

*Welcome to the Anglican Parish
of St. Philip by-the-Sea*



“Journeying together in God’s love”

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Ascension Sunday

Morning Prayer

Greeting

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Your throne has been established from of old;
you are from everlasting. Alleluia.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the darkness of death you have raised your
Christ to the right hand of your majesty on high.
The pioneer of our faith, his passion accomplished,
has opened for us the way to heaven
and sends on us the promised Spirit.
May we be ready to follow the Way
and so be brought to the glory of his presence
where songs of triumph for ever sound:
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Penitence

Come, Holy Spirit of God,
**and search our hearts with the light of
Christ.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

After a period of reflection

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring us his pardon and peace, now and for ever.
Amen.

First Reading:

Acts 1.6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven,

suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

68.1-10

Arise, O God, and let your enemies be scattered;
let those who hate you flee.

Let them vanish like smoke when the wind
drives it away;
**as the wax melts at the fire,
so let the wicked perish at your presence.**

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before you;
let them also be merry and joyful.

Let us sing to God, sing praises to the divine name;
**let us exalt the One who rides upon
the heavens;**

Yahweh is the divine name,
before whom we shall rejoice!

Protector of orphans, defender of widows,
the One who dwells in holiness,

who gives the solitary a home
and brings forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

the earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at your presence, O God of Sinai,
at your presence, O God of Israel.

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon
your inheritance;
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God,
you have made provision for the poor.

Gospel:

John 17.1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

God of glory may your light shine in our church community as you work among us and bless us with your presence; we offer you the gifts you have given us and our various ministries; we offer you ourselves, in the area you have placed us.

Holy God:

may we live with your life in us.

God of glory, may the whole world come to know you and give you honour and praise. Encourage us all to stand up to the devil, when he prowls, firm in our faith, and strengthened with your power. May your kingdom come and your will be done.

Holy God:

may we live with your life in us.

God of glory, may our homes, schools, shops, offices and factories become places where your glory is seen and experienced in the ordinary things, the everyday routines, the pots and pans of life. Fill us to overflowing with ongoing thankfulness both in the sunlight and in the storm.

Holy God:

may we live with your life in us.

God of glory, with your special affection for the discarded and marginalised, the weak and the vulnerable, we pray for all those who find life an exhausting struggle or who long for some respite from pain or depression. Support them in their troubles, bring healing and reassurance, and touch them with the gentleness of your peace.

Holy God:

may we live with your life in us.

God of glory teach us to understand death in the context of your eternity, so that our fears are calmed as we approach it. Welcome with merciful love those who have recently died and shelter their loved ones, too, in the shadow of your wings.

Holy God:

may we live with your life in us.

God of glory, we thank you that through your ascension into heaven the way was open for us to receive the Holy Spirit. Prepare our hearts each day to welcome you.

Collect of the day

Risen, ascended Christ,
**fill your Church on earth with compassion,
so that all may find forgiveness
and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has 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.**

Closing responses

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

In the Worldwide Anglican Communion: Pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world. For the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, and all primates and bishops. For members of the Anglican Consultative Council For the Secretary General, The Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon. For the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London and the UN offices in Geneva and New York

In our Diocese of British Columbia, we pray for: Ansley, the diocesan administrator. We pray for S. Paul, Nanaimo - Clara Plamondon. We also pray for the Diocese of Yukon - Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame.

This week in our Parish Family of St. Philip by-the-Sea, we pray for our priest, David Chillman and his wife, Jude. We pray for Yvonne & Ron Downey, Jim Duddridge, Daphne & Don Duddridge and for all their families. We pray for peace and for all refugees around the world.

