

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
August 28th 2022
Home Church Connections Service
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



“Nourishing Faith and Community”

Words of Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

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

And also with you.

Almighty God,

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

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray,

Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Reading One: Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.

Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?'

I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered, you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 81:1,10-16

To the leader: according to The Gittith. Of Asaph.

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.

‘But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.

So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

Then I would quickly subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their foes.

Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their doom would last for ever.

I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.’

Reading Two: Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge

fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1,7-14

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus according to Luke

Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding

banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Announcements

Statement of Faith

We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty.

We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his Son.

We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.

We believe and trust in the Three in One.

(from Creating Uncommon Worship by Richard Giles)

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, you love a cheerful giver. Teach us by your Spirit to be thoughtful and prayerful in our giving. Grant us the joy of the generous heart, through acts of love and self sacrifice. Give us wisdom in the use of our resources and we thank you for the abundance that your hand has provided. We are so blessed by you, help us to be a blessing to others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

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.

Dismissal:

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen! We go in the name of Christ! Alleluia!

St Peter and St Paul is a “happening place”

As we gear up for the fall we need volunteers. There are so many ways to contribute to the life of the church using your talents, each valuable in their own way

For Sunday services: Would you like to read Scripture? Write prayers of the people? Would you like to be a server (helping the priest at the table)? Have you ever thought of serving on altar guild (setting up prior to Sunday)? Greeting at the door? Helping at the Selkirk service? For these roles, dependability is key and having access to email is essential.

We also need: Kitchen leadership and help for the church luncheons; help with set up and tear down of tents and tables, help with writing articles for the paper; for marketing church events in social media; designing posters to be printed and distributed.

Do you have a new ministry you would like to start?

Please speak with Rev. Gail if you are interested in any of these roles.

Please note, that if you would like to be a server the training is September 18th at 1p.m. and attendance is mandatory.

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa; for Linda Nicholls, our Primate; Bishop Sidney Black, the interim National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of New Westminster Bishop John Stephens.; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese, we pray for our bishop, the Right Reverend Anna Greenwood Lee; Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, The Very Reverend Ansley Tucker and the Rev Ross Bliss.

In our region, we pray for Two Saints, The Rev Dr. Adela Torchia.

In our parish we pray for: Judy and Roy Haywood; Betty Hendry; Karen Hogg and Ross Benton; and Barbara Holt..

In our community we pray Our Place Society, The Mustard Seed and those experiencing homelessness in our society.

For the month of August we give thanksgiving for those who offer gifts of building repair and maintenance around the church.

Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Esquimalt, Songhees and other Nations of the Salish and Coast Salish Peoples. We, who came from many lands to join the line of those worshipping here, commit

our Church to continue the journey of truth and reconciliation with
our First Nations' neighbours.

Welcome to all those visiting us at St. Peter and St. Paul.

We welcome saints, seekers and sinners as we live into a life
in Christ, learning about and from one another as we
worship God together. Christ binds us together in love
through our diversity. If you are comfortable, please give us
your name and address so we can add you to our weekly
prayer list. We are looking forward to getting to know you
better.

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