

**Twenty-Third Sunday  
after Pentecost  
Oct 27, 2024**



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

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

*All stand*

OPENING HYMN Word of God, Come Down on Earth

CP 446

## 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:

**Kyrie Eleison** (*sung once*)

CP 706

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

**Christe Eleison** (*sung once*)

CP 706

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:

**Kyrie Eleison** (*sung once*)

CP 706

## 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 God our redeemer,  
who heard the cry of your people  
and sent your servant Moses  
to lead them out of slavery,  
free us from the tyranny of sin and death,  
and by the leading of your Spirit  
bring us to our promised land;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

JOB 42:1-6, 10-17

Liz Hodgson

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOB

Then Job answered the Lord: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes." And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:1-8



Taste and see that God is good; hap-py are they who trust in God.

I will bless God at all times;  
my mouth will always be praising my Maker.  
I will glory in the Holy One;  
let the humble hear and rejoice. **R.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Most High;  
let us exalt God's name forever.  
I sought my God, and was answered  
and delivered from all my terror. **R.**

Look upon God and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.  
I called in my affliction and was heard  
and saved from all my troubles. **R.**

Your angel, O God, encompasses those who fear you,  
and will deliver them.  
Taste and see that God is good;  
Happy are they who trust in the Holy One. **R.**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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.**

*Choir: Glory to God who does wondrous things, let all the people  
God's praises now sing, all of creation in splendour shall ring.*

*Alleluia.*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 10:46-52

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

The Rev. Jeffrey Preiss

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

David Van Blarcom

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

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ 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    From All the Wind's Wide Quarters            CP 43

*Please remain standing until communion.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of constant love,  
you have guided your people  
in all times and ages.  
May we who offer you our praise today  
always be ready to follow where you lead;  
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to God.**  
Let us give thanks to God our Creator.  
**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, Source of all being,  
we give you thanks and praise  
for your faithful love.

You call us into friendship  
with you and one another  
to be your holy people,  
a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us,  
unfailingly you remain with us.  
When we injure others,  
you confront us in your love  
and call us to the paths of righteousness.  
You stand with the weak,  
and those, broken and alone,  
whom you have always welcomed home,  
making the first last, and the last first.  
Therefore we raise our voices  
with angels and archangels,  
forever praising you and singing:

***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord***

CP 732

Blessed are you, O Holy One:  
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness  
you followed her and gave her hope.  
When Joseph was sold into bondage,  
you turned malice to your people's good.  
When you called Israel out of slavery,  
you brought them through the wilderness  
into the promised land.

When your people were taken into exile  
you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.  
**Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor,  
the outcast, and the oppressed.

Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria  
and offered her the water of new life.

Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way  
for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus,  
at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them,  
and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One,  
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,  
we offer you these gifts,  
longing for the bread of tomorrow  
and the wine of the age to come.  
Therefore we proclaim our hope:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour our your Spirit on these gifts  
that through them you may sustain us  
in our hunger for your peace.  
We hold before you  
all whose lives are marked by suffering,  
our sacred siblings.  
When we are broken and cast aside,  
embrace us in your love.  
**Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O Source of all life,  
now and for ever.  
**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

This is the bread of life given in love for us.

This is the cup of restored relationship with God.

## 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

Wonderous Love

Choir

Amazing Grace

CP 352

*All stand.*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our guide,  
you have fed us with bread from heaven  
as you fed the people of Israel.  
May we who have been inwardly nourished  
be ready to follow you all our days;  
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

CP 508

*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: **Oct 27, Nov 3, Nov 17, Nov 24, Dec 8, Dec 22, and Dec 29.**

## Who's Coming for Dinner?

**\*\*\* Deadline for Registration: Thursday October 31st\*\*\***



Who's coming for Dinner? Maybe you are! But only if you register by Thursday October 31st (our spooky registration DEADline)!

All are invited to our Who's Coming for Dinner stewardship potlucks hosted by families in our congregation. Each potluck should be a fun evening of food and fellowship. Let's build community and strengthen our church community. Sign up at the welcome table, or online: <https://tinyurl.com/sthelenspotluck>



## 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 Volunteers Needed & Shopping List**

St. Helen's needs your support for our Neighborhood Ministries program (our homelessness outreach initiative at St. Helen's).

We are currently looking for volunteers to help us coordinate the outreach and prepare sandwiches and boiled eggs for the outreach days of October 26 (Sat) and November 23 (Sat). Please let us know if you would like to volunteer.

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](mailto:deraaf@gmail.com)



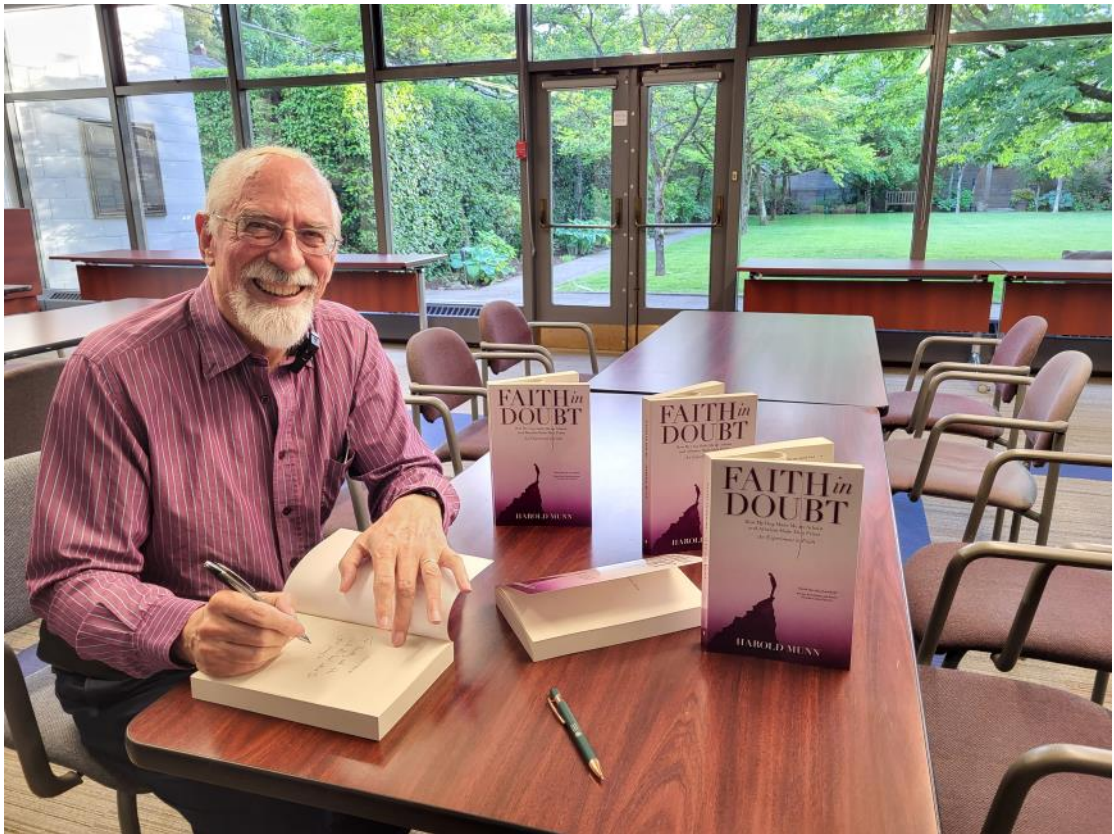
### **Thursday Afternoon Contemplative Prayer**

Come experience peace and reflection at our contemplative prayer sessions every Thursday afternoon at 3:15pm 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.

## 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](http://www.haroldmunbooks.com)

## St. Helen's Directory

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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](http://pointgreyanglican.com/pages/give)) to contribute via credit card or PayPal
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