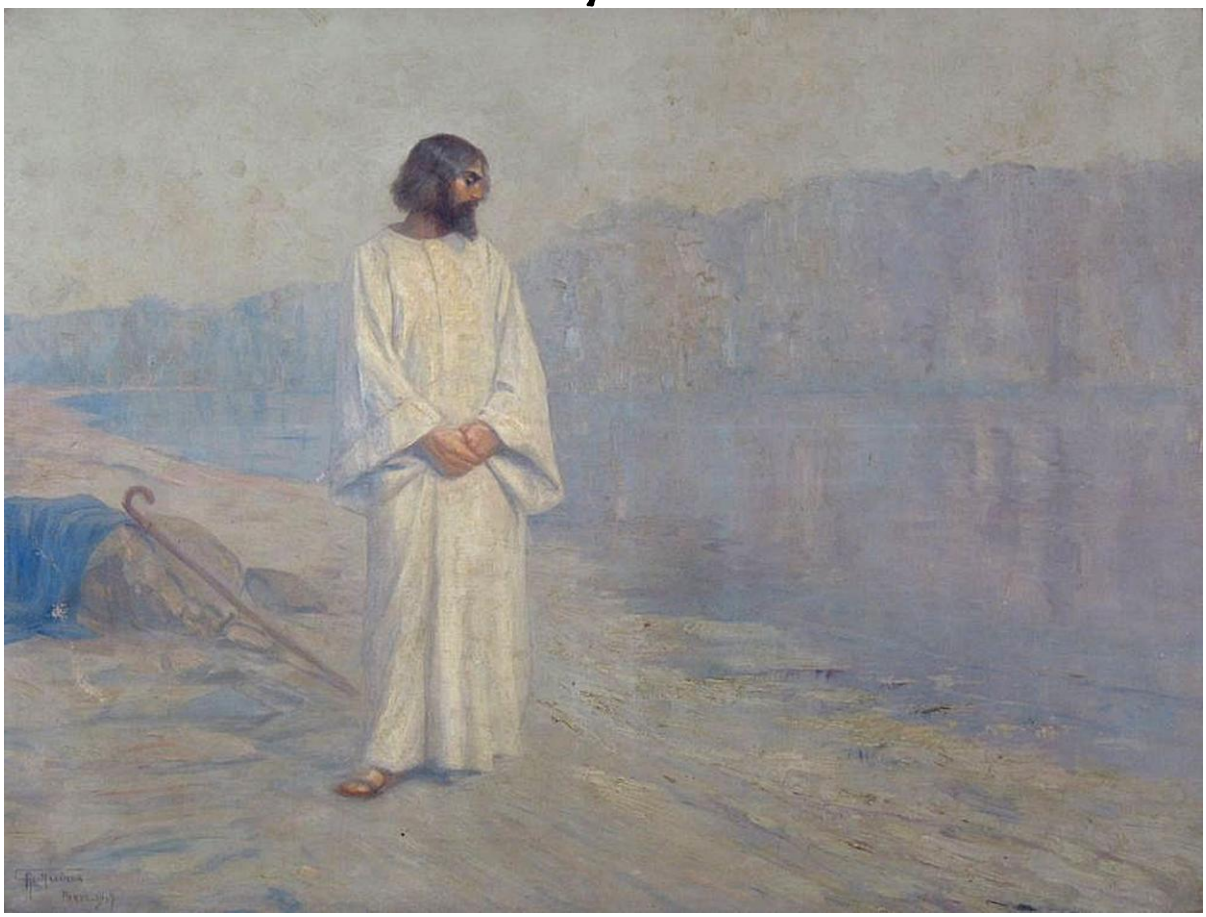
St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby
Sunday, November 15th, 2026 - 10 AM
The 25th Sunday After Pentecost



"Jesus Christ on the Edge of Golgotha" by Antônio Parreiras, 1907, Brazil

Morning Prayer

with Zoom Option

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

Today, Theresa leads us in Morning Prayer.

*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.** Hymns today are in the blue "Common Praise" hymnals.*

Words of Welcome & a Territorial Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn
"Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts" CP-70

Great are you, O Lord, and greatly to be praised.
There is no end of your greatness.
One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.
All your works praise you,
and your faithful servants bless you.
They make known the glory of your reign of justice and peace
and speak of your power.
Our mouths shall speak your praise;
let all flesh praise your holy name for ever and ever.

Invitatory Psalm
Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Hymn of Praise
"Seek Ye First" CP-458

The children and their teachers move to Sunday School.

The First Reading

Judges 4:1-7 *Read by Roxee*

Israel is now under the influence of 12 successive judges, charismatic leaders raised up at times of national crisis by the spirit of God, to deliver God's people from pagan oppressors. Ehud was a judge and a national hero who put an end to domination by the Moabites.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim.

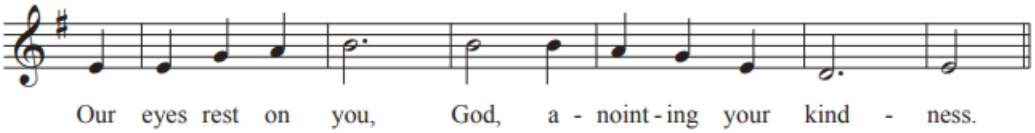
Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help, for he had nine hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Position yourself at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

The Psalm[i]

Psalm 123 *Our cantor today is Bob*

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



Our eyes rest on you, God, anointing your kindness

To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of the servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes look to you, our God,
until you show us your mercy.
Our eyes rest on you, God, anointing your kindness

Have mercy upon us, O God, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.
Our eyes rest on you, God, anointing your kindness

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *Read by Sandra*

Paul has just told his readers that, when Christ returns, those who have died and those who are still alive will have equal status: they will be with God for ever. Now he encourages them to be prepared.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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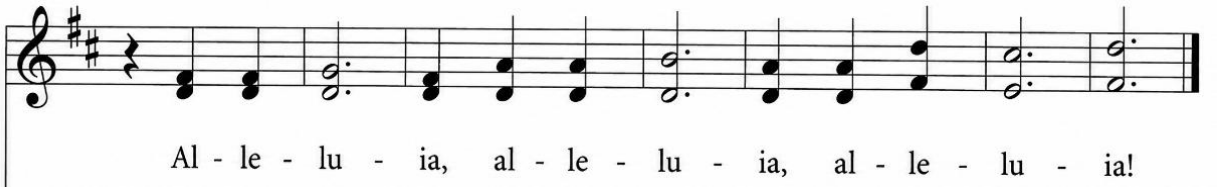
Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia" CP-709

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



The Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

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 continues to tell parables about the kingdom of heaven. In the previous parables, he has told us that we need to be prepared for the Second Coming at all times.

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation
"Alleluia" CP-709
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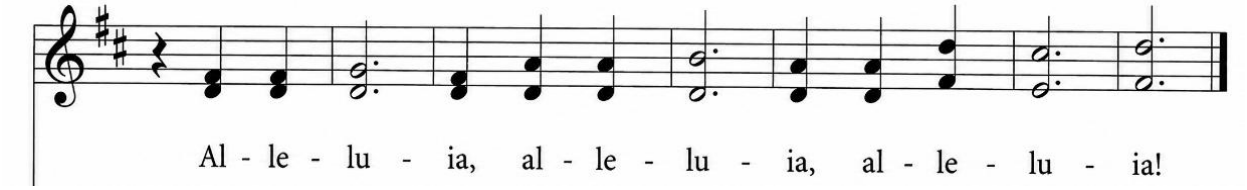

Sermon (video)
The Ven. Ruth Monette

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 Canticle – A Song of the Wilderness
(Wisdom 9:1–4, 9–11)

O God of our ancestors and Lord of mercy,
you have made all things by your word.
By your wisdom you have formed us,
to have dominion over the creatures you have made;
to rule the world in holiness and righteousness
and to pronounce judgement in uprightness of soul.

Give us the Wisdom that sits by your throne;
do not reject us from among your servants,
With you is Wisdom, she who knows your works,
and was present when you made the world.
She understands what is pleasing in your sight
and what is right according to your commandments.

Send her forth from the holy heavens
from the throne of your glory send her,
so that she may labour at our side
and so that we may learn what is pleasing to you.
For she knows and understands all things,
she will guide us wisely in our actions and guard us with her glory.

Meditation Hymn
"Lord, Be Thy Word My Guide" CP-480

The Prayers of the People
Led by Elaine

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 us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

The Peace of Christ 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

"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery" *CP-179*

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.

Offertory Sentence

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us. We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ
to be the light of the world.
Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,
and bring us to eternal light and joy;
through the power of him
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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

The Lord's Prayer
SGP-12

Announcements
Sandra

Sending Hymn
"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" CP-512

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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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 summaries of the scripture readings are from Comments, a ministry of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal.

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[i] The Psalm is from the George Black Psalter https://theredeemer.ca/music/george-black-psalter/