

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
May 7th 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Annibale Carracci, The Stoning of St Stephen - 1603-04

Currently: Louvre Museum 1st floor Grande Galerie, room 12

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“Nourishing faith and community”

Prelude

Words of Welcome *(Please stand as clergy enters)*

Musical opening CP312 Sing a New Song Unto the Lord

(Text and Music Daniel Schutte, 1979 New Dawn Music One License)



Refrain

***Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.***

*Yahweh's people dance for joy. O come before the Lord
And play for him on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound.*

Refrain

*Rise, O children, from you sleep; your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song.*

Refrain

*Glad my soul, for I have seen the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Saviour
lives.*

Refrain

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

Gloria (sung)

(Daniel Schutte Mass of Christ One licence)

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace on earth
Peace to people of goodwill.**

**We praise you, we bless You
We adore you, we glorify You
We give you thanks,
For your great glory.
Lord God heavenly King,
O God Almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world,
Receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand**

**The right hand of the Father
Have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the most High,
Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory
Of God the Father.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace on earth
Peace to people of good will.**

Amen, Amen.

Kyrie (sung)

**Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**Kyrie Eleison
Christie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison, eleison**

**Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.**

Let us pray,

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading One: Acts 7:55-60

A reading from the book of Acts

But filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died. And Saul approved of their killing him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; **do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.**

Incline your ear to me; **rescue me speedily.**

Be a rock of refuge for me, **a strong fortress to save me.**

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; **for your name's sake lead me and guide me,**

take me out of the net that is hidden for me, **for you are my refuge.**

Into your hand I commit my spirit; **you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

My times are in your hand; **deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**

Let your face shine upon your servant; **save me in your steadfast love.**

Reading Two: 1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from the first letter to Peter

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

*'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;*

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

*'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner',*

and

*'A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.'*

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

*Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn Ten Thousand Reasons *(Please stand)*

(Music and Text: Matt Redman; One license)

Refrain:

Bless the Lord oh my soul

Oh my soul

Worship God's Holy name

Sing like never before

*Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name*

*The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes. **Refrain***

*You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing.
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find: **Refrain***

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you

know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sing like never before

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I'll worship Your Holy name

*And on that day when my strength is failing.
The end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore: **Refrain***

Sermon *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Musical Moment for Reflection

Announcements

Coronation Tribute *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour: look with favour upon thy servant Charles our King, and bestow upon him such gifts of wisdom and love that we and all thy people may live in peace and prosperity and in loving service one to another, to thine eternal glory; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn CP 660 God Save our King

(Music: Melody Thesaurus Musicus 1743; arranged Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941) text: unknown)

*God save our gracious King,
long live our noble
King God save our King.
Send him victorious, happy and glorious,
long to reign over us,
God save the King.*

Affirmation of Faith *(please stand)*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Confession

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming of sinners and inviting us to table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. *(Silence is kept)*

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.**

(Please stand)

Assurance of Pardon

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead to sin, and made us alive together in Christ. Therefore the God of love and power:

forgives us and frees us from our sins, heals and strengthens us by the Spirit, and raises us to new life in Christ our Lord. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn CP 434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

(Text: Herbert O'Driscoll (1928-), music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876) public domain)

*The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing;
our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,
for all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received,
and for the generations who faithfully believed.*

*The love of Jesus calls us, that we may always be
companions on a journey, where all the world may see
that serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy;
where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.*

*The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go,
to challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow,
to know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more;
for those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.*

*The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days,
to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;*

*that God with men and women may so transform the earth,
that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.*

Prayer over the Gifts:

God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Our offering plate is not passed through the pews or placed on the altar but placed symbolically in front of the font near the back of the church. If you have missed it and would like to donate, it does remain available briefly after service.)

Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*

Musical setting Great Thanksgiving #4 CP732 CP 733 and CP734

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore joining with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

(sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(sung)

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. (sung) **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

(Music Gordon Light)

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

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.

Invitation to Table

The table of the Lord is ready.

Come, when you are joyful, to rejoice

Come, when you are thankful, to offer praise in the receiving

Come, when you are prayerful, to be united.

Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love.

Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith.

Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole.

Come, old and young,

there is room for all, and all are welcome.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thank be to God.

The Communion

(Communion will be offered from a standing position in front of the choir pews. It is the belief within the Anglican Church that receiving in one kind is considered full communion. The chalice may be taken, the base touched in acknowledgement or passed by (one element taken) however intinction – dipping of the wafer into the cup - is not permitted).

Instrumental musical selections during communion

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Let us pray,

God of love, today we have heard your truth and shared in your life.

May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the

Lord. **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 blessing of the Holy Trinity; the loving Creator, who is the
source of all being, of Jesus Christ who is the love incarnate in the
world, and the ever present Holy Spirit, hold you, surround you and
remain with you always. **Amen.**

Musical CP 403 Let All Things Now Living

((Text: Katherine K. Davis (1892-1980), melody Welsh Traditional. C 1939 E.C. Schirmer
Music Co. CCLI)



*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
Love's banners are o'er us; God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.*

*God's law still enforces the stars in their courses
and causes the sun in its splendour to shine;
the hills and mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean in praises combine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;*

*with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
“To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for The Episcopal Church of Rwanda; for Linda Nicholls, our Primate; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Ottawa, Bishop Shane Parker; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese, we pray for our bishop, The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee; Saint Philip, Cedar. and the interim priest in charge The Rev. Deborah Rivet.

In our region, we pray St Barnabas, The Rev. Dr. Travis O'Brian.

In our parish we pray for Doreen Langmeed, Rick and Charlotte Lawson, Nico Lohmann and Vanessa Wilson and Hypatia and Aurelia Lohmann.

In our community we pray for Neighborhood House and those who are marginalized in our society.

For the month of May, we pray for those who offer gifts of gardening and landscaping care around the church.

Forgot your offering? Don't carry cash? No worries!

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Just remember to put your envelope number in the message box, or, if you are visiting, your name and address for a receipt for a donation of \$25 or more.

Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Lək̓ʷəŋən speaking peoples, 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.

Washrooms are found in the hall, up the stairs, on the right.

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