

St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby
Sunday, October 25th, 2026 – 10 AM
THE 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



"Morning near Beauvais" by Jean-Baptiste-Camille Corot, 1860, US

Holy Eucharist with Zoom Option

The Zoom links are available in our weekly email and by contacting the Parish Office.

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.*

Words of Welcome and A Territorial Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn

"Rejoice, the Lord is King" CP-379

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 Dayⁱ

Lord God our redeemer,
who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses
to lead them out of slavery,
free us from the tyranny of sin and death,
and by the leading of your Spirit
bring us to our promised land;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The children and their teachers move to Sunday School.

Gloria

"Glory to God" CP-702

The First Reading
Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Read by Sandra

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.

This is the final chapter of Deuteronomy and of the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible. The wandering is over; Moses has prepared the people of Israel for entry into the Promised Land through instruction in God's ways.

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 buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day.

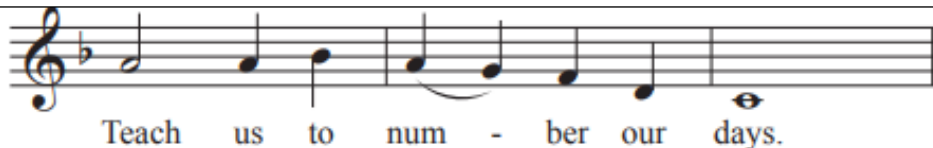
Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his 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 unequaled 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.

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

Thanks be to God!

The Psalmⁱⁱ
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 *Our cantor today is Andy*

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



Teach us to number our days.

God, 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.

Teach us to number our days.

You turn us back to 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.

Teach us to number our days.

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.

Teach us to number our days.

Return, O God. how long will you tarry?
be gracious to you 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.

Teach us to number our days.

Show your servants your works
and your splendour to their children
May the graciousness of our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

Teach us to number our days.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Read by Barb

In Chapter 1, Paul has written "you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake." Now he gives thanks for the success of his missionary work at Thessalonica.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated 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.

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

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia" CP-709



The Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

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.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, 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 neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Some Sadducees (who believed that life ended with physical death) have argued with Jesus, trying to show the absurdity of belief in resurrection. He has told them that they neither understand the power of God nor the purpose of the Scriptures.

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.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia" CP-709



Sermon
The Ven. Ruth Monette

Opportunity for Contemplation with Musical Interlude
Catherine Ho

Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

The Apostles' Creed
"I Believe in God Almighty" CP-44

The Prayers of the People
Led by Bob D

Let us give thanks to God our Father, always and for
everything, saying, "We thank you, Lord."

For the beauty and wonder of creation,
We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of the human family, revealing the image of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food, for our homes and families and friends,
We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think and hearts to love,
We thank you, Lord.

For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play,
We thank you, Lord.

For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
We thank you, Lord.

For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth,
We thank you, Lord.

For St Timothy, St Stephen, and all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of
Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

Confession and Absolution

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.

Silence is kept.

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.**

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 Lord 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

"Now Thank We All Our God" CP-399

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 constant love,
you have guided your people
in all times and ages.
May we who offer you our praise today
always be ready to follow where you lead;
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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit
you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing

Sanctus
"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" CP-719

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us
in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth
your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your
creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for
us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the
wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the
fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the
human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to
death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he
had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat:
This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he
gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts

may be filled with the Holy Spirit

and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage

of your daughters and sons,

that with St Stephen, St Timothy, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come,

we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

to you be honor, glory, and praise,

for ever and ever. **Amen**

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

"The Lord's Prayer"

SGP-12

The Breaking of the Bread

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,

whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

**So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.**

"Agnus Dei"

by Nattaniel Bádue

Agnus Dei

Nattaniel Bádue

B $\flat$ B $\flat$ Cm7

Lamb of God you take a -

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

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

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

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

13 Ab Eb Eb Gm6 Ab

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

18 Eb Db rall. Ab Eb

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

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

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

CP-487

"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

CP-528

"Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup"

CP-63

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.

Prayer after Communion

"God our guide,

you have fed us with bread from heaven

as you fed the people of Israel.

May we who have been inwardly nourished

be ready to follow you all our days;

we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord."

Amen.

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

Val

Birthday Song

May the Lord bless and keep you. Bathe you in a love that is

5 A $\flat$ /G $\flat$ Fm B $\flat$ m E $\flat$ m7 A $\flat$ sus4 D $\flat$ G $\flat$

true. See the face of Christ in each per - son. Know that love is giv'n to

9 D $\flat$ G $\flat$ D $\flat$ G $\flat$ D $\flat$

you. A - le - lu a - le - lu Know that love is giv'n to you. A - le -

14 G $\flat$ D $\flat$ G $\flat$ D $\flat$

- lu a - le - lu Know that love is giv'n to you.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour and grant you peace. In the name of the One God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

CP-435

Dismissal^v

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

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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).
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Endnotes

ⁱ The Collect is from Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

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

ⁱⁱⁱ The Peace is from Times & Seasons, Church of England

^{iv} Invitation words from Iona.

^v The Dismissal is from Pray Without Ceasing