



St Clement's Anglican Church

Celebration of New Ministry
Rev'd André Stephany
September 8th 2020

The Gathering of the Community

Instrumental music "Come down, O love divine"

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

The Archbishop greets the community.

Archbishop

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People

And also with you.

Archbishop

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

André has been chosen to be priest of
this Parish of St. Clement's.

After prayerful consideration,
and according to the practice of this diocese,
I have appointed André to this position of leadership
in our common ministry.

This ministry continues the good work
done through the years in this community,
and is part of the work and witness of the whole church.
It is a new beginning because André brings particular gifts
to our ministry together.

As we stand in God's presence
let us pray that grace will be given to André,
and to all of us in this ministry,
that we may fulfil the responsibilities which are ours.

Silence is kept. The Archbishop says the Collect of the Day:

Eternal God,
who revealed the mystery of your loving providence
in the birth of Mary, the Mother of our Lord,
grant that we who now call her blessed
may be clothed with the light of your new creation
and rejoice with her
in the radiance of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People

Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Reader

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (61 : 9 – 11)

At the conclusion of the passage, the reader says,

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 132 : 6 – 8, 14 – 18 *We read the Psalm together with a pause at the asterisk.*

- 6 “The Ark! We heard it was in Ephratah; *
 we found it in the fields of Jearim.
- 7 Let us go to the dwelling place of the Lord; *
 let us fall upon our knees before the footstool of the Lord.”
- 8 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, *
 you and the ark of your strength.
- 14 “This shall be my resting-place for ever; *
 here will I dwell, for I delight in it.
- 15 I will surely bless its provisions, *
 and satisfy its poor with bread.
- 16 I will clothe its priests with salvation, *
 and its faithful people will rejoice and sing.
- 17 There will I make the horn of David flourish; *
 I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.
- 18 As for his enemies, I will clothe them with shame; *
 but as for him, his crown will shine.”

Gradual Hymn: Tell out, my Soul *spoken by Ian Gunn/accompanied by Lynley Lewis*

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Text: Song of Mary (Luke 1 : 46 – 56); para. Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926 -)Para. ©1962, renewal 1990 Hope Publishing Co.

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All stand for the Gospel

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (1 : 26 – 33)

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

At the end of the Gospel, the Deacon says,

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon The Rev'd Helen Dunn
Christ Church Cathedral

A silence for reflection follows

Covenant in Ministry

The Executive Archdeacon, standing with the new priest and the churchwardens before the congregation, describes the process by which the new priest has been chosen. Following this the Oaths and Subscriptions are administered to the new priest as required by the Canons of the Ecclesiastical Province and the License of Institution is read aloud.

The Archbishop asks André,

Do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to the responsibility entrusted to you?

The new Priest replies,

I do.

The Archbishop asks the people of the parish or congregation to stand and says,

Do you, the people of the Parish of St. Clement's, commit yourselves to share with André in the ministry of this parish?

People

We do.

The Archbishop asks visitors to stand, and says,

As brothers and sisters in the body of Christ, will you support André and the Parish of St. Clement's in their ministry together?

People

We will.

A member of the parish invites the priest to receive the symbols of the ministry of the whole people of God in the following words.

A Bible is presented by a parish representative, while the parish member says,

André, hold before us the story of God's love and mercy and, above all, the Gospel of our Saviour Christ.

Be among us as a preacher of the word of God and teacher of the faith.

The new Priest replies,

I invite you all to join with me in proclaiming the Gospel of hope and life.

People

Amen. We have good news to share.

A Prayer Book is presented by a parish representative, while the parish member says,

André, we look to you to lead us in worship, so that, in word and sacrament, we may be renewed in our life together in our Lord Jesus Christ. Receive these books and be among us as a person of prayer.

The new Priest replies,

I invite you all to join with me, and with the whole Church,
in regular and constant prayer to our God.

People **Amen. In quietness and confidence will be our strength.**

An ewer of water is presented by a parish representative, while the parish member says,

André, in the water of baptism we are buried with Christ in his death.
By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy
Spirit. Be among us as one who baptizes into the community of Christ.

The new Priest pours the water into the font and replies,

I invite you all to join with me in rejoicing in our baptismal fellowship,
and in nurturing the community of faith.

People **Amen. May we all grow into the full stature of Christ.**

An oil stock or jar of holy oil is presented by a parish representative, while the parish member says,

André, hold before us the anointing of the Holy Spirit for wholeness of
life. Be among us as reconciler and healer.

The new Priest replies,

I invite you all to join with me in the ministry of reconciliation and
healing, so that through the power of God we may bring wholeness of life
to all people.

People **Amen. In forgiveness and healing we find new life.**

Bread and wine are presented by a parish representative, while the parish member says,

André, we look to you as one who presides at the Eucharist
and shares with us, and with the whole church, in the breaking of the
bread. Be among us to break the bread and bless the cup.

The new Priest replies,

I invite you all to join with me in making Eucharist together,
in company with the church in every age.

People **Amen. May we know the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.**

A copy of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese are presented by a parish representative, while the parish member says,

André, we look to you to work with the committees and organizations of the church, and in our community, so that our administration may serve Christ and his Gospel and not just ourselves. Be among us in wisdom and humility, in discernment and good humour.

The new Priest replies,

I invite you all to join with me in working for the building up of Christ's Church.

People **Amen. We are the Body of Christ.**

The keys are presented by the Churchwardens, saying,

André, we look to you to lead and encourage us to be an open, welcoming community. Accept these keys and let the doors of this place be open to everyone.

The new Priest replies,

I invite you all to join with me in welcoming all who would come into the fellowship of the people of God.

People **Amen. May we greet Christ in all who come.**

Archbishop André, let all these be signs of the ministry which is mine and yours, and is shared by all the people of God.

The new Priest replies,

Amen. May we find joy together in the service of Christ.

Archbishop I present André as the leader of your ministry and I invite your welcome.

The congregation may respond.

The Regional Dean and the Regional Archdeacon welcome the new Rector.

The new priest says,

Dear friends in Christ,
let us pray that this ministry we share may accomplish the purpose of
God's grace. Let us pray for the world, the universal Church, and for
ourselves.

The Prayers of the People

A member of the Parish leads the following litany.

For the Church universal, of which these buildings are a visible symbol,
We thank you, Lord.

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered in your name,
We thank you, Lord.

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,
We thank you, Lord.

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,
We thank you, Lord.

For our past and a vision of the future that lies ahead,
We thank you, Lord.

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism,
We thank you, Lord.

For the pardon of our sins when we have fallen short of your glory,
We thank you, Lord.

For the Holy Eucharist in which we have a foretaste of your eternal
kingdom,
We thank you, Lord.

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,

We thank you, Lord.

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance,

We thank you, Lord.

For all the benefactors of this place who have died in the peace of Christ and are at rest,

We thank you, Lord.

For the fellowship of all your saints, especially for the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Clement, our patron,

We thank you, Lord.

After a period of silence, the litany is concluded with the following prayer.

Archbishop O God, from living and chosen stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling place for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit those who serve you here may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Archbishop 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 Peace

The new Rector says:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*Please stay in your space as you greet one another in the name of the Lord
with a nod or a bow.*

The Blessing

Archbishop Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People **The maker of heaven and earth.**

Archbishop Blessed be the name of the Lord,

People **From this time forth for evermore.**

Archbishop The blessing, mercy, and grace of God, One Holy and Undivided Trinity,
be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Be Thou my Vision

sung by Alice Battista

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art –
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

*Text: Irish hymn (8th cent); tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880 – 1931); vers. Eleanor H. Hull (1860 – 1935) alt.
Music: Irish trad; arr. Martin Shaw (1875 – 1958), alt. Arr ©Oxford University Press.*

Dismissal

Deacon Go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Instrumental Music The Allemande from J. S. Bach's French Suite V. BVW 816

Please remain seated until instructed to leave