

ST. TIMOTHY ANGLICAN CHURCH

Meeting on the Traditional Territories of the x^wməθk^wəy^əm (Musqueam),
Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish), & səlilwətał (Tseilil-Waututh) Nations

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 – 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



10:00 AM – HOLY COMMUNION

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Welcome

Processional: **“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”** CP # 565

Presider: 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.**

Presider: Almighty God,

All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Children’s Talk

Gloria: **“Glory to God”** CP # 686

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God, and Father,
we worship you; we give you thanks; we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most-High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect:

Presider: God of love, you brought your people out of slavery with a mighty hand. Deliver us from our captivity to self-interest and our indifference to the gifts of others, so that we may be ready to love as you have loved us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: **Exodus 14.19-31** Vern Seel

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It

came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: as **Canticle # 1 – (Exodus 15.1b-11, 20-21)**

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I will sing to the Lord for his glorious triumph;

the horse and the rider he has hurled into the sea.

The Lord has become my strength and refuge;

the Lord himself has become my Saviour.

He is my God, and I will praise him;

my father's God and I will exalt him.

The Lord himself is a mighty warrior;

the Lord, the Lord is his name.

Your right hand, O Lord, is majestic in power;

your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods,

holy, awesome, worker of wonders?

In steadfast love you led your people,

you guided your redeemed with your great strength.

You brought them in safety to your holy place,
and planted them firm on your own mountain.

You brought them into your own house.

The Lord shall reign forever and ever.

Second Reading: Romans 14.1-12

Donnie Foerster

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord, and give thanks to God.

For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

CP # 709

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18.21-35

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sermon:

The Rev. James Duckett

Opportunity for Contemplation with Musical Interlude

Erica Buchignani

The Creed:

“I Believe in God Almighty”

CP # 44

- 1. I believe in God almighty, Father of all things that be, maker of the earth and heavens, keeper of the sky and sea. I believe in God’s Son, Jesus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spirit and of Mary born to bring abundant life.**
- 2. I believe that Jesus suffered, scourged, and scorned and crucified; taken from the cross, was buried - true life there had truly died. I believe that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then ascended to God’s right hand. He will come to judge and save.**

3. I believe in God's own Spirit, bonding all the saints within one church, catholic and holy, where forgiveness frees from sin; in the body's resurrection, for the breaking of death's chain gives the life that's everlasting: this the faith that I have claimed.

Prayers of the People:

Pat Henderson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

~ *Silence is kept* ~

Leader: Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially, we thank you --

- for the sustaining goodness of your creation ...
- for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness ...
- for the gifts of relationship with others ...
- for the communion of faith in your church ...
- for ...

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, healing the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray --

- for those who govern nations of the world ...
- for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare ...
- for all who work for peace and international harmony ...
- for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction ...
- for the church of Jesus Christ in every land ...
- for ...

Leader: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Confession and Absolution:

Presider: When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

~ *Silence is kept* ~

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: 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.

All: Amen

The Peace:

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: “When We Are Living”

SNC # 118

1. When we are living we are in the Lord,
and when we're dying, we are in the Lord;
for in our living and in our dying we belong to God, we belong to God.
2. Each day allows us to decide for good,
loving and serving as we know we should;
in thankful giving, in hopeful living, we belong to God, we belong to God.
3. Sometimes we sorrow, other times embrace,
sometimes we question everything we face;
yet in our yearning is deeper learning, we belong to God, we belong to God.
4. 'Til earth is over may we always know
love never fails us, God has made it so.
Hard times will prove us, never remove us,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Prayer over the Gifts:

Presider: Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

Sursum Corda:

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eucharistic Prayer EP# 4:

Presider: It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

At your command, all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being. From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

But we turn against you and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace. Therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus: **“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”** CP # 689

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, “Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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.”

People: Glory to you forever and ever.

Presider: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord..

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

People: Glory to you forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

SGP # 12

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All: 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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread:

Presider: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All: So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Agnus Dei: "Lamb of God"

CP # 690

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Presider: Come to this table not because you must - but because you may. Come not because you have all faith, but because you have some faith and would like to grow. Come because you love the Lord and would like to love more. Come because all is ready and because you are his body.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

All seekers of Christ are welcome at this table. If you would like to receive Communion, please form/ join the line across the front of the chancel step. Intinction is not permitted in this

Diocese. You are invited to sip the wine; touch, bow, or otherwise acknowledge the chalice of wine; or pass it by as you prefer. To bring Communion to your seat, please ask a Sides person or Greeter. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please come forward with your arms folded across your chest.

If you are joining us online or otherwise not receiving communion at this time, you may wish to say the following prayer:

“In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the Eucharist is celebrated this day, I offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I pray you come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. May I serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your promised reign of justice and peace, through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. Amen.”

Communion Hymn: “Let All Things Now Living”

CP # 403

Prayer after Communion:

Presider: God of peace,

All: in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Doxology:

Presider: Glory to God

All: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God’s Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional: “How Firm a Foundation”

CP # 527

Dismissal:

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Sanctuary Flowers for today are given to the Glory of God by the Altar Guild, in thanksgiving for all the good blessings that come to us from God.

COFFEE HOUR: Following worship today, please come & join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Hall downstairs. Many thanks go to Pat Henderson & Geok Poon for providing the tea & coffee service today.

If you would like to help with the Coffee Hour, please contact Pat Henderson.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

FOR OUR CHURCH LEADERS: We pray for Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, Primate of Canada Linda Nicholls, National Lutheran Bishop Susan Johnson, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop Christopher Harper, Lutheran Synod of BC Bishop Kathy Martin, Anglican Bishop John Stephens. We also offer our continual prayers for our companion diocese, The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines, Bishop - The Right Rev. Benny Lang-Akan; & for Padi (The Rev.) Cyril Santong of our companion parish, St. Timothy, Dantay.

IN THE WORLD: We pray for all who are continuing to deal with the COVID virus. We pray for peace in Ukraine and Sudan, and an end to the violence We pray for all those affected in areas with extreme heat & wildfires; with heavy rains & flooding; and also those affected by recent earthquakes.

IN OUR DIOCESE: We pray for St. Matthew, Abbotsford; Christ Church, Hope, The Rev. Timothy Morgan.

IN OUR PARISH: We pray for the needs of those in the Parish of St. Timothy, particularly: the Symonds family, Lilian, Lourdes & family, Judith & family, Vivian, Ruth, Stacey & the Walsh-Lewington family, Geoff W., Gayle & family, the Wickens family, Jeannette, Philippa, Sue H.

If you would like your name or that of your loved one on the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office with an update.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <i>Ongoing Tuesdays</i> | 1:30–3pm | <u>Bible Study</u> – meeting at the church |
| <i>Ongoing Wednesdays</i> | 7:30–9pm | <u>Bible Study</u> – meeting at the church |

Thursday Evening Compline

Come & join St. Stephen’s with St. Timothy’s on Thursdays from 8:30-9:00pm, for Compline Prayers offered via Zoom. Join us for a short (under 30 minutes) prayer developed by monks & nuns to be said as their last prayers before bedtime. Our Zoom-based worship is simple, meditative, & quiet. **Meeting ID:** 820 4853 6733 **Passcode:** 034102 **Dial In:** 778 907 2071

St. Stephen's Community Meal

St. Stephen's is once again offering their Community Meal on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. This simple evening meal is for everyone - those whose budgets need a free meal & those who need a meal with others. Dinner is served at 5:30pm. Drop-in set up volunteers are welcome after 4:30 pm. A Vegan option will always be available. This meal is free (donations are welcome, but not required). The next meal will be ***Wednesday, September 20th***, 2023.

Location: 9887 Cameron Street., Burnaby 604-421-0472

The Parish of St. Timothy is an open and affirming community of Christians that welcomes ***all*** to worship, pray, learn, grow, share life's journeys, and to show the world God's love.

Currently, we are offering Sunday Worship service at ***10:00 AM***, in person as well as online.

N.B. – *Masks & hand sanitizer are available.*

To learn more about the activities of the Parish and how you might become involved, please visit our website, find us on Facebook, join our email list, or you can contact the Parish Office at (604-299-6816).

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