
Keep us mindful of your mercy,
so that we may love you with our whole heart
and love our neighbour as ourselves.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. Amen.**

**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)

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (34: 1-12) Wilna Parry

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, 'This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, "I will give it to your descendants"; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.' Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90 (1-6, 13-17)

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

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

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.**

You turn us back to the dust and say,
“Go back, O child of earth.”

**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night.**

You sweep us away like a dream;
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
**In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.
**Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
**Show your servants your works
and your splendour to their children.**

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork

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 first letter to the Thessalonians (2: 1-8) Dave Parry

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader

Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

All

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn: Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness CP 447

please stand

Lord, we hear your word with gladness:

You have spoken- we rejoice:

Words of love and life and freedom-

Help us make their truth our choice!

Now in holy celebration

For your Word we worship you;

Spoken, written, known in Jesus,

Ours today to prove anew.

May we hear with understanding,
By your Spirit taught and led;
May the springs of all our being
By your living Word be fed;
May our hearts accept with meekness
All the grace your light makes known;
May obedience mark our footsteps
Till we make each word our own!

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 (22: 34-46).

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that he [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
‘Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet’”?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ

All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

the song continues

You have spoken; yours the fullness,
Ours the wealth of this your Word:
Debtors, then as living letters,
We must make our gospel heard!
By your Spirit's power transform us;
Shed your saving light abroad
Till our lives by love in action
Show our world the truth of God!

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The Sermon

The Reverend Emilie Smith

please sit

sermon notes

Silence for Reflection

What Does the Lord Require of You?

Please stand; Paperless and led by choir

~Created by Music that Makes Community

The Prayers of the People

David Smith

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: Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels CP 494

Not for tongues of heaven's angels,
Not for wisdom to discern,
Not for faith that masters mountains,
For this better gift we yearn:

*Refrain: May love be ours, Lord;
May love be ours.
May love be ours, O Lord.*

Love is humble; love is gentle;
Love is tender, true and kind;
Love is gracious, ever patient,
Generous of heart and mind: *Refrain*

Never jealous, never selfish,
Love will not rejoice in wrong;
Never boastful, nor resentful,
Love believes and suffers long: *Refrain*

In the day this world is fading
faith and hope will play their part,
but when Christ is seen in glory
love shall reign in every heart: *Refrain*

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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 Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your
praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

All We praise you, O God.

Presider Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the
wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

All We bless you, O God.

Presider We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who
suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

All We thank you, O God.

Presider 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. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Presider We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

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

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

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

Ubi Caritas CP 553

Ubi caritas et amor,
Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love,
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Text: 1 John 4.16b; Eng. para. Taizé Community (France).

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

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Doxology

Glory to our God,
Whose power working in us, can do much more,
Than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
In the church and in Christ Jesus,
Forever and ever. Amen.

Text: Ephesians 3: 20-21

Music: Lynley Lewis © August 2024. This music can be listened to here: www.youtube.com/@lynleylewismusic

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: Tell Out, My Soul CP 362

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of God's word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of God's Name!
Make known God's might, the deeds God's arm has done;
God's mercy sure, from age to age the same;
God's holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of God's might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of God's word!
Firm is God's promise, and God's mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!

Text: Song of Mary (Luke 1.46-56); para. Timothy Dudley Smith (1926-)

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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

Rev. Helen Dunn will be away on vacation for the month of October. Pastoral concerns may be referred to Deacon Peggy at "peggy at stclementschurch.ca"

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

Scripture Readings for next Sunday:

Rev 7:9-17; Ps 34:1-10,22; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

The office will be closed Oct 14-22 and 27- 29 as Beth Bailey, this parish's administrator will be away on holiday. Brianna Parlongo will be in the office on Thursday Oct 23 and Friday Oct 24 to do a few things, but many things will be left till Oct 30 and beyond when Beth gets back. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

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
- Monday** **10.30 am 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 the Parry's.
7.30 pm Bible Study- **canceled this week.**
- Thursday** **6- 9 pm Yoga with Kenzie.** Go to the website to register.
6.30- 7.45 pm Bible Study on the Gospel of John via zoom. Contact the Parry's
- 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 back to Reverend Emilie Smith who is presiding and preaching for us today!

Ministry Connections

Priest	Helen Dunn	away for October
Deacon	Peggy Trendell-Jensen	604-619-5576; "peggy at stclementschurch.ca"
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*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	Ian Gunn
Counters	Sean Faivre-Duboz and Ian Harvey
Eucharistic Ministers	Joseph and Junita Liu
Eucharistic Bread	Wilna Parry
Intercessory Prayers	Ian Thomas and Sally Hinnell
Land Acknowledgement Leader	Donna Burdick
Prayers of the People	Allison Williams
Readers	Dave and Wilna Parry
Servers	Allison Williams and Abigail Wong
Sidespeople	Joanne Graham and Gordon Graham
Sunday School Teachers	Delayne Sartison and Audrey Yong
Tea/Coffee hosts	Alison Patrick and Dennis Shaw
	*next week Beth Bailey and TBD

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 St Augustine, Marpole and for St Barnabas, New Westminster. We pray for all students at the Vancouver School of Theology.

For the wider Church: Pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa. 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 financial and grounds management teams.

In our parish cycle of prayers: Pray for John Stowe and for Mariia, Olena (Mariia's mother) and Akim Sultanova and for their extended families.

For healing: Pray for 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; Susan Tinker; Leonie (Goodwin); David Smith; Donna Burdick; Becky Barnes; Philip Yong; Steven Seegerts; Caroline Reilly; Daryl Walker 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 Holy Land/Palestine, Nigeria, South Sudan, the DRC, Pakistan, Myanmar, Mozambique and Angola, Madagascar and Ukraine. We pray for all those affected by the consequences of climate change. We pray for the community groups which use our building.

We Love to Have Your Dogs in Church and Just So You Know....

Best practices for dogs in church

These are the “Best practices for dogs in church” adopted by the Parish Council in 2022. The best practices recognize two things: 1) the growing number of people in our neighbourhood for whom having a companion animal with them enables them to come to church and to worship (this is a very good thing); and 2) how welcoming companion animals into our worship space might affect the whole of the community, particularly those who are afraid or uneasy around animals.



Our best practices at St Clement's include:

1. Keeping your companion animal **on a leash at all times** when on the St. Clement's premises (indoors and outdoors)
2. Keeping your companion animal **out of the aisles** once inside the church
3. **Meeting the rector or other leadership** to ensure the companion animal interacts well with people (children in particular);
4. **A willingness to remove your companion animal** from the church if and when they're giving you those signals that they're becoming distressed (e.g. barking, whining)
5. When your companion animal is interacting with someone, **checking first** to make sure that person is okay with dogs.

Finally, **please consider the size of your dog** when discerning whether they're a good fit for church. If the pews are fuller than usual, please opt to leave your dog at home or in your vehicle (windows cracked for air) so there is adequate seating for people in the pews.

Thank you!

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