

The Anglican Parish of St Peter and St Paul  
May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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“Nourishing Faith and Community”

## Words of Welcome

### 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.*

*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 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 God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the  
life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his

commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### Reading One: Acts 11:1-18

A reading from the book of Acts

*Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with*

*water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

**He established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,  
**fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!  
**Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;  
his glory is above earth and heaven.

**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,  
for the people of Israel who are close to him.**

Reading Two: Revelation 21:1-6

A reading from the book of Revelation

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven  
and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I  
saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven  
from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard  
a loud voice from the throne saying,*

*‘See, the home of God is among mortals.*

*He will dwell with them;*

*they will be his peoples,*

*and God himself will be with them;*

*he will wipe every tear from their eyes.*

*Death will be no more;*

*mourning and crying and pain will be no more,*

*for the first things have passed away.’*

*And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am  
making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are  
trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha  
and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give  
water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.*



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**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: CP381 Praise my Soul

(Text: Psalm 103 par Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847); music John Goss (1800-1880) public domain)

*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me should sing God's  
praise.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Maker all your days.*

*Praise God for the grace and favour shown our forebears in dis-  
tress;*

*God is still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
alleluia, alleluia, sing our Maker's faithfulness.*

*Like a loving parent caring; God knows well our feeble frame;  
gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same:  
alleluia, alleluia, all within me praise God's name.*

Gospel Reading: John 13:31b-35

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**

*Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has  
been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also  
glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I  
am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said*

*to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’*

The Gospel of Christ  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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*Frail as summer’s flower we flourish; blows the wind and it is gone;  
but, while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on:  
alleluia, alleluia, praise the high eternal one.*

*Angels, teach us adoration; you behold God face to face;  
sun and moon and all creation, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia, praise with us the God of grace.*

Sermon: *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

A musical moment for reflection

Announcements

Prayers of the People

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 Give Thanks (be seated for this hymn)  
(Text and Music: Don Moen)

*Give thanks with a grateful heart.  
Give thanks to the Holy One.  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.*

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*And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
because of what the Lord has done for us"*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
because of what the Lord has done for us"*

*Give thanks  
(Sing through entire song 2 times)*

### Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life.  
May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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,

God of love, in this place and time we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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: Love Love Love Love (sung a capella)

(Tune: Rose, Rose Rose, public domain)

*Love Love Love Love*

*The gospel in a word is love*

*Love your neighbor as your brother (or sister)*

*For God is love*

*Peace Peace Peace Peace*

*The gospel in a word is peace*

*Peace that passes understanding*

*Go live in peace*

*Joy Joy Joy Joy*

*The gospel in a word is joy*

*Joy that fills to overflowing*

*Go share the joy*

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 Indies; for our discernment in choosing a Primate; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Huron, Bishop Todd Townshend.

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

**In our region**, local members of the Sisterhood of Saint John the Divine; the Franciscan Order and the Benedictine Order.

**In our parish** we pray for: Sasha Tanoushka; Frances Thomasset; Betty Ann & Lew Townsend; J. Ann Walker; Rosemary Wallace; Adora and Bob Waters; Sharon Wickware; Max Wideman.

**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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