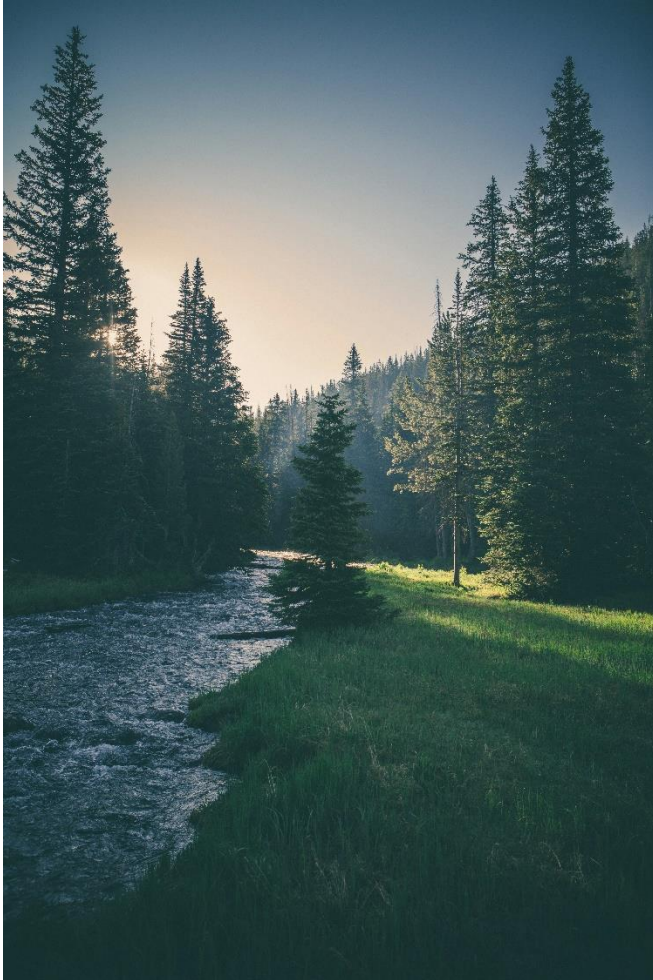


The Anglican Parish of St Peter and St Paul  
March 16<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Second Sunday of Lent



“Nourishing Faith and Community”

## Prelude

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

### Opening Hymn CP 565 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

(Text: William Williams (1717-1791); Music: John Hughes (1873-1932), public domain)

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and  
shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's  
side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.*

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

**And with thy spirit.**

Almighty God,  
**unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom  
no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the  
inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee,**

**and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

CP 553 Ubi Caritas et Amor

*Ubi Caritas et amor,  
ubi caritas Deus ibi est.*

*Live in charity and steadfast love,  
live in charity; God will dwell with you.*

*Ubi Caritas et amor,  
ubi caritas Deus ibi est.*

Let us pray,  
Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

## Reading One: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

### A reading from Genesis

*After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.*

*Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.*

*When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'*

Here ends the reading.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27:1-2, 4-5, 11-14

Of David.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**

**to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.**

Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

**Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

Reading Two: Philippians 3:17-4:1

A reading from the Epistle to the Philippians

*Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies*

*of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.*

Here ends the reading.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel 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.*

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory be to thee O Lord.**

*At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’*

The Gospel of Christ  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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*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.*

Sermon: *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Musical Moment for Reflection

## Announcements

### The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People

### Confession and Absolution

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11. 28.*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3. 16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1. 15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2. 1, 2*

Let us humble confess our sins to Almighty God. *(Silence is kept)*  
**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance

and true faith turn unto him; have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts (please be seated for this hymn)

Hymn: CP 61 As We Gather At Your Table

(Text: Carl Daw, Jr, (1944-), 1989 Hope Publishing co; Music Alfred Fedak (1953-)1990 Selah Publishing Co. One License)

*As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be  
stirred.*

*Nourish us with the sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory  
known.*

*Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is  
strife.*

*Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still be-hold your image in the world you died to save.*

*Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and  
least.*

*there no more will envy blind us, nor will pride our peace destroy,  
and we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

**All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.**

**Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things. Who has bidden us they faithful people to cleanse our hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed by your gift of forgiving love and the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in works of love.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**

**Blessed is the one that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now as our Saviour Christ hath 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

**We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to**

**eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,  
that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

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

Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world,  
**grant us thy peace.**

### The Communion

Instrumental musical selections during communion

### Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; Assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; And that we are living members of his mystical Body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; And are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

**And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our**

**Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth 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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: CP 393 Immortal Invisible God Only Wise

(Text: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908; Music: Welsh traditional, public domain)

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.*

*Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,  
thine angels afore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.*

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

(no alleluias during Lent)

Postlude

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. We leave the hall unlocked for the entire service and our greeter would be happy to walk over with you.

## 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.

## Weekly Cycles of Prayer

**In the Worldwide Anglican Communion**, we pray for The Anglican Church of South America; for Ann Germond, our interim Primate; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces, The Right Rev. Scott McCaig; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

**In our diocese**, we pray for our bishop, The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee.

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

**In our parish** we pray for: Walter Adams; Dorothy Barnes; William Bates; Myrna Bennett; Ann Berry; Cindy Bourgeois; Caleb Bourgeois; Cohen Bourgeois.

**In our community** we pray for the Esquimalt Seniors Community Centre Society

For the month of March, we pray for the Altar Guild.

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