

St. Helen's Anglican Church of Canada
Diocese of New Westminster

The Feast of Dedication



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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN

O God of Font and Altar

CP 337

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect that we gather on the ancestral territory of the Musqueam peoples. May the Spirit's unifying fire empower us to seek and serve Christ in all persons, to love our neighbours as ourselves, to strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being.

GREETING

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We are a temple of God's indwelling Holy Spirit,
yet we have grieved him.
The temple of our bodies does not belong to us,
but was bought at the price of Christ's precious blood.
So we come, in sorrow yet with confidence,
to ask forgiveness of our God.

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God

CP 691

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication
of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please be seated

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

1 Kings 8.22-30

Angela White

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of

your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

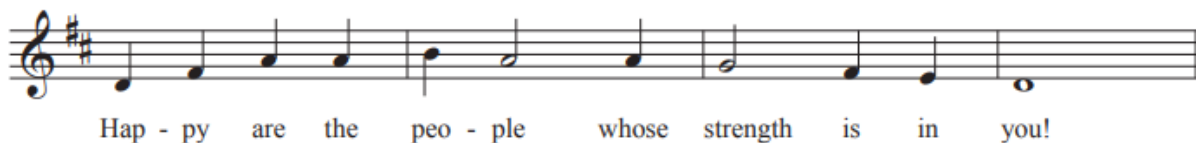
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 84 *Quam Dilecta*

Refrain:



How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for your courts;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in you, O living God. **R**

The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
by the side of your altars, O God of hosts,
my God who reigns over me. **R**
Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.
Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrim's way. **R**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.
O God of hosts, hear my prayer;
hearken, O God of Jacob. **R**

Behold our defender, O God;
and look upon the face of your anointed.
For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked. **R**

You, God, are both sun and shield,
you will give grace and glory.
No good thing will you withhold
from those who walk with integrity.
O God of hosts,
happy are they who put their trust in you! **R**

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Please stand

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (2x)

Choir:

*Lord, we love the house of your habitation
and the place where your glory abides.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL OF THE DAY

John 20.19-21

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please Stand

We join Christians across time and place;
As we affirm our faith in God our Creator:

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

INTERCESSIONS, PETITIONS, AND THANKSGIVINGS

David Van Blarcom

Please stand, sit or kneel.

THE EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

Peace to this house from God our heavenly Creator.

Peace to this house from his Son who is our peace.

Peace to this house from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

As the altar is prepared for Holy Communion, the Congregation is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity.

OFFERTORY HYMN

God, You Have Caused to Be Written

CP 476

THE PRAYERS OVER THE GIFTS

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
Through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation
Blessed be God forever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal God,
enthroned upon the praises of your people.

We thank you for this house of prayer,
in which you bless your family
as we come to you in pilgrimage.
Here you reveal your presence in sacramental signs,
and make us one with you through the unseen bond of grace.
Here you build your temple of living stones,
and bring the Church to its full stature
as the body of Christ throughout the world,
to reach its perfection at last
in the heavenly city of Jerusalem,
which is the vision of your peace.

Therefore, in union with the heavenly Jerusalem,
with angels in joyful assembly,
with all whose names are written in heaven,

and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect,
we lift up our voices to join in the triumphal song of praise:

SANCTUS

CP 694

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Lord, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Mary, the Mother of God, St Helen and all
the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Creator,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

CP 701

COMMUNION

Dipping the host into the chalice (intinction) is not permitted in this diocese. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than Holy Communion, please indicate this by placing your right hand over your heart.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Come My Way, My Truth, My Life

CP 569

How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place

CP 498

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please Stand

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
**whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace,
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage
that, fed with the living bread of heaven,
and united in the body of your Son,
we may be the temple of your presence,
the place of your glory on earth,
and a sign of your peace in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

BLESSING

May Christ, whose glory is in the heavens,
fill this house and illuminate your hearts;

and the blessing of the living God: the Source of all being,
the eternal Word and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Like living stones, precious in his sight,
go in peace to proclaim the mighty acts of God.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Christ is Our Cornerstone

CP 505

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated for the postlude. The community disperses in silence. In respect of those who may linger in contemplation, conversation is reserved for the narthex.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. HELEN'S

Join us for our Sunday Worship on October 25th, 2026

Book of Common Prayer | at 8:00 am

This is a simple yet deep spoken celebration of the Eucharist using the traditional Book of Common Prayer.

Choral Eucharist | at 10:00 am

This is a modern Eucharist service, with choral music sung by the St. Helen's Choir.

Tuesday Eucharist at 12:15 pm

A simple service of spoken Eucharist is held each Tuesday at 12.15 pm.

Contemplative Prayer

Contemplative Prayer sessions are held every Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

Asset Mapping – Help Needed!

Today after the service, as part of our Parish Mission planning, we'll be starting to collectively map the assets of our parish community. Take some time to think this week about what our assets are: people, spaces, location, gifts & talents, spiritual capacities, networks, allies, experience, etc. Next Sunday you'll have a chance to add your ideas to our brainstorming. There will be poster-paper and markers; it will be very encouraging and inspiring!

Faith Formation Series: Anglican Beliefs and Practices

Today we will begin an informal faith formation series, to be held on Sunday mornings at 9 am in the Narthex. The session will finish by 9.45 and will be accessible to people at any stage of faith or doubt.

We will work through a book as a rough guide to our discussions, but any questions or insights are welcome. The text we will use is *To Love and Serve: Anglican Beliefs and Practices* by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe, which offers a helpful overview of Anglican beliefs and practices (as you might expect). Copies are available for purchase from the church office at \$25 a copy. Or you can purchase a copy yourself online. If cost is an issue, please contact Sebastian.

For our first session on 25 October we will discuss chapter 1 (pages 3-16).

November Stewardship & Visioning Potlucks

Every fall we gather for potlucks and informal conversation, reflecting on who we are and all the different ways we can contribute to God's mission in Point Grey. This year, our focus will be "Building Community." You will all be invited to a potluck in the next week or so; if you don't get an invite, contact the church office at [604 224-0212](tel:6042240212) or office@sthelensvancouver.com.

All Saints Day Commemorations

Next Sunday, November 1st we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints, with a commemoration of the Faithful Departed. In place of the intercessions, we will read out the names of loved ones who have died and who we wish to remember. We will also display photos in front of the altar.

A sheet to write down names for the service is available in the Narthex, or you can email them to Sebastian. Please also consider if there are photos that you would like to bring along to the service, ideally in frames.

Remembrance Day Memorial

On Sunday November 8th we will mark Remembrance Sunday after the 10 am Eucharist with a short act of remembrance. This will be held at 11.30 am outside the Church in the memorial garden. The St Helen's Scouts will be in attendance and any friends or neighbours are welcome to join us. This will be followed by cinnamon buns and hot chocolate in the narthex.

Advent Book Circle

Beginning Wednesday, November 25th (continuing on December 2nd, 9th, and 16th) an Advent Book Circle will replace the Wednesday Contemplative Prayer sessions. The book will be *The Wisdom Way of Knowing* by Cynthia Bourgeault. Please talk to The Rev. Sebastian Way if procuring a copy is a financial difficulty.

Neighbourhood Ministry Shopping List for this Week

St. Helen's is one of four parishes in the West Point Grey neighbourhood supporting this important ministry to provide conversation, food, essential supplies, and other forms of care to our street-involved neighbours. Once a month our parish prepares food and packets of essential supplies for a team of volunteers to distribute on their rounds every Saturday morning.

We are grateful for the donations of supplies we receive on a regular basis. The Ministry has compiled a list of essential items to include in their packets. This month we would especially appreciate donations of **men's**

socks, small cans of tuna (with pull tabs), and **Boost or Ensure**.

Other staples needed on a regular basis include:

Juice boxes

Fruit or pudding cups

(We have more than enough granola bars for the moment, thanks!)

Donations can be placed in the NM bins under the table in the narthex.

We would also appreciate volunteers to prepare sandwiches and/or boiled eggs for the **October 24** outing (sign-up sheet in the narthex).

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please email Shawn at deraaf@gmail.com.

Intercessor Prayer Requests

Prayers for:

Ruth

Lois

Paul

Diane

Isabelle

Volunteers Today

Intercessor: David Van Blarcom

Readers: Angela White, Kyle Taylor

Chalice Bearers: Tony Hodgson

Counter: Dale O'Brien

Zoom: Kathy Li

Scripture Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm: Ps. 34:1-10

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

How to Contribute to St. Helen's Financially

We deeply appreciate financial contributions to our shared congregational life and mission. The best ways to donate are:

- Set up a Pre-Authorized Donation - simply send an email to sthelenswpg@gmail.com to get started or change your amount
- Donate via Interac e-transfer to sthelenswpg@gmail.com
- Scan the QR code to the right or visit <https://sthelensvancouver.com/give> to donate via credit card
- Use one of the envelopes available at the back of the church by the offering plate to donate via cheques or cash



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Tuesday, 09:00am-5:00pm
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Friday, 09:00am-5:00pm

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