



**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26th 2020
Morning Prayer**

St Clement's Anglican Church

*We welcome everyone worshipping with us today
whether in person or online!*

The Gathering of the Community

Presider

We acknowledge with respect that we worship on the traditional territories of the Tsleil-Waututh – *People of the Inlet*, the Musqueam – *People of the River Grass*, and the Squamish – *Mother of the Wind*.
Let us pray that we may live more deeply into the calls to action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

People

May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace.

Following the ringing of the bell, a moment of silence is kept

Introductory Responses

Presider O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise

People **and your glory all day long.**

Presider Christ has triumphed over death:

People **O come let us worship.**

Presider Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

People **as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

People **Come, sing to the Holy One!**

Shout for joy to the Rock who defends us!

Come into the Presence with thanksgiving!

Raise our voices in joyful hymns!

Truly the Holy One is a great God, supreme above all gods,

in whose hands are the ends of the earth

and the heights of all the mountains.

The sea belongs to God who made it, whose hands formed the dry land.

Come, worship and bow down; kneel in the presence of our Creator.

Truly, truly, our God is the Holy One,

whose people we are, all in God's pasture.

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

Hymn **Lo, God is here! Let us adore** *Please note: only Lynley will sing*

Lo, God is here! Let us adore
and own how awesome is this place;

let all within us feel God's power
and bow before the hidden face.

Redeeming Lord, your grace we prove,
serve you with awe, with reverence love.

Lo, God is here! Both day and night
united choirs of angels sing
to God, enthroned above all height,
heaven's host their noblest praises bring;
d disdain not, Lord, our meaner song,
who praise you with a stammering tongue.

Being of beings, may our praise
your courts with grateful fragrance fill;
still may we stand before your face,
still hear and do your sovereign will;
to you may all our thoughts arise,
ceaseless, accepted sacrifice.

*Words: Gerhard Tersteegen (1697 – 1769); tr. John Wesley (1703 – 1791), alt.
Music: Henri F. Hemy (1818 – 1888); adapt. James G. Walton (1821 – 1905)*

The Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (8 : 26 – 39)

²⁶ 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 sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, 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.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ 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.

Presider Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119 : 129 – 136

129 Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

130 **When your word goes forth it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**

131 I open my mouth and pant;
I long for your commandments.

132 **Turn to me in mercy,
as you always do to those who love your name.**

133 Steady my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 **Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

136 **My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law.**

**Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever.
Amen.**

The Gospel Reading

Stand or sit for the Gospel reading, as seems appropriate for your setting.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (13 : 31 – 33, 44 – 52)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³¹ He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² 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.”

³³ 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.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for 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

Did anything stand out for you in this story while you heard it this time?

What does this story have to say to you today?

Homily: **The Rev. Philippa Segrave-Pride**

The Apostles’ Creed

Presider Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All **I believe in God,
the Father, the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 Community

The Litany

Loving God, we pray for the body of Christ worldwide; may your Spirit inspire us to pray, to give, to love, and to serve.

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the worldwide church to lead by example and inspiration in the cause of justice and peace, and for outreach to people in need.

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

For our diocese, Melissa our Archbishop, church clergy and all congregations as they reopen, and as they continue to creatively imagine and adapt to new ways of being church.

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

For our parish community, its clergy and lay leadership; guide Philippa as she prepares to move on in September.

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the good earth, the gift of God's creation, and for wisdom and will to conserve it.

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the world who are leading countries through crises, give them compassion, wisdom and honest voices.

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those struggling for justice, especially for protesters seeking racial equality and for the respect of human rights.

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

For victims and their loved ones struggling with the ongoing opioid crisis, and for all trying to address and manage this untenable situation in our city.

We pray for victims of the bus crash in Jasper.

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

For workers who have lost jobs and are living with financial pressures and much anxiety.

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

For the Indigenous people and leaders, that the efforts to keep people safe on their reserves will be successful.

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

For health in our nation as we struggle to safely open our communities, and for safe protocols to be followed by all. We pray for those in isolation who are cut off from their normal routines and support systems.

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are sick at home or hospitalized, for those dying and those grieving particularly during this time of physical distancing.

Silence - a space to name those people for whom you wish to pray.

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. We give thanks for good health care.

Silence - a space to give thanks.

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the lives of all who have died in the peace of Christ, and comfort for those who mourn.

Silence - a space to remember those people who you love who have died.

Gracious God, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, in the name of the One who is your light, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

(Prayers prepared by Sara Hanney)

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

Presider Most merciful God,

All 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.

Presider May the God of love and power forgive you(us) and free you(us) from your(our) sins, heal and strengthen you(us) by the Holy Spirit, and raise you(us) to new life in Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Collect

God of eternal wisdom,
you alone impart the gift of discernment:
grant us understanding hearts,
so that we may choose wisely
between the treasures of your promised reign
and this world's counterfeits;
through Jesus Christ, the pearl of true value.
Amen.

Opening Prayers (1997) alt.

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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 Peace

Please stay in your place, turn to your neighbours and offer a verbal greeting.

The Sending Forth of the Community

Announcements

Hymn **Surely it is God who saves me** *Please note: only Lynley will sing.*

Surely it is God who saves me;
I shall trust and have no fear.
For the Lord defends and shields me
and his saving help is near.
So rejoice as you draw water
from salvation's healing spring;
in the day of your deliverance
thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

Make God's deeds known to the peoples:
tell out his exalted name.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things;
all his works God's might proclaim.

Zion, lift your voice in singing;
for with you has come to dwell,
in your very midst, the great and
Holy One of Israel.

Text: Song of Thanksgiving (Is. 12 : 2-6); para. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944 –)Para © 1982 Hope Publishing Co.

Music: Alfred V. Fedak (1953 –).©Selah Publishing Co., Inc.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life.

Amen.

Please remain seated until instructed to leave

*This liturgy was taken from the new morning and evening offices prepared for seasonal use,
as adopted by General Synod in 2019.*

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Prayers

The following are for your prayers this week

In our own Diocese: Pray for Melissa, our Archbishop and Metropolitan; for Stephen, Archdeacon; and Patrick, Regional Dean; for the North Vancouver Regional Ministry Team and churches. For Linda, our Primate; for Mark, the National Indigenous Archbishop; for the Diocesan Refugee Unit; and 127 Society for Housing.

For the wider Church: For the team responsible for preparing the Lambeth Conference, as they consider the implications of its postponement in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. For the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada. For Bishop Brent Alawas, the clergy and people in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines, specifically for our partner Parish of St Clement of Alexandria, Payeo – its ministry and mission; and for all Churches of North Vancouver.

In our Parish community: for Philippa, our Priest; for Elizabeth and Peggy, our Deacons; for the Wardens, Philip and Phoebe. For the staff: Lynley and Yvonne; and Lay Leaders: Paul, Deborah, Delayne, and Paul. For the Youth and Children’s ministries in our parish – teachers, children, and teens.

In our parish cycle of prayers: for Ken & Jill Hanney; Sara Hanney, Laura and Kristen Chan; Bev and Jane Harvey; and their families.

For healing: Pray for Jill Allerton; Beth Bailey; Fiona; Colleen and Matt Foster; Jack Griffiths; Marjorie Jeffries; Michael Jeffries; Lynda Mills; Carol Norwood; Joyce Oswald; Judy, Suzi Smith; Vanessa; Kevin Zakus; and for their families and caregivers.

In the neighbourhood: For the residents, nursing staff, care aides, and administration at Lynn Valley Care Centre, Lynn Valley Lodge, Cedarview, and for all seniors’ care homes in our community.

For Outreach: for all newcomers to Canada: for Saber and his family, Honada, Said and family; for Bukhari; for Neema Grace, Malis (*pronounced Ma-lees*) and his family, for Fatemeh, Nasrullah, and Nazrin and family.

For the community groups that use our building, that they may be weathering this time of absence safely and well.

Scripture readings for Sunday, August 2nd 2020

Psalm 145 : 8 – 9, 15 – 22 / Romans 9 : 1 – 5 / Matthew 14 : 13 – 21