St Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Burnaby

Sunday, November 22nd, 2026 – 10 AM

THE REIGN OF CHRIST



"Landscape with Shepherd and Sheep" by Anton Mauve, 1880, 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
"All People That on Earth Do Dwell" CP-349

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]

Almighty and everlasting God,
whose will it is to restore all things
in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King,
grant that the peoples of the earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together
under his gentle and loving rule;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

The children and their teachers move to Sunday School.

Gloria
"Glory to God" CP-702

The First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 *Read by Barb*

Centuries since the completion of the conquest of the Promised Land, affairs are in a sorry state. Due to bad kings – called shepherds here – Judah is now subject to Babylonian rule, and while some Israelites have been deported, others have scattered far and wide.

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.

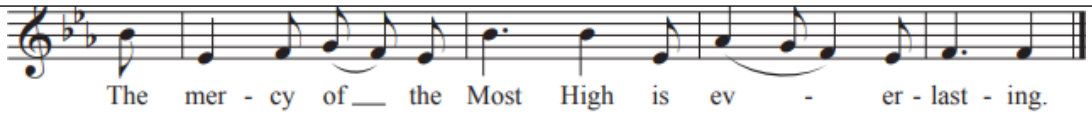
I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

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

The Psalm[ii]

Psalm 100 *Our cantor today is Andy*

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



The mercy of the Most High is everlasting

Be joyful in God, all you lands;
worship with gladness
and come before God's presence with a song.
Know this: the Most High is God,
who made us and claims us,
who leads us and shepherds us.
The mercy of the Most High is everlasting

Enter the holy gates with thanksgiving;
go into God's temple with praise;
give thanks and call upon the name of God.
For our God is good,
everlasting in mercy:
God's faithfulness endures from age to age.
The mercy of the Most High is everlasting

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23 *Read by Theresa*
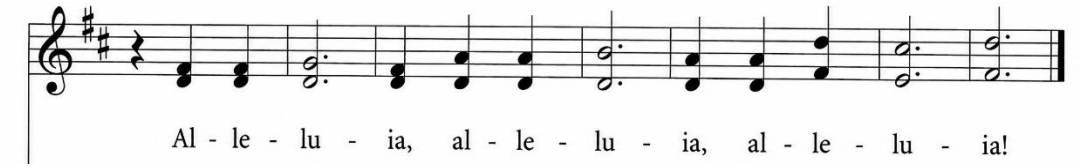
Paul has written of the Father's wisdom and insight in making known to us his will, his plan for completion of the restoration of the faithful to oneness with him, as told by Jesus. That both Jews and Gentiles share so much he sees as a milestone in this plan.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Gospel Acclamation
"*Alleluia*" CP-709



The Gospel Reading
Matthew 25:31-46

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 just told three parables about the kingdom of heaven, the last one emphasizing the importance of faith in attaining entry to this blessed state. Now he speaks of the conduct expected of faithful people.

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'
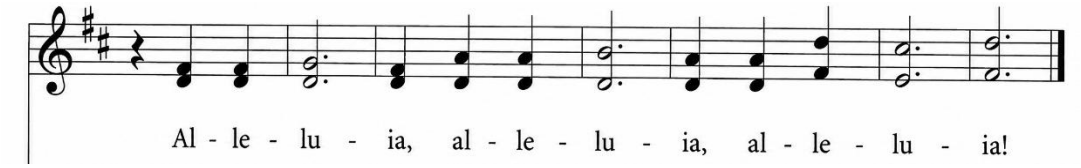
Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these,

you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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 Bob D

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

"God, My Hope on You Is Founded" CP-529

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

Eternal God,
by your grace you have raised us up
and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and lead us in those good works
for which you have created us.
We ask this in the name 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 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.

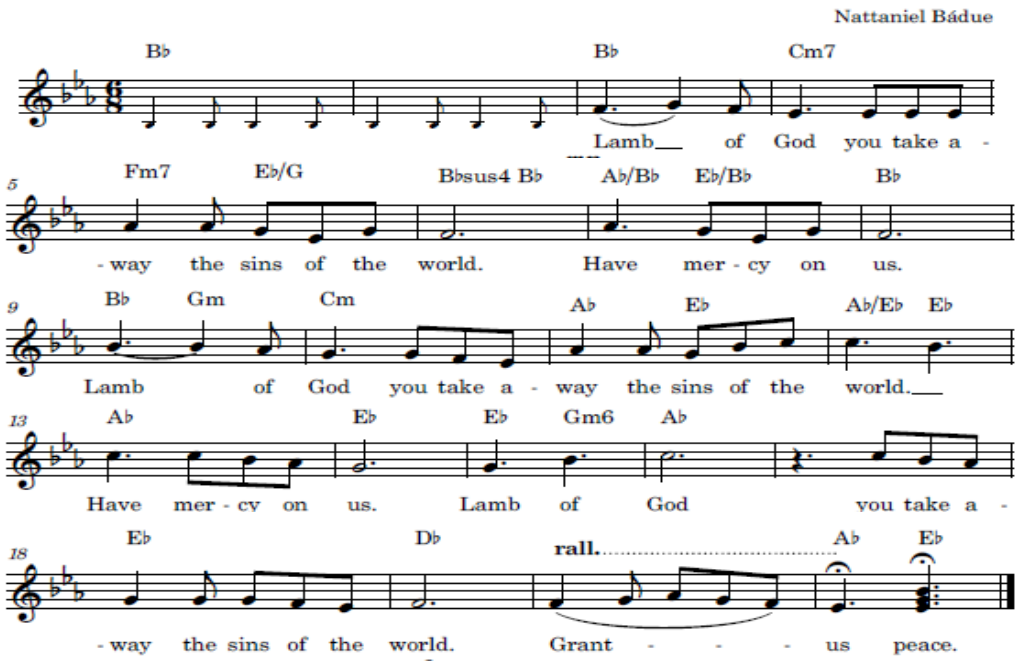
The Lord's Prayer
SGP-12

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

“At the Name of Jesus”	*CP-375*
“Fairest Lord Jesus”	*CP-619*
“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

Almighty God,
you have made us a royal priesthood
in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Make known his victory through us, we pray,
that all the world may see his light.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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

Sara

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

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" *CP-378*

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