ST. ANNE'S STEVESTON
ANGLICAN CHURCH

10:00 am

November 15, 2026

Opening Hymn: "We Praise You, O God" (CP #342)

Land Acknowledgement

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are on. We give thanks to the Coast Salish peoples, the first people of this land. Creator let us be of good mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray. Amen.

Call to Worship

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.**

Sung Gloria: "Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo" (CP #376)

The Collect

O God, from whose abundance all gifts and skills are lavishly bestowed: give us courage to use our talents as generously as you have given them, so that, being faithful to your purpose, we may share in your glory; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Children's Reflection

Children's Song: "I'm Walking the Path of Peace" *see screens for lyrics*

The First Reading: Judges 4:1-7 *(Mary Koehler)*

Psalm 123 (VU #847)

The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *(Wesley Eaton)*

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" (SNC #190)

The Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 *(……)*

The Sermon: *Rev. Marnie Peterson*

"Silence & Stillness for Prayer & Reflection"

The Affirmation of Faith *(St. Hildegard Community)*

We believe in God, the Source of Life,
by whom every being in heaven and earth
is created, named, and sustained.

We believe in God, the Living Word,
who restores us to relationship
and speaks to us through faith.

We believe in God, the Holy Spirit,
who comforts, guides, and strengthens us
to share the good news of grace.

We believe in God,
one, holy, undivided Trinity:
Source of Life, Living Word, Comforter:
Mystery. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession *(Susan Parsons)*

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.

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: The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: "She Comes Sailing on the Wind" (CP #656)

— The Celebration of the Eucharist —

Prayer Over the Gifts

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you**. And also with you**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God**.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean
of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us.
Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints
in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing: *(CP #732)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile
humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from
brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.
Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together
those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it
to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

Sung Lord's Prayer *by Gordon Light*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done on earth, as in heav'n. 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Communion Anthem: "Come, Share with God" (VU #469) *verses 1, 2, 1*

Come to the banquet for now all is ready.
These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

If you require a gluten free wafer, please only extend one hand. If you do not feel comfortable drinking from the cup, please just acknowledge it and let it pass. We ask that you refrain from intincting or dipping your wafer.

Communion Hymn: "Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us" (SNC #121)

Prayer After Communion

All your works praise you, O God

And your faithful servants bless you.

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

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.

Sung Blessing

The Closing Hymn: "Lift Hight the Cross" (CP #602)

The Dismissal:

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Flowers in Worship

Today's flowers are given by Kathy Kwok in memory of her beloved family members.

St. Anne's Christmas BAZAAR: Saturday, December 5 from 9:30 am – 1 pm

We are looking for helpers to organize, set up, "person" the event tables, and clean-up after. There are sheets in the Narthex – please sign up! Also, we will be collecting preserved and baked goods, vintage treasures, jewelry and crafted items.

St. Nicholas Day Service: Sunday, December 6 at 3:00 pm @ South Arm United

Instead of hosting a family Christmas Eve service this season, we are celebrating St. Nicholas on his Feast Day! This service for all ages is presented in collaboration with St. Annes, South Arm, Gilmore Park United, and Our Saviour Lutheran churches. We will sing carols, hear a story and enjoy a visit from St. Nick himself! All are warmly invited.

Songs for the Season: Friday, December 11 at 7 pm @ St. Alban's Church

The whole community is welcome to this annual tradition at St. Alban's filled with music to get you into the Advent spirit. St. Anne's Choir members will be participating. A reception will follow.

Faithful giving expresses gratitude to God, reflects Christ's call to serve and leaves a lasting legacy. There is an offering plate near the Sanctuary entrance where you may place cheques or cash in person – envelopes are available if you'd like the donation to be credited to you.

You can also make donations online.

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We acknowledge that we gather and worship on the ancestral and unceded territories of the Coast Salish Peoples.