



Saint Helen's
Anglican Church

The Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2026
10 AM
Holy Eucharist



This service is Livestreamed via Facebook and the Parish website.

We welcome everyone worshipping with us today whether in person or online. www.sthelensurrey.ca

The Gathering of the Community

Words of Welcome and Acknowledgment

We give thanks that we live, work, play, and worship on the traditional and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples including the Katzeo, Tsawwassen, Semiahmoo and Kwantlen Nations. May our words and our actions reflect our awareness and appreciation of this.

Introit Hymn: CP 101 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

The Gathering of the Community

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

And also with you.

Children's Focus

Gloria: CP 366

**Glory in the highest glory, peace to all, in all their days.
Worship, thanks, and praise unceasing to the source of all we raise:
reigning in the sapphire height, hidden from our mortal sight,
now receive our adoration, as we make our supplication.**

**Jesus Christ, the world's redeemer, Lamb of God, for sinners given,
Word eternal, born of Mary, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:
holy one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,
with the Spirit there united, and the God-head high exulted.**

Kyrie Confessions

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Eternal Father,
**who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit,
keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,
faithful to their calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah,

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Listen to what the spirit is saying to the Church

Thanks be to God

Psalm:29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare .And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Second Reading: Acts 10: 34-43

A reading from the book of Acts,

Peter began to speak to the Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses,

and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: CP 637 Come Holy Ghost

Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily:

The Reverend Dr. Robin Ruder-Celiz

Affirmation of Faith

Please rise as you are able

Let us declare our faith in God:
**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God.
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

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.**

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 Peace

Please rise as you are able

Christ is our peace.
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: 162 Sing of God made Manifest

Prayers over the Gifts

Congregation remains standing

God of life and freedom,
**we celebrate the revelation of Jesus
as the Christ who makes all creation new.**

**Accept all we offer you this day
and make us new in him,
who is Lord for ever and ever.**

Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.

Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name

and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,

and according to your holy will,

these gifts of bread and wine

may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,

took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper

he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:

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.

Do this, as often as you drink it,

in remembrance of me.

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.**

You are the Saviour of the world.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of St. Helen and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we 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 Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Please proceed to the altar for communion as directed. Communion is offered in both bread and wine. If you only wish to receive the bread, you may touch the base of the chalice or give a slight bow in reverence to the Sacrament after receiving the bread.

Prayer after Communion

Please Stand as you are able

Gracious God, lover of all,

by this sacrament

**you make us one family in Christ your Son,
one in the sharing of his body and blood,
one in the communion of his Spirit.**

**Help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.**

We ask this in his name. Amen

The Doxology

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.**

Community Announcements

The Blessing

Christ our Lord, to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts,
reveal to you his glory and pour upon you the riches of his grace;
and the blessing ...

Recessional Hymn: CP 143 Angels from the Realms of Glory

Dismissal

One in heart and one in mind,
and empowered by the Spirit,
go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Notices and Prayer List for the week beginning January 11, 2026

The flowers at the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Maureen Thompson in loving memory of parents Harold and Hattie.

We pray for the whole Anglican Church of Canada – we pray especially for the primate, Archbishop Shane Parker.

Anglican Communion – we pray for the church of Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America .

In our Diocesan Cycle: We pray for Rt. Rev'd. John Stephens, Archbishop, Robin our Rector, and Stephen our Deacon. We also pray for Archdeacon Peggy Trendell-Jensen, Archdeacon for Deacons ; St. Francis in the Wood, West Vancouver - The Revd Alex Wilson; St. Aidan & St. Bartholomew, Gibsons - The Very Revd Peter Wall .

We pray for our companion diocese of Northern Philippines. We pray for our own twinned parish of Holy Apostles, Abatan, and their priest, Father Joey Napat-a.

In all these prayers for the church near and far, we pray for the people and clergy and for the ministries flowing from these places into the communities.

In our Parish Cycle we pray for LeRoy & Riza Dove and Luis Duran. We pray for their work, ministry, and families here and away.

Notices

VESTRY: St Helens annual vestry meeting will be on **February 22, 2026**.

Those responsible for reports, please start preparing them and submit them to the office as early as possible and no later than February 3, 2026.

Sunday January 25 is also known as VST Sunday where students, staff and faculty visit various congregations to talk more about VST and be a presence.

We are fortunate to have **Sarah Autio, an Anglican M. Div student** join us where she will preach during the service. She may also have some information and pamphlets about VST which she can share during coffee hour.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026 -- will be held January 18-25 in the Northern Hemisphere. Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that 'they may be one so that the world may believe' (John 17:21). Under the theme, 'There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,' the prayers and reflections have been prepared by the Armenian Apostolic Church and reflect their historic traditions of prayer and petitions. This global week of prayer offers Christians throughout the world the opportunity to draw upon this shared Christian heritage and is organized by the World Council of Churches

AGING WITH GRACE – is a free 6 week program being hosted by St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church (11601 82 Street, North Delta). Professionals will address and answer questions on a variety of topics of interest to seniors and families including Christian Grandparenting, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Hearing & Eyesight Loss, Knowing When to Downsize & Resources, Palliative Care & Last Rites, and Legacy Planning & Terminal Costs. The series runs from January 8 to February 12 after their 10am Thursday mid-week service. Free lunch to follow. Please register at <https://stcuthbert.ca/events/aging-with-grace-seminar/2026-01-08>. (<https://www.oikoumene.org>).

MISSING TABLECLOTHS – The ACW have noticed FOUR of their long WHITE, DAMASK TABLECLOTHS are missing from their cupboard in the Upper Hall. If you have taken them home to wash and iron or seen them hanging elsewhere, would you please be in touch with Judy Nicholson (604-594-8562) or Heather Herd (604-597-3459).

This Week's Ministry Team

Officiant The Rev. Dr. Robin Ruder Celiz
Deacon The Rev. Stephen Thompson
Music..... Joel Adimartha
Crucifer/Servers/Psalmist..... Jayden/Darrel Shaw
Prayers of the Community Cathy Anderson
Readers..... Vinita Daniel & Abdul Sillah
Lay Administration Mareen & Roshan Mathew
Greeters Patricia & Tom Beneteau
Livestream Tech Z. Barabas, T Beneteau, S Lee, Ronit V. I. Nwaogu, A.Sillah
Altar Guild..... J. Francis, H. Herd ,K.Foulds
Fellowship Servers..... Cynthia & Anil Richards, C. Hall, D. Dronsfield

Next Week's Ministry Team

Officiant/Preacher The Rev'd Dr. Robin Ruder Celiz
Deacon The Rev'd. Stephen Thompson
Music..... Joel Adimartha
Crucifer/Server and Psalmist .. Wendy Russell
Prayers of the Community John Palmer
Readers..... Jayden Shaw & Catherine Hall
Lay Administration..... Vee Villar & Edward Villar
Greeters.....Janette Bulkana & Judy Nicholson
Livestream Tech . Z. Barabas, T. Beneteau, S. Lee Ronit V. I.Nwaogu, A.Sillah
Altar Guild.....Sarah Vinu & Carol Young
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