

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
June 8 2025
Home Church Connections
Pentecost Sunday



Nourishing Faith and Community

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Words of Welcome

Gathering

In this time and from many places we gather on the ancestral lands the Lək'wəŋən speaking people, of our Esquimalt, Songhees and Coast Salish First Nation companions.

From many places and peoples we come to pray.

In this time and from many places we gather in the name of the living God.

We meet in the presence of Jesus Christ, risen and alive.

In this time and within this virtual space we gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages.

In this time and space heaven and earth are one.

In this time and wherever we are, we are not alone, but one in Christ.

Knit together in the unity of the Spirit.

In this time and in all places, we are hallowed, expectant, one people in God.

In the name of the Holy and Blessed One, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray,

Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who

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

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Reading One: Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No,

*this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:32-37

**May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works—
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.
Let sinners be consumed from the earth,**

**and let the wicked be no more.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Praise the Lord!**

Reading Two: Romans 8:14-17

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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Gospel Reading: John 14:8-17

God be with you.
And also with you.
The Good News of Jesus according to John
Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who

dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Announcements

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayers of the People

Prayers of Confession and Assurance

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love, infinite in mercy, and welcoming of sinners. Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

**Holy and gracious One: forgive our sins.
The ones we can remember, and those we have forgotten.**

Forgive the wrong actions we have committed, and the right actions we have avoided.

Forgive the times we have been weak, unkind or judgmental and failed to live out your kingdom call to justice and love.

Forgive the lies we have told, the truths we have avoided and the pain we have caused others.

Creator of all, have mercy on us, and make us whole.

Early Irish (adapted from A Celtic Primer p. 95)

May Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(from

New Patterns for Worship Church of England)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you!

At peace with one another united as one we declare:

We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty.

We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his Son.

We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.

We believe and trust in the Three in One.

(from Creating Uncommon Worship by Richard Giles)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Doxology

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.

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of the Almighty, God the unnameable Alpha and Omega, Jesus Christ, the love incarnate in the world, and the ever-present Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Dismissal:

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

In the world we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; for our discernment for a new Primate; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Montreal, Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese, we pray for our bishop, The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee and in our region, we pray for the St Georges Cadboro Bay, The Rev. Christine Conkin.

In our parish we pray for: Tom Dagget and Annie Kung; Judith Davidson; Lynda and Michael Delaney; Ruth D'Hollander; John and Bridget Ducker; Patrick Dunae; Ann and Ned Easton.

In our community we pray for St. John the Divine Food Bank and those whose illness is addiction in our society.

For the month of June, we pray for the SPSP ministry to those in Selkirk Seniors Village. .

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