

St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

Sunday, July 26, 2026 – 10 AM
The 9th Sunday after Pentecost



"Shine" By Mike Moyers, 2013, United States

Holy Eucharist
with Zoom Option

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The Gathering of the Community

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

Words of Welcome & a Territorial Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn
"At the Name of Jesus" CP-375

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

Divine Sower, you scatter your seed generously: may we be rich soil and receive your gift so freely given, so that we may revel in love's abundant, reckless growth; through Jesus Christ, the grain of life.
Amen.

Children's Talk

Gloria
"Glory to God" CP-702

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

Genesis 29:15-28 Read by Theresa

Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me."

After meeting God in a vision, Jacob has travelled on to Haran, seeking a wife of his own clan. He has met Rachel at the well. Leaving the sheep with Jacob, she has run to tell her father, Laban. Laban has welcomed him into his home as a member of his extended family.

So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed."

So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

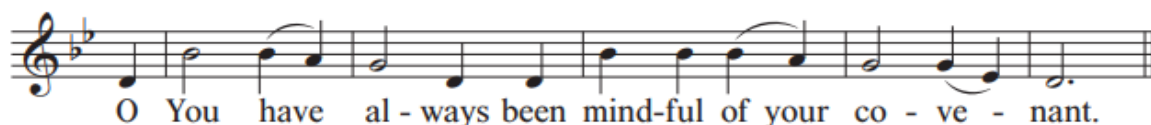
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

Thanks be to God!

The Psalmⁱⁱ

Psalm 105:1-11 *Our cantor today is Bob D.*

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



Refrain: O You have always been mindful of your covenant

Give thanks to our God and call upon the holy Name; make known God's deeds among the peoples. Sing to God, sing praises to the Holy One, and speak of all God's marvellous works.

Refrain: O You have always been mindful of your covenant

Glory in the holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice. Let us search for you and your strength, O God, Let us continually seek your face.

Refrain: O You have always been mindful of your covenant

Let us remember the marvels you have done, your wonders and the judgements of your mouth, O offspring of Abraham your servant, O children of Jacob your chosen.

Refrain: O You have always been mindful of your covenant

You are the Holy One; your judgments prevail in all the world. You have always been mindful of your covenant, the promise you made for a thousand generations:

Refrain: O You have always been mindful of your covenant

The covenant you made with Abraham, the oath that you swore to Isaac, Which you established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel Saying, "to you will I give the land of Canaan to be your allotted inheritance. Hallelujah!

Refrain: O You have always been mindful of your covenant

The Second Reading

Romans 8: 26-39 Read by Man

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are

Paul has written of the new way of being that we attain in baptism: we are freed of compounding sin leading to the finality of death – and begin living in and with the Spirit, thanks to God's gift of love. Living a truly godly life lies ahead; we have not yet achieved it. We need help from the Holy Spirit.

called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's

elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

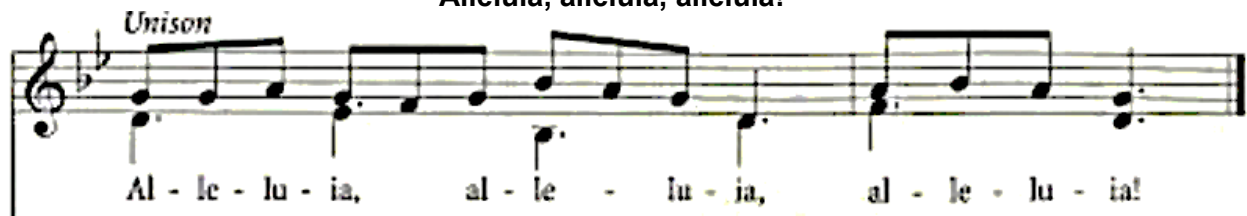
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Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia" CP-710

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!



The Gospel Reading

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

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 his disciples several parables about the kingdom of heaven. Now he tells two short ones about the growth of the kingdom, and two about different approaches to membership in it.

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all

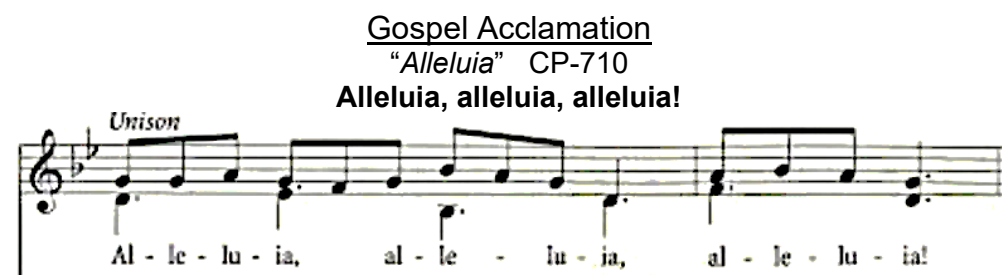
of it was leavened.” “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



Homily
The Ven. Ruth Monette

Opportunity for Contemplation with Musical Interlude
Catherine Ho

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we sing,

Affirmation of Faith
“I Believe in God Almighty” CP-44

Intercessions & Thanksgiving
led by Bob D

The leader will name aloud our parish’s known prayer concerns and conclude with the following prayer:

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

For this community, our country, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For John our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For our own needs and those of others.
Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence. The people may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our king;
And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ,
and for those whose faith is known to you alone,
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Silence. The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
**in your compassion, forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

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 Peaceⁱⁱⁱ

The peace of the 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

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

CP-628

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

Father, your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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 right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return.

Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law.

In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour.

He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities.

By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" CP-735

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blesséd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he 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 for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations.
We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;
through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Amen.

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

“The Lord’s Prayer”

By Nattaniel Bádue
words and music on page 10

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.

“Agnus Dei”

by Nattaniel Bádue
Words and music on page 11

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

“Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring”

CP-514

“I Come with Joy”

CP-60

“Holy Spirit, Come to Us”

SNC-161 (words and music on page 11)

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.

Those on Zoom will say this prayer together.

If you are attending in-person, but are not receiving communion at this time, you may also wish to say the following prayer.

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

We pray that we may know you in heart, and soul and mind. Let nothing separate us from you. May we serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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

Bob R

Birthday Song

Words and music on page 12

Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" CP-378

Dismissal

Go forth in the name of Christ
Thanks be to God.

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Please join us for tea and coffee in the Parish Hall.

# The Lord's Prayer

Nattaniel Bádue

**Folk-guarania** ♩ = 94

**Chords:** Eb Gsus4 G *mf* C G Bb

**Voice:**

Our Fa - ther in heav - en hal - lowed be your

**V. 7** F C F C Bb G

name your king - dom come your will be done on earth as in heav - en.

**V. 12** Am Em F C F C

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread, for give us our sins as we for -

**V. 18** F C Bb G C

-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of

**V. 23** G Dm C F

trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil for the king - dom the

**V. 27** C Bb Gsus4 G Am G *f*

po - wer and the glo - ry are yours. Now and for

**V. 32** C G Am F G7 *rall.* Csus4 C

ev - er. Now and for e - ver.

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# Agnus Dei

Nattaniel Bádue

B $\flat$  B $\flat$  Cm7

Lamb of God you take a -

5 Fm7 Eb/G Bbsus4 B $\flat$  Ab/B $\flat$  Eb/B $\flat$  B $\flat$

- way the sins of the world. Have mer - cy on us.

9 B $\flat$  Gm Cm Ab Eb Ab/Eb Eb

Lamb of God you take a - way the sins of the world.

13 Ab Eb Eb Gm6 Ab

Have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God you take a -

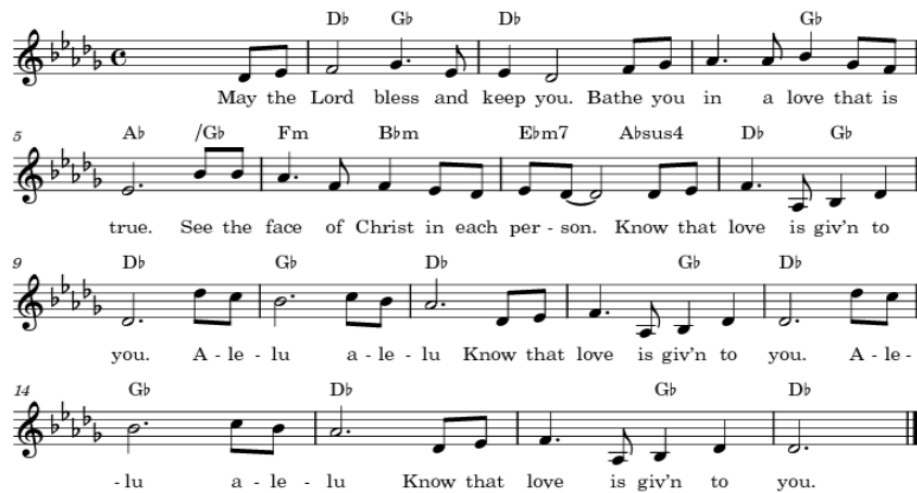
18 Eb Db rall. Ab Eb

- way the sins of the world. Grant - - - us peace.

## HOLY SPIRIT, COME TO US

Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us, kin-dle in us the fire of your love.  
Ve-ni San-cte Spir-i-tus, tu-i a-mo-ris i-gnem ac-cen-de.

Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us. Ho-ly Spir-it, come to us.  
Ve-ni San-cte Spir-i-tus, ve-ni San-cte Spir-i-tus.



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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

<sup>i</sup> The Collect is from Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

<sup>ii</sup> The Psalm is from the George Black Psalter <https://theredeemer.ca/music/george-black-psalter/>

<sup>iii</sup> The Peace is from Times & Seasons, Church of England

<sup>iv</sup> Invitation words from Iona.

<sup>v</sup> The Dismissal is from Pray Without Ceasing