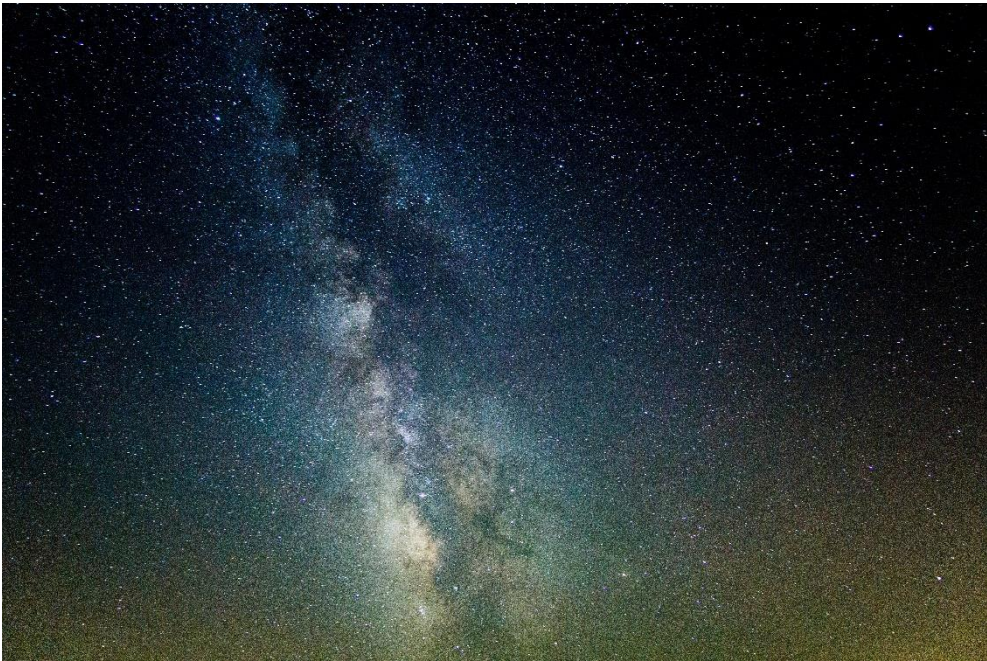


The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
September 4<sup>th</sup> 2022  
Home Church Connections Service  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Season of Creation  
“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**

### Renewing our commitment

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?"

**I will, with God's help.**

### The Collect of the Day

Let us pray,

God you, who established the dance of creation, who marvelled at the lilies of the field, who transforms chaos to order, lead us to transform our lives and the Church, so all we say and do reflect God's glory back to all of creation. **Amen.**

### The Proclamation of the Word

## Reading One: Jeremiah 18:1-11

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

*The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-6,13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
**Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.  
**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.  
**My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in  
secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
**In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!

**I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

Reading Two: Philemon 1-21

A reading from Paul's letter to Philemon

*Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our  
sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your  
house:*

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ.*

*When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my  
God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith  
towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may  
become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for  
Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from  
your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed  
through you, my brother.*

*For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to  
command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on  
the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also  
as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child,  
Onesimus, whose father I have become during my  
imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed  
useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own  
heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be  
of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the  
gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order*

*that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.*

*So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Good News of Jesus according to Luke

**Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation*

*and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.*

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: *The Rev Gail Rodger*

Announcements

Hear O Israel

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.**

**The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, alone we can do nothing, but through your loving sacrifice, receive all we offer you this day, in the name of Christ the Lord. **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, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. 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.**

### The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



## **Dismissal:**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies; for Linda Nicholls, our Primate; Bishop Sidney Black, the interim National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Niagara, Bishop Susan Bell.; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese, we pray for our bishop, the Right Reverend Anna Greenwood Lee; Saint Dunstan's, Victoria, Interim Rev Heather Robinson.

In our region, we pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross, Pastor Lyle McKenzie and Pastor Lyndon Sayers.

In our parish we pray for: Barbara Hooper; Graham and Licette How; Judy Ingram; Howard and Nancy Jacques; Sue Johnsen; and Faye and Roy Johnson.

In our community we pray Neighbourhood House and those who are marginalized in our society

For the month of September we pray for our upcoming autumn food drive.

This week we hold special prayers for the Merchant Navy and all they sacrificed so we may have freedom.

## 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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