

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
June 16th 2024
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Nourishing Faith and Community

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Prelude

Words of Welcome

(please stand as clergy enter)

Opening Hymn: CP 485 Love Divine All Loves Excelling

(tune CP 374) (Text: Charles Wesley(1837-1898); music Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887) Hyfrydol public domain)

*Love divine, all loves 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.*

Gathering

In this time and place we gather on the ancestral lands the
Lekwungen speaking people, of our Esquimalt, Songhees and
Coast Salish First Nation companions.

**From many places and peoples we come to this house in
prayer.**

In this time and place we gather in the name of the living God.
We meet in the presence of Jesus Christ, risen and alive.

In this time and in this space we gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages.
In this time and space heaven and earth are one.

In this time and space we are not alone, but one in Christ.
Knit together in the unity of the Spirit.

In this time and place, we are hallowed, expectant, one people in God.
In the name of the Holy and Blessed One, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gloria (sung)

**Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, glory to God on high,
Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, glory to God on high,
and on earth, peace to God's people, glory to God,
and on earth, peace to God's people, glory to God.**

Kyrie (sung)

**In peace, in peace, let us pray to the...
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy**

**For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
For the unity of all, let us pray to the....
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy**

**For your people here who have come to give you praise,
For the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the....
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy**

Let us pray,

Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** (please be seated)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Reading One: 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20

A reading from the Samuel

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, ‘How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.’ Samuel said, ‘How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.’ And the Lord said, ‘Take a heifer with you, and say, “I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.” Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.’ Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem.

The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 20

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!

The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

**May he send you help from the sanctuary,
and give you support from Zion.**

May he remember all your offerings,
and regard with favour your burnt sacrifices.

May he grant you your heart's desire,
and fulfil all your plans.

**May we shout for joy over your victory,
and in the name of our God set up our banners.**

May the Lord fulfil all your petitions.

Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with mighty victories by his right hand.

**Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,
but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.**

They will collapse and fall,
but we shall rise and stand upright.

**Give victory to the king, O Lord;
answer us when we call.**

Reading Two: 2 Corinthians 5:6 -1, 14-17

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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Gospel Ancient Words (Please stand)

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*Holy Words, long preserved for our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart oh let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope. Give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where e'er we roam ancient words will guide us home.
Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts oh let the ancient words impart.*

*Holy words of our faith handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice oh heed the faithful words of Christ.
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Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you.
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Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34

God be with you.
And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus according to Mark
Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sermon *The Rev. Bill Morrison*

Musical Moments for reflection

Announcements

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD (please stand)

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 the People (please be seated)

Prayers of Confession and Assurance

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.

Holy and gracious One: forgive our sins.

The ones we can remember, and those we have forgotten.

Forgive the wrong actions we have committed, and the right actions we have avoided.

Forgive the times we have been weak, unkind or judgmental and failed to live out your kingdom call to justice and love.

Forgive the lies we have told, the truths we have avoided and the pain we have caused others.

Creator of all, have mercy on us, and make us whole.

Early Irish (adapted from A Celtic Primer p. 95)

May Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(from New Patterns for Worship Church of England)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you!

Hymn CP 482 Come and Journey with a Saviour

(Text: Herbert O'Driscoll (1928-). Benjamin Franklin White 1800-1879 Lutheran Book of Worship , with permission)

Come and journey with a Saviour who has called us from our birth,
who has washed us in the waters, and who loved us on the earth.

Refrain

**Come and journey, come and journey
with a Saviour who has come.**

We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.

Come and journey, journey inward, come and seek him deep within,
where he meets us in our living, in our striving and our sin.

Refrain

Come and journey, journey outward, where that cross calls us to care,
where injustice and where hunger and the poor call us to share.

Refrain

Come and journey, journey upward. Sing his praises, offer prayer.
In the storm and in the stillness find his presence everywhere.

Refrain

Come and journey, journey onward; all our gifts we now shall bring
to the building of a city that is holy, Christ its King.

Refrain

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer over the Gifts

God of reconciliation and forgiveness, the saving work of Christ has made our peace with you. May that work grow toward its perfection in all we offer you this day. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

(Our offering plate is not passed through the pews or placed on the altar. Instead it is placed symbolically in front of the font near the back of the church, a calling to all the baptized to be part of the kingdom in the practice of committed giving. If you have missed it and would like to donate, it does remain available briefly after service.)

The Great Thanksgiving (please stand)

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Open your hearts.

We open to the fullness of God.

Feast at the banquet prepared from the foundations of the world.

We come, O Christ, in thanks and praise.

Holy and eternal One in whom we live and move and have our being our origin and our fulfillment we praise and thank you for drawing us to this sacred meal. From the ocean of your primal love you fashioned the marvel of creation and beauty of human life. From this land of towering forests, mist laden coastlines, the rhythms of the tidal seas, storm and stillness you humble us to affirm the sacred gift of all creation and our stewardship for everything given and received.

Praise be to you, source of all life!

From the earliest days the peoples of these islands learned their dependence on your provision salmon and whale, elk and bear, and

through song and ceremony, dance and painted cedar, hallowed these sacred relationships with all life.

Praise be to you, source of all life!

In Jesus Christ, you came into our world to reveal your glory, reconcile all peoples to yourself and make all things new in him. Now, gathered from many places, with a heart set on the pilgrim way we bring this bread and wine yearning for the nourishment of your Spirit and the fullness you promise in Jesus evermore praising you and saying

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, most holy One: for on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, gave it to all gathered and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

"Behold, I am with you to the end of the age."

Therefore, God of all creation, we offer this bread of life, and this cup of salvation. Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts and upon

us, that we may know Jesus in the breaking of the bread and follow him in lives of selfless service and courageous love.

Praise be to you, source of all life.

In the fullness of time reconcile all things in Christ, and bring us to that heavenly table, where every tear will be wiped away and we will feast anew.

Blessing, praise and thanksgiving be to you, Holy and Eternal One, Undivided Trinity, One God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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 them that 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.

Breaking of the Bread

The One who defeated death and injustice is now present in this bread.

The One who offers our life promise and hope is now present in this wine.

Breaking into our lives and community we ask God for new life in Christ.

Invitation to table

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Communion is offered while musical selections

(Communion is offered at three locations: station one is at the back of the church near the candles for those who prefer to stand and/or are physically challenged by steps without railings; station two, brought to the pew; station three: at the altar rail)

Prayer after Communion (please stand)

Let us pray,

Holy and blessed God, as you nourished us through Word and table, guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips but also in our lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

Blessing

Sending: Love Love Love Love (sung a capella)

(Tune: Rose, Rose Rose, public domain)

Love Love Love Love

The gospel in a word is love

Love your neighbor as your brother (or sister)

For God is love

Peace Peace Peace Peace
The gospel in a word is peace
Peace that passes understanding
Go live in peace

Joy Joy Joy Joy
The gospel in a word is joy
Joy that fills to overflowing
Go share the joy

Dismissal:

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen! We go in the name of Christ! Alleluia!

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 Lək'wəḡən speaking peoples, including 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.

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa; for Linda Nicholls, our Primate; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Qu'Appelle, Bishop Helen Kennedy; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese, we pray for our bishop, The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee; Anna, our bishop; Anna, our bishop; for Saint Columba Anglican and United Church, Port Hardy.

In our region, we pray for the St John the Divine, The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum, The Rev. Dr. John Thatamanil.

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

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

For the month of June we pray for the ministry of SPSP to Selkirk Seniors Village.

You are invited to a
Parish Summer Lunch
SUNDAY JUNE 23
Following the 10 am Sunday Service
In the Memorial Hall.

Enjoy a delicious lunch, and
get to know someone
new in conversation.



Signing up helps us plan
and

everyone is always welcome.

(You do not need to be signed up to attend.)

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