St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

Sunday, November 8th, 2026 - 10 AM

THE 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



"Wisdom Mural" by Robert Reid, 1896, US

Holy Eucharist

with Zoom Option

The Zoom link for worship is available in our weekly email and by contacting the Parish Office.

*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.***

Words of Welcome and a Territorial Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn
"Rejoice Today with One Accord" CP-318

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 Day[i]

Eternal God,
who caused all holy scriptures
to be written for our learning,
grant us so to hear them,
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that we may embrace and ever hold fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen

The children and their teachers move to Sunday School.

Gloria
"Glory to God" CP-702

The First Reading

Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25 *Read by Josie*

The people of Israel are now residents of Canaan. According to this book, the conquest of the Promised Land is complete. Shechem has been a place of religious importance to the Israelites for centuries.

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. “Now, therefore, revere the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.” But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good.”

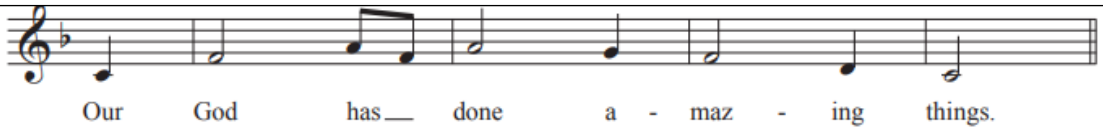
And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.
Thanks be to God!

The Psalm[ii]

Psalm 78:1-7 *Our cantor today is Andy*

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



Our God has done amazing things.

Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
Our God has done amazing things.

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forebears have told us, we will not hide from their children
We will recount to generations to come your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God,
and the wonderful works you have done.
Our God has done amazing things.

You gave your decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel,
which you commanded them to teach their children.
That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn;
that they in their turn might tell it to their children.
So that they might put their trust in you, O God,
and not forget your deeds, but keep your commandments;
Our God has done amazing things.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *Read by Man*

In the preceding verses, Paul has turned to writing about the end of time. He has warned that "the Lord is an avenger" – so it is important to live a godly, ethical life.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them

to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation
"*Alleluia*" CP-709



The Gospel Reading
Matthew 25:1-13

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.

Jesus has told a parable about a master who leaves his estate, then suddenly and unexpectedly returns. Now he tells another parable about the unexpected coming of the Kingdom of God.

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.

But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.
The Gospel of Christ
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia" CP-709



Sermon
The Rev. Neil Jongbloed

Opportunity for Contemplation with Musical Interlude
Catherine Ho

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
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 the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People
Led by Barb

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 Peace[iii]

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

"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing" CP-404

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

Gracious God,
your word to us is food indeed.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and let your loving-kindness be our comfort,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word.
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.**

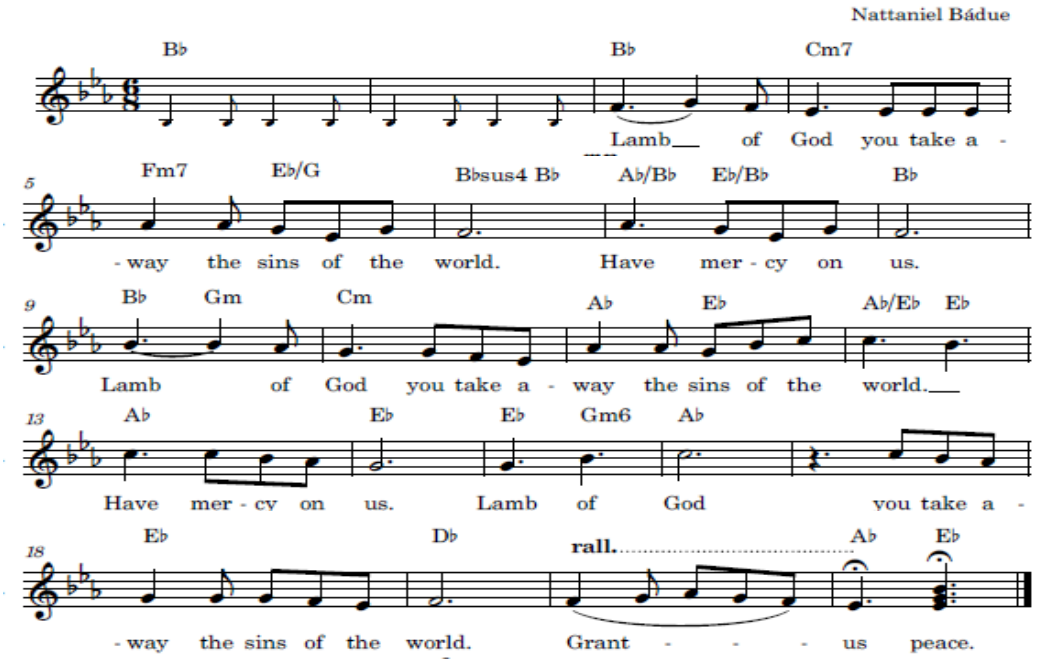
Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

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



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

"Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending"	*CP-114*
"Worship the Lord"	*SGP-116*
"Come and Fill Our Hearts"	*CP-402*

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

Living God,
in the Eucharist you fill us with new hope.
May the power of your love,
which we have known in word and sacrament,
continue your saving work among us,
and bring us to the joy you promise.
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
Pat N

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

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!" *CP-379*

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).
The prayer for those not receiving Holy Communion is borrowed from Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster.
The summaries of the scripture readings are from Comments, a ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal.

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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