

The Anglican Parish of St Peter and St Paul

May 11th, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter



“Nourishing Faith and Community”

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn All Creatures of Our God and King

(Text; Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) tr William Draper (1855-1933) Music: Melody Geistliche Kirchengesange 1623, public domain)



*All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
 alleluia, alleluia!*

*Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
 alleluia, alleluia!*

*Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
 O sing now, alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice;
stars nightly shining, find a voice,
 alleluia, alleluia!*

*Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
 alleluia, alleluia!*

*Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
 alleluia, alleluia!*

*Earth ever fertile, day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
 O sing now, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
God's glory let them also show:*

alleluia, alleluia!

*All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
alleluia, alleluia!*

*All you that pain and sorrow bear,
sing praise and cast on God your care:
alleluia, alleluia!*

*And even you, most gentle death,
waiting to hush our final breath,
O sing now, alleluia!
You lead back home the child of God,
for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
alleluia, alleluia!*

*Let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
alleluia, alleluia!*

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,
O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus
Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the love of the eternal

covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading One: Acts 9:36-43

A reading from the book of Acts

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (sung CP519)

(Text: ps. 23; para. Scottish Psalter, 1650, public domain)

*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:
he maketh me down to lie*

*in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.*

*My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
ever for his own name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.*

*My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling place shall be.*

Reading Two: Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from the book of Revelation

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

*‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’*

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

*For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.*

*They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;*

*for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’*

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: Be unto Your Name

(Written by: Gary Sadler; Lynn DeShazo, 1998 Integrity's Hosanna! Music; Lynn DeShazo Music, CCLI license)

*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*

Gospel Reading: John 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and

they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn Be unto Your Name

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*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*

A musical moment for reflection

Announcements

Prayers of the People

This past week marked a new remembrance and old remembrance and so we include two prayers of the people specific to this week.

Red Dress Day is held every year on May 5th in Canada. It is a national day of remembrance for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirited People (MMIWG2S+). To honor those who have been lost, we hang red dresses in trees, on front porches or in windows or wear red dress pins.

Before God we remember.

We remember those Missing and Murdered Women and Girls and Two Spirited People who suffered. We take time to remember they are Our Relations, as all creation is related. We remember their family members and friends and the heaviness of loss and grief that they have carried for so many years. Creator, in Jesus, you showed us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect, care for one another and commit ourselves to providing safety for all. May we grow in your spirit, and support all our relations, for you are God, now and forever.

Amen.

May 8th, 1945, marked the end of five years and eight months of conflict in Europe, part of the most brutal and bloody war in human history.

The unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany saw the end of a legacy of unimaginable suffering - millions of soldiers and civilians killed, cities laid waste and the mass extermination of 6 million Jews, condemned under Adolf Hitler's "final solution".

In Canada over one million served - one in every eleven citizens. Tragically 44,090 would never return home. Another 55,000 would come home maimed by wounds and an untold number would also bear deep emotional scars until the day they died.

Canada entered into a new era after May 8th, 1945. Happiness returned to the nation but it is a happiness forever tinged with pain

and sadness etched by the memories of faraway places called the North Atlantic Run, Normandy, Dieppe, the Ruhr Valley or Ortona.

Let us pray,

Almighty God from whom true peace comes, open our minds and hearts to a true love of peace. Guide those who are in authority to listen well to your wisdom, to work only for justice and charity, which is the only true path to peace in the world. May your kingdom come so that the earth will be filled with your knowledge and your love and your peace. **Amen.**

Our prayers of the people continue...

Passing the Peace

During this Easter Season we stand in front of the empty tomb forgiven and free.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Hymn CP 585 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

(Text Albert Frederick Bayly (1901-1984) Oxford University Press; Music Benjamin White 1800-1879; 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship)

*Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.*

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;

*still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the
soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.*

*As we worship, grant us vision till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened
sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us
bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. **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,

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the love
of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely
to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ 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

The blessing of the Holy Trinity; the loving Creator, who is the
source of all being, of Jesus Christ who is the love incarnate in the

world, and the ever present Holy Spirit, hold you, surround you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: CP 662 The Trees of the Field

(Text Isaiah 55:12 Music: Stuart Dauermann CCLI)



*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands.*

*And all the trees of the field will clap their hands
The trees of the field will clap their hands
The trees of the field will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.*

*(repeat entire song three times each time getting faster = the piano
will lead the tempo)*

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 West Africa; for our discernment in choosing a Primate; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Fredericton, Bishop David Edwards.

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

In our region, Lutheran Church of the Cross, Pastor Lyle McKenzie and Pastor Lyndon Sayers.

In our parish we pray for: Lynn Scott; Andrew Sebo; Pat Seidlitz; Jean Smith; Rosemary Smith; Roland Stacey; Nathaniel Sukhdeo and Ann Desgagne and Eloise; Lawrence Surges and Hilary Mackey.

In our community we pray for the Victoria Native Friendship Centre.

For the month of May, we give thanks for those who contribute so generously in time and energy to our fundraising efforts throughout the year.

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