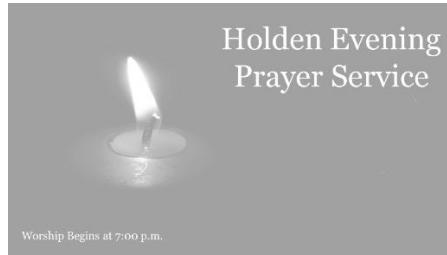


ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
EVENSONG
June 15, 2026



Rector: The Rev. Vernon Foster
Deacon: The Ven. Helen L.
Hon. Assistants: The Revs. Pat H., Susan H., Will H.,
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Church Services:

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| Sunday | 8:00 am | Holy Communion |
| | 10:30 am | Holy Eucharist |
| Weekdays (except stats) | 8:30 am | Morning Prayer (Zoom) |
| Tuesday | 7:00 pm | Contemplative Prayer |
| Wednesday | 11:00 am | Holy Communion |

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*Please be aware the 10:30 service may be recorded or livestreamed,
and your presence in the service is considered your consent to appear on camera.*

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EVENSONG – 7:00 PM
WITH THE COLLATION OF AN ARCHDEACON

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

*We commit ourselves to working together in a spirit of reconciliation as we worship and serve on
the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.*

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| Bishop: | The Right Reverend Anna Greenwood-Lee |
| Executive Archdeacon: | The Venerable Jenny R. |
| Preacher: | The Very Reverend Ansley T. |
| Chancellor: | Isabel W. |
| Liturgical Assistant: | Brian H. |
| Organists: | Freeman D., Kyle M. |
| Greeters: | Syd G. |
| Duty Warden: | Joy A. B. |

PRELUDE – *Kyle M.*

OPENING HYMN – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling – *HYFRYDOL* Tune CP #374

Love Divine, all love excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never, never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

WELCOME AND TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER – Setting by Marty Haugen

Leader – *Kyle M.*

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world;

Choir: the light no darkness can overcome;

Leader: Stay with us now, for it is evening,

Choir: and the day is almost over.

Leader: Let your light scatter the darkness,

Choir: and shine within your people here.

EVENING HYMN (Choir & Congregation)

1. Joyous light of heavenly glory, loving glow of God's own face,
you who sing creation's story, shine on every land and race.
Now as evening falls around us, we shall raise our songs to you,
God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.

2. In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn,
of the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear your quiet song.
Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul,
Love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.

3. You who made the heaven's splendor, every dancing star of night,
make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect our light.
Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way,
loving spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.

Leader - *Venerable Jenny R.*

Leader: May God be with you all,

Choir: and also with you

Leader: Let us sing our thanks to God,

Choir: it is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe, from old You have led Your people by night and day. May the light of Your Christ make our darkness bright, for Your Word and Your presence are the light of our pathways, and You are the light and life of all creation.

Choir: Amen.

Psalm 141 *Sung by Choir*

Let my prayer rise up as incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

O God, I call to you, come to me now;
hear my voice when I cry to you.

Let my prayer rise up as incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

Keep watch within me, God;
deep in my heart may the light of your love be burning bright.

Let my prayer rise up as incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

All praise to the God of all, Creator of life;
all praise to the Christ and the Spirit of love.

Let my prayer rise up as incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

Silence for meditation

Leader - *Venerable Jenny R.*

Leader: May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

All: **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING – 1 Peter 5:1-11

Barb Clark

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE ANNUNCIATION

Singers – *Marilyn B., Michele C.*

And angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God most high." And Mary said, "I am a servant of my God, I live to do your will."

THE MAGNIFICAT *Sung by Choir*

1. My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,
and my spirit rejoices in you,
You have looked with love on your servant here,
and blessed me all my life through.
Great and mighty are you, O Holy One,
strong is your kindness evermore.
How you favor the weak and lowly one,
humbling the proud of heart.

2. You have cast the mighty down from their thrones,
and uplifted the humble of heart,
you have filled the hungry with wonderous things,
and left the wealthy no part.

Great and mighty are you, O Faithful One,
strong is your justice, strong your love,
As you promised to Sarah and Abraham,
kindness forevermore.

3. My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,
and my spirit rejoices in you,
You have looked with love on your servant here,
and blessed me all my life through.

THE SECOND READING – Matthew 20:25-28

Gwen I.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOMILY

The Very Reverend Ansley T.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Please stand as you are able*)

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.

THE COLLATION OF AN ARCHDEACON

Bishop: Beloved in Christ, we are gathered here to commission The Venerable Helen Lingham as the Archdeacon to Deacons in the Diocese of Islands and Inlets. This ministry continues the good work done through the years by countless faithful servants of God and is a part of the work and witness of the whole church.

Helen, you are to care for the Chapter of Deacons, to raise up the Diaconate in this Diocese, and to remind us all of our call to serve and to witness. You will represent the Diaconate at councils of the church and, alongside the other Archdeacons of this Diocese, assist me in the administration and care of the Diocese as whole.

You are to be a servant leader, whose authority is devoted to the building of the church's strength and unity.

As we stand in God's presence, let us pray that grace will be given to Helen for this particular ministry and also to us all, in our shared life in Christ.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, by Your grace alone we are accepted and called to Your service. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Bishop: Helen, will you, in the presence of this congregation commit yourself to the new opportunities and responsibilities now entrusted to you?

Helen: I will, with God's help.

The Bishop, turning to the people says:

Bishop: Will you do all in your power to support Helen in her ministry amongst us?

People: **We will.**

Chancellor: The Right Reverend Anna Greenwood-Lee, Bishop of the Diocese of Islands and Inlets, having appointed the Venerable Helen Lingham as Archdeacon to Deacons, as Chancellor of the Diocese I do hereby declare that she is now admitted to the office of Archdeacon with all its privileges and honours.

Bishop: Helen, receive this charge which is both mine and yours, and accept this ministry of leadership and service. May you be faithful as is God who calls you.

Holy God, pour grace abundantly on this Your servant Helen. Empower, guide, and strengthen her for this work in the name of Christ.

People: **Amen.**

Helen is vested in a Cope by Jenny R., Executive Archdeacon

Bishop: My friends, I present to you the Venerable Helen Lingham, now commissioned as Archdeacon to Deacons of the Diocese of Islands and Inlets. Go to your work with the thanks and blessing of this Diocese.

Please stand as able for the prayers.

LITANY AND PRAYERS

Choir: God of mercy, hold us in love.

Leader - *Kyle M.*

1. In peace, in peace we pray to you:
 2. For peace and salvation, we pray to you:
 3. For peace between nations, peace between peoples:
 4. For we who are gathered to worship and praise you:
 5. For all of your servants who live out your gospel:
 6. For all those who govern that justice might guide them:
 7. For all those who labor in service to others:
 8. Grant weather that nourishes all of creation:
 9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us form danger:
 - 10: For all the beloved who rest in your mercy:
- Help us, comfort us, all of our days:

Choir: Keep us, hold us, gracious God.

Leader: Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Leader - *Venerable Jenny R.*

Leader: God, remember us in your love, and teach us to 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.**

BLESSING - *Bishop Anna Greenwwod-Lee*

HYMN – Lord, Let Your Servant Go in Peace CP #266

Text: Paul Gibson (1932-); Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

1 Lord, let your servant go in peace:
your promises have been fulfilled;
your saving power has been displayed
before the face of all the world.

2 My eyes have seen salvation's dawn:
the Sun of life ascending bright;
your people's glory evermore,
the nations' everlasting light.

FINAL BLESSING - *Venerable Jenny R. and Choir*

Leader: Let us bless our God

Choir: Praise and thanks to you

Leader: May God, Creator, bless and keep us, may Christ be ever light for our eyes,
May the Spirit of love be our guide and path for all of our days.

Choir: A-men

DISMISSAL - *Venerable Helen L.*

POSTLUDE - *Kyle M.*

