

The Anglican Parish of St Peter and St Paul
March 30th, 2025
Fourth Sunday in Lent



“Nourishing Faith and Community”

Prelude

Words of Welcome (Please stand as clergy enters)

Opening Hymn CP436 I Bind Unto Myself Today

(Music trad Irish St. Patrick's Breastplate; Text Patrick of Ireland (389?-461?); tr. Cecil Frances Alexander (1815-1895), public domain).

*I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three-in-One, and One-in-Three.*

*I bind this day to me forever,
by power of faith, Christ's incarnation,
his baptism in the Jordan river,
his death on cross for my salvation.
His bursting from the spiced tomb,
his riding up the heavenly way,
his coming at the day of doom,
I bind unto myself today.*

*I bind unto myself today
the virtues of the starlit heaven,
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,
the whiteness of the moon at even,
the flashing of the lightning free,
the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
the stable earth, the deep salt sea
around the old eternal rocks.*

I bind unto myself today

*the power of God to hold and lead,
his eye to watch, his might to stay,
his ear to hearken to my need,
the wisdom of my God to teach,
his hand to guide, his shield to ward,
the word of God to give me speech,
his heavenly host to be my guard.*

(Verse with a different tune – feel free to listen only)

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

*I bind unto myself the name,
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three-in-One, and One-in-Three,
of whom all nature hath creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation;
salvation is of Christ the Lord.*

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,
Eternal Lover of our wayward race, you open your arms to accept us
even before we turn to meet your welcome; you invite us to
forgiveness even before our hearts are softened to repentance. Hold

before us the image of our humanity made new, so that we may live in Jesus Christ, your new creation. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading One: Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Here ends the reading.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

Of David. A Maskil.

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

You surround me with shouts of deliverance, O Lord.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

You surround me with shouts of deliverance, O Lord.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord’, and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

You surround me with shouts of deliverance, O Lord.

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

You surround me with shouts of deliverance, O Lord.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

You surround me with shouts of deliverance, O Lord.

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

You surround me with shouts of deliverance, O Lord.

Reading Two: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A reading from the Second Epistle to the Corinthians.

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! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Here ends the reading.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn CP 318 – Rejoice Today with One Accord

(Text; William Baker (1821-1877), Music: Melody Martin Luther, (1483-1546), Johanne Bach 1658-1750) public domain)

Rejoice today with one accord, sing out with exultation;
rejoice and praise our mighty Lord,
 whose arm hath brought salvation
His works of love proclaim, the greatness of his name,
for he is God alone who hath his mercy shown;
let all his saints adore him!

When in distress to him we cried, he heard our sad complaining.
O trust in him, whate’er betide; his love is all-sustaining.
Triumphant songs of praise to him our hearts shall raise;
now every voice shall say, “O praise our God always”;
let all his saints adore him!

Gospel Reading: Luke LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory be to thee O Lord.

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’

So he told them this parable: Then Jesus said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.” So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’ ” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe—

the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” ’

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

Sermon: *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Special Music: *Take it Easy*

(Music and Text: Isaac Wardell, Kate Bluett, Matt Maher Paul Zach

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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.

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: Be Still For The Presence of the Lord

(Text and Music: David J. Evans)

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;

Come bow before him now with reverence and fear:

In him no sin is found – we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

*Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned:
How awesome is the sight – our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.*

*Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace –
No work too hard for him. In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.*

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: CP602 Lift High the Cross

(Composers: Geroge William Kitchin (1927-1912), Shirley Erena Murray (1931 -). Sydney Hugo Nicholson (18775-1947))

Refrain:

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till
all the world adore his sacred name!*

*Come Christian people, sing your praises, shout! If
we are silent, even stones cry out. **Refrain***

*Jesus, you wept to see our human strife: teach
us compassion for each human life. **Refrain***

*Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme: let
peace be our passport, peace a living dream. **Refrain***

*Great is the cost of the waling on this road, to
follow and suffer with the Son of God. **Refrain***

*Worlds to be born and children yet to be, come,
take up this song into eternity. **Refrain***

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 Lək^wəŋən 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 Sudan; for Ann Germond, our interim Primate; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Calgary, Bishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese, we pray for our bishop, The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee; St Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay, The Rev. Craig Hiebert and The Rev. Dyan Davison.

In our parish we pray for: Judith Davidson, Lynda and Michael Delaney, Ruth D'Hollander, John & Bridget Ducker, Patrick Dunae, Ann Easton, Victor Flett Sr. and Victor Flett Jr.

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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