ST. ANNE'S STEVESTON
ANGLICAN CHURCH

10:00 am

March 15, 2026 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Opening Hymn: "Jesus Tempted in the Desert" (SNC #46)

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

~ Silence and stillness for reflection and self-examination. ~

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For self-centred living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation: **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Trisagion

Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Holy God,
in Jesus Christ you reveal yourself to the world,
even when we are blind to your grace.
Open our eyes to see your transforming love in our midst,
so that we may see your world anew;
through Jesus Christ, the saviour who shows compassion. Amen.

Children's Focus

Children's Song: "I Am a Child of God" *refer to video screens for words*

The First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 *(Amanda Hansen)*

Psalm 23 (VU #749) *refrain 1*

<u>The Second Reading</u>: Ephesians 5:8-14 *(Mary Koehler)*

<u>Gradual Hymn</u>: "From the Falter of Breath" (CP #489)

<u>The Gospel</u>: John 9:1-41 *(Brigitte Solomon)*

<u>The Sermon</u>: *The Rev. Marnie Peterson*

"Silence & Stillness for Prayer & Reflection"

<u>The Nicene Creed</u>

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

<u>Prayers of Intercession</u> *(Donna Bishop)*

<u>The Peace</u>: The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

You are invited to greet those around you with an offering of peace.

<u>Offertory Hymn</u>: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (CP #508)

— Celebration of the Eucharist —

Prayer Over the Gifts

**God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love.
accept all we offer you this day; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you. **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace. You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

You are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness. **Amen, we believe.**

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory. **Amen, we believe.**

On the night he gave up himself for us all he 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. **Amen, we believe.**

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. **Amen, we believe.**

Therefore, we proclaim the death that Jesus suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory. **Amen, we believe.**

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight. **Amen, we believe.**

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high. **Amen, we believe.**

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with Anne, and all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in 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 God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Sung Lord's Prayer *by Gordon Light*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name; your kingdom come, your will be done on earth, as in heav'n. 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 Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread,
Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.
If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

Communion Anthem: "Come, Share with God" (VU #469) *verses 1, 2, 1*

Come to the banquet for now all is ready.
These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

If you require a gluten free wafer, please only extend one hand. If you do not feel comfortable drinking from the cup, please just acknowledge it and let it pass. We ask that you refrain from intincting or dipping your wafer.

Communion Hymn: "Jesus Think of Me" (CP #511)

Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage; may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. 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.**

The Blessing

The Closing Hymn: "To God Be the Glory" (CP #371)

The Dismissal: Go forth to observe a Holy Lent. **Thanks be to God.**

Thank you to Miri Lee for providing beautiful music while Jonathan is away.

Announcements & Events

Lenten Study: Sundays at 11:30 am

March 15 & 22. This Study is based on the book "To Love and Serve: Anglican Beliefs and Practices" which can be purchased from the Church Office for $25.

Holden Evening Prayer: Wednesdays at 7 pm during Lent

March 18, 25 & April 1 – at St. Anne's. These short services provide beautiful music, scripture and prayer each week during the season of Lent.

Tea @ Two: Thursdays at 2 pm

An invitation to anyone who is feeling lonely and would enjoy some company.
Join us for tea or coffee and conversation in the Side Chapel.

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We gather and worship on the ancestral and unceded territories of the Coast Salish Peoples.