

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9 MAY 2021



8 & 10 AM MORNING PRAYER

ONLINE STREAMING

ST. HELEN'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA
(WEST POINT GREY)
DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER
THE REVEREND LIZ HAMEL, INTERIM PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

Sixth Sunday of Easter – 9 May 2021

8:00 am Morning Prayer

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Collect, Readings and Psalm - See 10 am Sung Morning Prayer

10:00 am Sung Morning Prayer

Prelude

The Gathering of the Community

Welcome

We bid you a very warm welcome to our worship. We acknowledge our presence is on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples.

Opening Hymn: "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

CP 374

Introductory Responses

Death is swallowed up in victory.
Where, O death, is your sting?
Christ is risen from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
Death is swallowed up in victory.
The trumpet will sound and the dead shall be raised.
Where, O death, is your sting?
We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed.
Death is swallowed up in victory.
Where, O death, is your sting?

Gloria from Mass of Glory

St. Helen's Choir

Refrain: Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

Confession and Absolution

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

Silence

All **Most merciful God,**
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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Children's Time

Dunni Awe

1st Reading: Acts 10:44-48

Anne Guthrie-Warman

Reader A reading from the Book of Acts .

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

St. Helen's Choir

Refrain: The Lord has made known his salvation.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory. R

The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. R

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. R

With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein. R

Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity. R

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. R

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. R

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Offertory Hymn: "Where Charity and Love Prevail" CP 487

Gospel Acclamation CP 717

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17 Richard Alexander

Reader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Give the glory and the honour to the Lord!

St. Helen's Choir

Sermon

The Rev. Liz Hamel

Canticle: "You Are God"

BAS 94, St. Helen's Choir

You are God, we praise you;
you are the Lord: we acclaim you;
you are the eternal Father:
all creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of Glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,**

who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

CP 684

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.

The Litany

Let us offer our intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings, saying,
'Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.'

May we live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross.
Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

May all people receive the good news of Christ's victory.
Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

May those born to new life in the waters of baptism know
the power of Christ's resurrection.
Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

May those who suffer pain and anguish
find healing and peace in the compassion of Christ.
Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

May we be united in Christ's undying love
with all who have passed through the gates of death.
Redeemer of Israel, hear our prayer.

Prayers of the People

Bob Carl

Collect of the day

Celebrant God of abiding love,
All you dare to call us friends.

**command them to love,
and make whole our joy,
which is our life, reborn in Jesus
Christ, who laid down his life for us. Amen.**

Silence

The Sending Forth of the Community

Announcements

Doxology

Celebrant

All

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

Final Hymn: "In Christ There Is No East or West"

CP 484

Dismissal

Celebrant

All

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Celebrant

All

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

Amen.

Postlude: "How Lovely Are the Messengers" by Felix Mendelsshon-Bartholdy

St. Helen's quartet



With Gratitude

We are the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster, a regional expression of the Anglican Church of Canada in the Sunshine Coast, Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley consisting of 66 parishes and 3 worshipping communities. We acknowledge with gratitude that we meet on the unceded territories of Coast Salish First Nations.

St. Helen's Mission Statement

St. Helen's mission is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to all people. We are ordinary men and women who have become extraordinary through God's love of us in Christ.

Our aim is to testify and witness to the presence and leading of God's Spirit in our midst and in the life of the community in which we live. St. Helen's seeks to be a loving, nurturing, and supporting fellowship of faith for all people. We exist to serve the building of God's Kingdom in this time and place through worship, education, fellowship and service.

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