

The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
April 7 2024  
Second Sunday of Easter



“Nourishing faith and community”

## Prelude

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

### Musical opening CP628 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

*(Text: Latin O amor quam 15<sup>th</sup> century and Music Trier MC (15<sup>th</sup> Century) adapt Michael Praetorius (1571-1621) public domain)*



*O love, how deep, how broad, how high! It fills the heart with ecstasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.*

*God sent no angel to our race, of higher or of lower place,  
but wore the robe of human frame for us, and to this lost world came.*

*For us he was baptized, and bore his holy fast, and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.*

*For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his daily works he wrought;  
by words and signs, and actions, thus still seeking not himself but us.*

*For us by wickedness betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed.  
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us at length gave up his breath.*

*For us he rose from death again, for us he went on high to reign  
For us he sent his spirit here to guide, to strengthen and to cheer*

*To God whose boundless love has won salvation for us through the Son  
To God the Father, glory be both now and through eternity.*

### 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 and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### The Proclamation of the Word

#### Reading One: Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the book of Acts

*Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 133

**A Song of Ascents.  
How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!**

**It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.  
It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,  
life for evermore.**

Reading Two: 1 John 1:1 – 2:2

A reading from the first letter of John

*We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.*

*This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

*My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: CP 457 Alleluia! Glory to God

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***Refrain:***

*Alleluia alleluia, alleluia!*

*Glory to God who does wondrous things  
Let all the people God's praises now sing,  
All of creation in splendour shall ring: Alleluia! (refrain)*

*See how salvation for all has been won  
Up from the grave our new life has begun  
Life now perfected in Jesus, the Son: Alleluia! (refrain)*

*Now in our presence the Lord will appear,  
Shine in the faces of all of us here,  
Fill us with joy and cast out all our fear: Alleluia! (refrain)*

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

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**

*When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'*

*But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'*

*A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'*

*Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.*

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Hymn: CP 457 Alleluia! Glory to God

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***Refrain:***

***Alleluia alleluia, alleluia!***

*Call us, Good Shepherd we listen for you*

*Wanting to see you in all that we do,*

*We would the gate of salvation pass through: Alleluia! (**refrain**)*

*Lord, we are open to all that you say,*

*Ready to listen and follow your way,*

*You are the potter and we are the clay: Alleluia! (**refrain**)*

*If we have love then we dwell in the Lord,*

*God will protect us from fire and sword*

*Fill us with love and the peace of his word: Alleluia! (**refrain**)*

Sermon: *The Reverend Gail Rodger*

Musical Moment for Reflection

Announcements

Hear O Israel *(please stand)*

**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

### Prayers of the People

#### Confession and Absolution

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:**

**Our self-centered living and failing to walk with humility and gentleness.**

**Our longing to have what is not ours and for our hearts that are not at rest within ourselves.**

**Our misuse of human relationships, and for our unwillingness to see the image of God in others.**

**Our jealousies that divide family and nations, and our rivalries that create strife and warfare.**

**Our reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and our carelessness with the fruits of creation.**

**Our hurtful words that condemn, and our angry deeds that harm.**

**Our idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ and our squandering the gifts of love and grace.**

*(Please stand)*

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Hymn: CP 73 One Bread One Body (please be seated for this hymn)

*(Text and music: John B. Foley, SJ New Dawn Music Oregon Catholic Press One License )*

***Refrain:***

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless-and  
we, though many, through-out the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.***

*Gentile or Jew, servant or free,*



woman or man, no more. **Refrain**

*Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. **Refrain***

*Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all. **Refrain***

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray,

God of grace, you have freed us in love, shown in the death and resurrection of 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**

Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*

*(Book of Alternative Service EP #1; musical setting CP732 The Great Thanksgiving setting #4)*

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.**

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: in our humanity you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices 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. Amen. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

*(Musical setting 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 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.**

The table of love is offered for all people. It is Christ who invites us to meet love incarnate here, and all are welcome.

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### The Communion

*(Communion will be offered from a standing position in front of the choir pews. Responses to receiving the host include: Amen: Hallelujah; or Thanks be to God.)*

Instrumental musical selections during communion

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Let us pray,  
Holy God, thank you for feeding us with this holy mystery. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen 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 Sending CP 309 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

*(Text: Natalie Sleeth c 1976 Hinshaw Music One License)*

*Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,  
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,  
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.  
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,  
praise the Lord in the city square,  
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.  
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,  
praise the Lord in the dark of night,  
praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.  
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,  
praise the Lord on the highest hill,  
praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.*



*Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,  
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,  
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.  
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,  
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,  
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.  
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,  
praise the Lord in the time of joy,  
praise the Lord every moment; nothing let your praise destroy.  
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,  
praise the Lord in your work or play,  
praise the Lord everywhere in every way.*

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude



## Weekly Cycles of Prayer

**In the world**, we pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church.

**In Canada**, we pray for Linda Nicholls, our Primate; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Huron, Bishop Todd Townshend; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

**In our diocese**, we pray for our bishop, The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee; Parish of Salt Spring Island, interim The Rev. Paul Schumacher.

**In our region**, we pray for St Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay, The Ven. Craig Hiebert and The Rev. Dyan Davison.

**In our parish** we pray for Andrew Sebo; Pat Seidlitz; Jean Smith; Rosemary Smith; Lawrence Surges and Hilary Mackey; and Frances Thomasset.

**In our community** we pray for the Rainbow Kitchen, and those who are hungry in our society. For the month of April, we pray for Our Soapy Sundries Drive.

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.

### Territorial Acknowledgement

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





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