

St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

## **Morning Prayer with Zoom Option**

# **Ordinary Time**

Sunday, August 17, 2025 - 10:00 AM

The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost



The Zoom codes for **all** our worship services are:

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**Today we welcome Colleen Butterley as officiant in our 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**. Bookmarks to pre-mark the hymnals are available where you picked up this guide.*

*During July and August, in-pew activity packets are available for children. They can be found in the table at the rear of the worship space. If you need more space or more movement than the pews allow, a play mat and more flexible seating is available to the right of the altar, going into the Parish Hall.*

## **Words of Welcome & a Territorial Acknowledgement**

🎵 **Opening Hymn – “God Moves in Mysterious Ways”**

CP-546

Officiant: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise

**All: and your glory all day long.**

Officiant: Christ has triumphed over death:

**All: O come let us worship.<sup>i</sup>**

Officiant: Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:

**All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Officiant: Almighty God,

**All: 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.**

### **Invitatory Psalm: Psalm 95:1–7**

Officiant: Come, sing to the Holy One !

**All: Shout for joy to the Rock who defends us!**

Officiant: Come into the Presence with thanksgiving!

**All: Raise our voices in joyful hymns!**

Officiant: Truly the Holy One is a great God,

**All: supreme above all gods,**

Officiant: in whose hands are the ends of the earth

**All: and the heights of all the mountains.**

Officiant: The sea belongs to God who made it,

**All: whose hands formed the dry land.**

Officiant: Come, worship and bow down;

**All: kneel in the presence of our Creator.**

Officiant: Truly, truly, our God is the Holy One,

**All: whose people we are, all in God’s pasture.**

# The Proclamation of the Word

## Children's Talk

**First reading<sup>ii</sup>** - *Isaiah 5:1-7* - read by Roxee

Composed in the form of a popular ballad, this poem was probably sung at the harvest thanksgiving festival. The lovers are God and his people, Judah. Despite his care, the people of Judah have deserted him.


I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes?

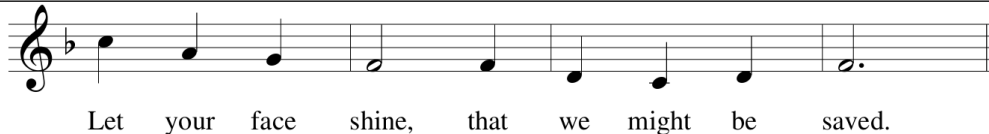
And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

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

 **Psalm<sup>iii</sup>** – *Psalm 80:7-14* Cantor: Pauline

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



**Refrain: Let your face shine, that we might be saved.**

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.  
You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.  
You prepared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land. **[Refrain]**

The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.  
You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea and its branches to the River. **[Refrain]**

Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?  
The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.  
Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine;  
preserve what your right hand has planted. **[Refrain]**

## Second reading - Hebrews 11:29-12:2 – read by Val

The author continues to give examples of Old Testament figures who trusted in God to preserve them in times of suffering and hardship. Now that the saving work of Christ has been completed, they, with us, enjoy the promise of eternal life.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the

power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

♪ **Gradual Hymn – “Shepherd of Souls”**

CP-85

## Gospel reading – Luke 12:49-56

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Our reading is several loosely joined sayings about the end of the current era. In refining, fire is used to separate the genuine from the dross; it purifies. Jesus has come to bring peace, but not at any cost. The crowds understand signs of impending weather, but fail to see that Jesus' ministry foreshadows division between the godly and the ungodly at the end of time.

“I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of Christ  
**All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon**      Video      The Ven. Ruth Monette

 **Affirmation of Faith** "*I Believe in God Almighty*"      CP-44

### **The Prayers of the People** – led by Sara

Leader: Let us bring our prayers, our intercessions, and our thanksgivings to our God, remembering all who are in need in body, mind, or spirit.

*After a time of silence, the leader may name the printed prayer concerns of the parish. The Prayers of the People are concluded with the following prayer:*

Leader: Let us say together:  
**All: Source of light, yours is the morning and yours is the evening. May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine forever in our hearts and draw us to that light where you live in radiant glory. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting them to the table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*A short time of silence follows.*

Officiant: Most merciful God,  
**All 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.**

Officiant: 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.

**All: Amen.**

*The Peace is an invitation for us to greet those with whom we worship as a sign of our reconciliation to them through the blessing of God's absolution of our sins. You are invited to greet those sitting nearest you with a handshake or other non-touch greeting.*

### **The Passing of the Peace**

Officiant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

*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](http://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 Hymn – “Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather.”** CP-534

### **Collect of the Day**

**Judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression. Give us courage to stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed; and give us fire to proclaim your burning gospel for the sake of Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.<sup>iv</sup>**

Officiant: Uniting our voices with Christians throughout the ages and throughout the world, let us pray as our Saviour taught us.



### **The Lord's Prayer**

SGP-12

**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.**

Officiant: Glory to God,

All: **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**

#### **Blessing**

Officiant: The Lord bless us and keep us.  
The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us.  
The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace.

All: **Amen.**

♪ **Sending Hymn** - *"How Clear is Our Vocation"*

CP-466

**Dismissal**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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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.*

Hymns, unless noted otherwise, are from the "Common Praise" hymnal of the Anglican Church of Canada. All other hymns are licenced via: OneLicence Church Music copyright permission.

## Endnotes

<sup>i</sup> The basis for this Morning Prayer is from *Pray Without Ceasing*.

<sup>ii</sup> The notes on the readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary Commentary, at the [montreal.anglican.org](http://montreal.anglican.org) site [Link](#), written by Chris Haslam.

<sup>iii</sup> The Psalms are taken from the George Black Psalter at the Church of the Redeemer website, Anglican Church of Canada. <https://theredeemer.ca/music/george-black-psalter/>

<sup>iv</sup> The Collect is from "Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt