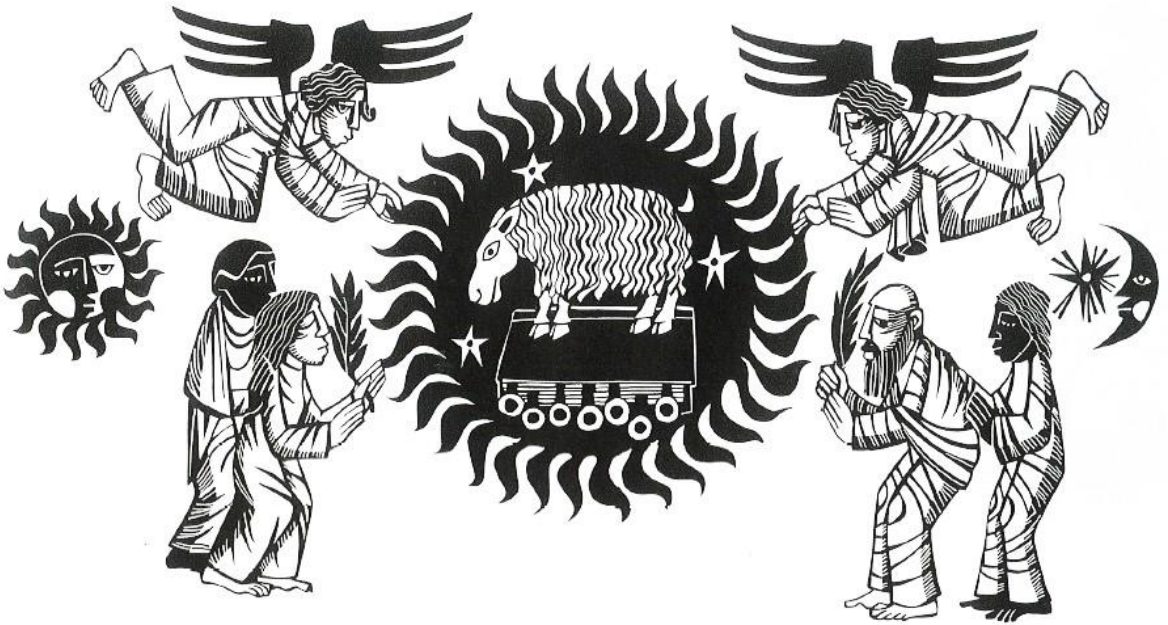


All Saints' & All Souls'

Nov 3, 2024



St. Helen's
Anglican Church of Canada
Diocese of New Westminster

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

All stand

OPENING HYMN O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

CP 306

GREETING

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.

As we gather, we acknowledge with respect and gratitude
our presence on the traditional, ancestral and unceded lands
of the Musqueam People.

CONFESSION

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and the Father:

Holy God, holy and mighty,

CP 707

holy immortal one, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:

Holy God, holy and mighty,

CP 707

holy immortal one, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:

**Holy God, holy and mighty,
holy immortal one, have mercy on us.**

CP 707

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord of heaven's reach and of earth reborn,
you call us from starless graves to sing under infinite skies:
we praise your name for those who have walked this way
unheralded and unnumbered but known to you,
their beginning, their end, their joy in life.
Give us the same grace to be unbound
and to take the step of faith,
through Jesus Christ, the Alpha and the Omega. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 25:6-9

Angela White

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
he sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24



You gates, o - pen wide and high. Let the glo - rious sov - ereign en - ter.

The earth is our God's and all that is in it,
the world and all who dwell therein.
For God has founded it upon the seas
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. **R.**

"Who can ascend the hill of the Holy One?
and who can stand in the holy place?"

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud. **R.**

They shall receive a blessing from the Holy One,
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
Such is the generation of those who seek you,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. **R.**

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the One who reigns in glory shall come in.

"Who is this, who reigns in glory?"

"Our God, strong and mighty, Our God, mighty in battle." **R.**

Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the One who reigns in glory shall come in.

"Who is this, who reigns in glory"

"The God of hosts it is who reigns in glory." **R.**

A reading from the Book of Revelation

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

All stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CP 457

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (x2)

Choir: Call us good Shepherd; we listen for you, wanting to see you in

all that we do; we would the gate of salvation pass through: Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (X2)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 11:32-44

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (x2)

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Mark Munn

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(All stand)*

You are invited to join in an affirmation of faith.

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.

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom for prayer.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liz Hodgson

After the prayers, those who wish may gather in a circle around the altar.

THE PEACE

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of God be always with you.

And also with you.

The people greet one another with signs of God's peace (a handshake, an embrace, or a nod and wave are all appropriate signs). Please remain standing.

THE OFFERTORY

As the altar is prepared for Holy Communion, the congregation is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity.

OFFERTORY HYMN Here from All Nations, All Tongues CP 274

Please remain standing until communion.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

We offer our whole selves to you, O God, creator of everything.
It is a joy and a blessing to share our gifts with one another.
As we offer these things for the work of your church,
help us to be mindful of all that we can do together
as the Body of Christ. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

We give our thanks and praise.

Creator, you made our world --- beautiful and good.

You made us to live in right relationship with you and all creation.

You sent Jesus to live among us and show us what you are like.

We give all thanks and praise to you, our true and loving God.

You laid the foundations of the earth and enclosed the seas.

You brought forth all creatures and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One.

All you create is a sign of hope for our journey.

And so, we join with the heavenly beings

and all of creation as we sing:

You are holy.

You are whole.

**You are always evermore
than we ever understand.**

You are always at hand.

**Blessed are you coming near.
Blessed are you coming here,
to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.**

**You are holy.
You are wholeness.
You are present.
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord.**

**Sing Hosanna, in the highest!
Sing Hosanna!
Sing Hosanna to our God!**

Glory and honour are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent.
Of your grace, you sent Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign,
and to give himself for us.
Through Jesus Christ you have reconciled us to you
and restored the glory you intended for us.

On the night before he died, Jesus ate supper with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
“Take and eat. This is my very self given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup of wine, again he gave thanks,
and gave it to them, saying:

“Drink it all of you. This cup is a new covenant
poured out for you and all people.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, we remember:

the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
and, longing for Christ’s coming again in glory,
we present these gifts to you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
so that we who share this bread and wine
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Draw us together in Christ,
and, in the fullness of time, gather us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
and give you our unending praise. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord,
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
Whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
Happy are they who trust in him!**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

These are the gifts of God for all God's people.

Thanks be to God

Lamb of God

Lamb of God

CP 745

COMMUNION HYMN

Before the World Began
From the Falter of Breath

CP 621

CP 489

All stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ,
which we celebrate in this eucharist, bring us,
with the faithful departed, into the peace of your eternal home.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our hope and our salvation.
Amen.

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.**

BLESSING

Life is short,
and we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.
So be swift to love,
make haste to be kind,
and may the blessing of God Almighty
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you
and those you love, now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and share God's love.

Thanks be to God!

RECESSIONAL HYMN Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

CP 444

*Please be seated for the postlude. The community disperses in silence.
In respect of those who may linger in contemplation, conversation is
reserved for the narthex.*

Coffee & Tea Time Volunteers Needed Next Sunday

Join our coffee and tea-time team! We're looking for volunteers to help set-up, serve, and share in fellowship after the service. If you're interested in lending a hand, please sign up on the volunteer list on the bulletin board!



Available Sundays coming up: **Nov 17, Nov 24, Dec 8, and Dec 29.**



Thursday Afternoon Contemplative Prayer

Come experience peace and reflection at our contemplative prayer sessions every Thursday afternoon at 3:15-3:35pm in the St. Helen's sanctuary. All are welcome to join us as we pause, pray, and find stillness in God's presence.

Led by parishioner Paula Pryce, accompanied by the Reverend Mark Munn.

Thursday Afternoon Scrabble & Tea

Come join members of the St. Helen's community on Thursday afternoons at 1:30pm for tea, cookies, a fun game of scrabble and conversation.



What to Believe? Book Group

Do you ever wonder what to believe in a world filled with uncertainty? Have you ever wondered what is God? Join Deacon Jeffrey Preiss for a 3-week book group exploring John D. Caputo's thought-provoking book, *What to Believe?: Twelve Brief Lessons in Radical Theology*.

Register at the welcome table or online:
<https://tinyurl.com/What-to-Believe>

Dates: December 2, 9, and 16. 6:30pm.
Start time: 6:30pm

Required text: *What to Believe?: Twelve Brief Lessons in Radical Theology* by John D. Caputo.

Pre-reading for December 2: This is How the World Began: Lessons 1, 2, 3 and 4.



Neighbourhood Ministry Shopping List

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for St. Helen's Neighborhood Ministries program (our homelessness outreach initiative at St. Helen's)!



We are currently inviting donations of the following items:

- **men's socks (size medium)**
- **cans of tuna (with pull tabs only)**
- Boost/Ensure
- Juice boxes
- Fruit or pudding cups
- Cereal bars

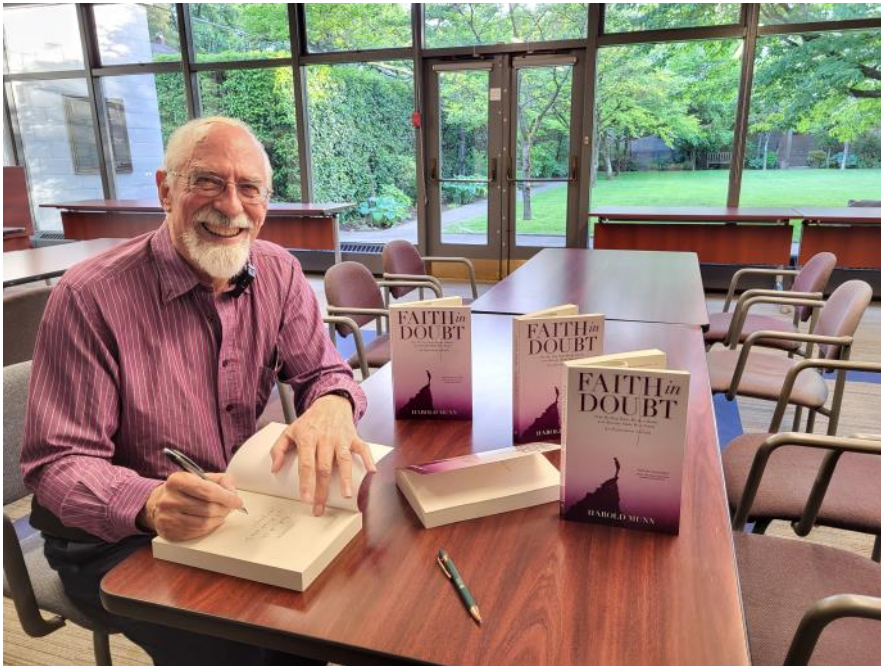
For any further information about volunteering or contributing supplies, please feel free to contact Shawn at: deraaf@gmail.com

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Harold Munn Book Launch: God Talk for Secular Ears



Date & Time: November 14 (Thursday) 6:30pm

On November 14th you are invited to hear The Rev. Dr. Harold Munn speak about the challenges facing religion in secular society and proposes some fascinating and unexpected opportunities that science and secularism may offer religion. Join us to discuss ways that secularism and science may contribute to an ancient faith. And vice-versa!

Copies of the resource book will be available: "Faith in Doubt: How my Dog Made Me an Atheist and Atheism Made Me a Priest" by Rev. Dr. Harold Munn, former Dean of Edmonton, and former Anglican mentor at the Vancouver School of Theology. Order copies, download the free study guide, and write directly to the author at www.haroldmunbooks.com

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If you'd like to contribute financially to our shared congregational life and mission here at St. Helen's, you can:



- Use one of the envelopes available at the back of the church by the offering plate for cheques or cash
- Scan the QR code at left to contribute via credit card or Apple Pay
- Visit our website (pointgreyanglican.com/pages/give) to contribute via credit card or PayPal
- Set up a Pre-Authorized Donation (PAD). To do this, please reach out to our Envelope Secretary, Monica O'Brien via our office (sthelenswpg@gmail.com).