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10:00 am

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April 28, 2024 — Fifth Sunday after Easter

**Opening Hymn:** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (CP #425)

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Call to Worship**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May God’s grace and peace be with you. **May our hearts be filled with joy!**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith. We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Sung Gloria:** “Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo” (CP #376)

**Kyrie:** Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

### **The Collect**

**God of deep soil and luxurious growth, you call us from our shallow selves to find our depth in you: may we abide in him alone who can teach us who we are, Jesus Christ, the true vine. Amen.**

**Children’s Focus** *(All children are welcome to come forward.)*

**Children’s Song:** “Sing a Happy Hallelujah” (VU #224) *verse 2*

**The First Reading:** Acts 8:26-40 *(Penny Batchelor)*

**Psalm 22** (VU #746) *part 3*

**The Second Reading:** 1 John 4:7-21 *(Mary Koehler)*

**Gradual Hymn:** “I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say” *(see screens)*

**The Gospel:** John 15:1-8 *(Sharmila Lakhani)*

**The Sermon:** *The Rev. Marnie Peterson*

*“Silence & Stillness for Prayer & Reflection”*

## The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

I believe in God, **the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession *(David Batchelor)*

**The Peace:** The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn:** "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" (CP #300) *verses 1-3 & 5*

— *The Celebration of the Eucharist* —

## Prayer Over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God, **ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

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 thanks and praise.**

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing: *(CP #719)*

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

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

### **Sung Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father/Mother 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 Breaking of the Bread**

Lord, we died with you on the cross. **Now we are raised to new life.**  
We were buried in your tomb. **Now we share in your resurrection.**  
Live in us, that we may live in you.

## **Communion Anthem**

*Refrain:* **Come and eat this Bread, come and drink this cup,  
Come and share the feast that God has spread,  
You have promised us, you are here with us, in the breaking of the bread.**

**1. Now from this table to the ends of earth,  
Gather all of your people in this feast of all creation.**

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:** “Eye Has Not Seen, Ear Has Not Heard” (CP #548)

## **Prayer after Communion**

God of life, **bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament.**  
**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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.**

**Sung Blessing:** “May the Love of the Lord” (*see screens*)

**The Closing Hymn:** “Crown Him With Many Crowns” (CP #378)

**The Dismissal:** Go in peace, share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

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## Announcements

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### **The Flowers in Worship today are given:**

To the glory of God by Penny and David Batchelor in loving memory of their son Ian.  
“Always in our hearts.”

### **OMID (HOPE) Fundraising Dinner: May 24** (doors open at 6pm / dinner at 6:45)

“I was a stranger, and you invited me in.” - *Matthew 25:35*

Plan to join us for this special fundraising event to help bring an Afghan family to Canada. The dinner includes foods and treats from their region, a silent auction and live music. It is sure to be a lovely evening of community fellowship.

***Tickets are now on sale!*** You can purchase through our website or through the church.  
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### **The Path: A Journey Through the Bible**

Walk in the footsteps of faithful people who have done their best to follow God's call. The Path is the story of the Bible, excerpted from the New Revised Standard Version so that it is clear and easy to read. Follow the path of God's love all the way from the beginning to the end, from Adam's creation to John's revelation. With informative trail signs to help you see how each piece of the narrative fits together, The Path is an experience unlike any other: an amazing 360-degree overview of the vast, sweeping story of God's extraordinary love for ordinary people.

Wednesdays at 11am in person in the side chapel and 7pm on Zoom. The Zoom link is on the event page for The Path on the church website: [www.stannessteveston.ca](http://www.stannessteveston.ca)

Books are available in Kindle and Audible formats or as a book. Copies are available in the church office for \$20.00.

**Year to Date Financial update April 2024**

**Period Ending March 2024**

<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
Offerings	\$ 32,405.00	\$ 37,500.00
Rent	\$ 15,191.00	\$ 11,250.00
Interest	\$ 8,970.00	\$ 10,750.00
Fees (Weddings/Funerals)	\$ -	\$ 375.00
Fundraising & Misc	\$ 238.00	\$ 2,000.00
	\$ 56,804.00	\$ 61,875.00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	\$ (71,428.00)	\$ (63,822.00)
	<b>\$ (14,624.00)</b>	<b>\$ (1,947.00)</b>

If you have any questions, please contact Rae Seay, Parish Council Treasurer.



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Bishop ❖ *The Right Reverend John Stephens*

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Music Director ❖ *Jonathan Der*

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