

The Anglican Parish of St Peter and St Paul  
March 23<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Third Sunday of Lent



“Nourishing Faith and Community”

## Prelude

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

### Opening Hymn CP9 Today I Awake

(Text and Music : John Belt, (1949-), 1989 The Iona Community, One license)

*Today I awake and God is before me.*

*At night, as I dreamt he summoned the day;  
for God never sleeps, but patterns the morning  
with slithers of gold , or glory in grey.*

*Today I arise and Christ is beside me.*

*He walked through the dark to scatter new light.  
Yes, Christ is alive, and beckons his people  
to hope and to heal, resist and invite.*

*Today I affirm the Spirit within me*

*at worship and work, in struggle and rest.  
The Spirit inspires all life which is changing  
from fearing to faith, from broken to blest.*

*Today I enjoy the Trinity round me,*

*above and beneath, before and behind;  
the Maker, the Son, the Spirit together –  
they called me to life and call me their friend.*

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,  
Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### Reading One: Isaiah 55:1-9

A reading from Isaiah

*Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

Here ends the reading.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Ps 63:1-8

A Psalm of David, when he was in the Wilderness of Judah

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;  
**my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

**Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

**My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips**

when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

**for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

**My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

Reading Two: Corinthians 10:1-13

A reading from the First Epistle to the Corinthians

*I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.*

*Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some*

*of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.*

Here ends the reading.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:1-9

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 time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'*

*Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he*

*said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.” ’*

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

Gospel Hymn Be unto Your Name  
(Written by: Robert Mark)

*We are a moment You are forever  
Lord of the ages God before time  
We are a vapor You are eternal  
Love everlasting reigning on high*

*Holy Holy Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Highest praises Honour and Glory  
Be unto Your name  
Be unto Your name*

*We are the broken You are the healer  
Jesus Redeemer Mighty to save  
You are the love song we'll sing forever  
Bowing before You blessing Your name*

*Holy Holy Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Highest praises Honour and Glory*

*Be unto Your name*  
*Be unto Your name*

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 humbly 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 465 Here in This Place New Light is Streaming

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*Here in this place new light is streaming;  
now is the darkness vanished away.  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in – the lost and forsaken;*

*gather us in – the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young – our lives are a mystery;  
we are the old – who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in – the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly;  
give us the courage to enter the song.  
Here we will take the wine and the water;  
here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine for compassion;  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away,  
but here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is the kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in – all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

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:** RHB I Feel the Winds of God Today (tune CP508)

(Text: Jessie Adams 1863-1954, English Melody traditional Public Domain)

*I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift,  
though heavy oft with drenching spray and torn with many a rift;  
if hope but light the waters crest, and Christ my bark will use,  
I'll seek the seas at his behest and brave another cruise.*

*It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears,  
until with braver thoughts arise, the purer brighter years;  
if cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be,  
Lord let me feel your freshening breeze and I'll put back to sea.*

*If ever I forget your love and how that love was shown,  
lift high the blood-red flag above, it bears your name alone.  
Great pilot of my onward way, you will not let me drift  
I feel the winds of God today, today my sail I lift.*

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.** (no alleluias during Lent)

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 Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; for Ann Germond, our interim Primate; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Caledonia, Bishop David Lehmann; 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 Luke Cedar Hill, The Rev. Daniel Fournier

**In our parish** we pray for: Keith & Keiko Brandsma, Doug and Bev Bowen, Jan Brister, Cathy Carphin, Wendy Clapp, Theresa Coutu, and Tom Daggett and Annie Kung.

**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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