

St. Helen's Anglican Church of Canada
Diocese of New Westminster
The Feast of All Saints



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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN Rejoice Today with One Accord CP 318

GREETING AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord!

As we gather on the traditional territory of the Musqueam people,
let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints,
in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Most merciful God,
**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 69I

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
whose people are knit together in one holy Church,
the mystical Body of your Son,
grant us grace to follow your blessed saints
in lives of faith and commitment,
and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared
for those who love you;
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please be seated

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Revelation 7.9-17

Angela White

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 34.1-10, 22

Benedicam Domino

Refrain:



Taste and see that God is good; hap-py are they who trust in God.

I will bless God at all times;
my mouth will always be praising my Maker.
I will glory in the Holy One;
let the humble hear and rejoice. **R**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Most High;
let us exalt God's name forever.
I sought my God, and was answered
and delivered from all my terror. **R**

Look upon God and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction and was heard
and saved from all my troubles. **R**

Your angel, O God, encompasses those who fear you,
and will deliver them.
Taste and see that God is good;
Happy are they who trust in the Holy One. **R**

Fear God, all you saints,
and you will lack nothing

The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek God lack nothing that is good.
You, God, ransom each faithful servant,
and none will be punished who trust in you. **R**

THE SECOND READING

I John 3.1-3

Kyle Taylor

A reading from the First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CP 714

Please stand

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (2x)

Choir:

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's own people,
called out of darkness into his marvellous light.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL OF THE DAY

Matthew 5.1-12

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 Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs
is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter
all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted
the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia

THE SERMON

The Rev. Sebastian Way

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please Stand

We join the saints 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 COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please stand, sit or kneel.

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

Let us now pray to the Lord who has conquered death,
as we remember the faithful departed.

Risen Lord, we pray for those whose images are displayed here,
For those known to us, and those who have been forgotten.

We pray for those who mourn, that you would bring them your
consolation. And we pray especially by name for:

The names of the faithful departed are read out

God of all,
we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer.
Grant them your peace,
let light perpetual shine upon them,
and in your loving wisdom and almighty power,
work in them the good purpose of your perfect will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who
were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
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 Who Are These Like Stars Appearing CP281

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.

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.
Amen.

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,
holy Creator, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you.

In communion with angels and archangels,
and with all who served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and singing:

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

With saints and martyrs through the ages,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.

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

Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round

CP497

What Wondrous Love Is This

CP400

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please Stand

Let us pray.

Lord of Heaven,
**in this Eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

BLESSING

May God, who kindled the fire of love in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
grant you joy in their fellowship
and a share in their praises,
and strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness:

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

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,
go in the peace of Christ.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN
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Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

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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

We continue our faith formation series this Sunday from 9-9.45 am with a discussion based on Chapter 2 of To Love & Serve (Baptismal Beliefs, p 19).

All are welcome and no preparation or prior attendance is required. Copies of the book can be purchased from the Church Office for \$25, or speak to Sebastian if cost is an issue.

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". If you don't get an invite, or are unable to attend the dinner to which you were invited, contact the church office at [604 224-0212](tel:6042240212) or office@sthelensvancouver.com.

Remembrance Day Memorial

Next 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.

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

Readers: Angela White, Kyle Taylor

Chalice Bearers: Jeffrey Preiss

Counter: Dale O'Brien

Zoom: Kathy Li

Scripture Readings for Next Week

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalms: Psalm 78:1-7

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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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