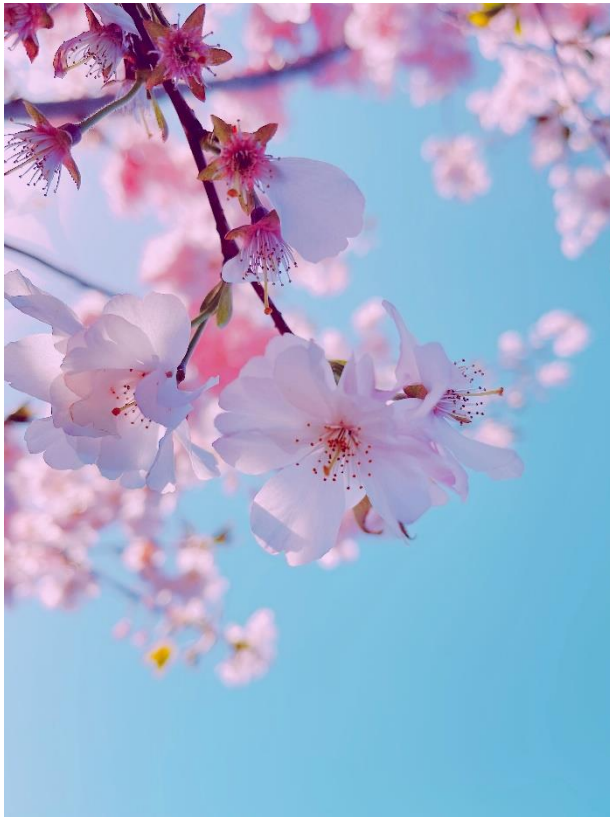


The Anglican Parish of St Peter and St Paul
April 27th, 2025
Second Sunday of Easter



“Nourishing Faith and Community”

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn 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.*

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 5:27-32

A reading from the Book of Acts

When [the Captain of the guard and the Temple police] had brought [Peter and the other apostles who had been prisoners, who were set-free by an angel of the Lord and were now teaching at the Temple], they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

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

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Reading Two: Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from the book of Revelation

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

*even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.*

*‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is
and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.*

Here ends the reading

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: CP 429 For the Beauty of the Earth

(Text: Folliott Sanford Pierpoint, (1835-1917); Music Alternate Tuen Dix 160)Konrad Kocher (1786-1872))

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

Gospel Reading: John 20:19:31

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel 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 they were afraid], 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 429 For the Beauty of the Earth

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*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

Sermon: *The Rev. William Morrison*

A musical moment for reflection

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 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.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Hymn CP 505 Be Thou My Vision *(please be seated for this hymn)*

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art –
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*

*Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, alone we can do nothing, but through your loving sacrifice, receive all we offer you this day, in the name of Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer (Please stand)

(Book of Alternative Service EP #1; musical setting CP719 The Great Thanksgiving setting #1)

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.

Blessed are you gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death, he destroyed death, and by his rising again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise 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.

Blessed is the one 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 VU960 R Langdon)

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

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.

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

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Instrumental musical selections during communion

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Let us pray,

Holy One, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith, that we may grow in love for you and for each other, through Jesus the risen 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.

The Blessing

Sending Hymn: CP 602 Lift High the Cross

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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 walking 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.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ! Alleluia.

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 Church of the Province of Uganda; for our discernment in choosing a Primate; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Bishop Sam Rose

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

In our region, St Philip Oak Bay, The Rev. Allan Doersken

In our parish we pray for: Joseph Motuz, Judy Parker, Kevyn Patey, Doreen Peets, Mavis Pillar, Brian Poulsen, Don and The Rev. Gail Rodger, and Peter Saunders.

In our community we pray for the Neighbourhood House

For the month of April, we pray for those who donate garden and landscaping skills to the church.

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