

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



Nourishing Faith and  
Community

# THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

(please stand as clergy enter)

## Opening Hymn: SGP44 Part of the Family

(Text and music: James Manley, 1984 CCLI )

## ***Refrain***

***Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of  
the family.***

***We are lost and we are found, and we are a part  
of the family.***

*You know the reason why you came,  
yet no reason can explain;  
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,  
for we are a part of the family.*

*God is with us in this place,  
like a mother's warm embrace.*

*We're all forgiven by God's grace  
for we are a part of the family. **Refrain***

*Children and elders, middlers and teens,  
singles and doubles and in-betweens,  
strong eighty-fivers and streetwise sixteens,  
for we are a part of the family.*

*Greeters and shoppers, long-time and new,  
nobody here has a claim on a pew;  
and whether we're many or only a few,  
we are a part of the family. **Refrain***

*There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;*

*We are the branches, Christ is the vine.*

*This is God's temple it's not yours or mine  
but we are a part of the family.*

*There's rest for the weary and health for us all  
there's a yoke that is easy and a burden that's small;*

*so come in and worship and answer the call  
for we are a part of the family. **Refrain***

### Gathering

In this time and place we gather on the ancestral lands the Lekwungen speaking people, of our Esquimalt, Songhees and Coast Salish First Nation companions.

**From many places and peoples we come to this house in prayer.**

In this time and place we gather in the name of the living God.

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

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

**Knit together in the unity of the Spirit.**

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

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

Gloria (sung)

**Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, glory to God on high,  
Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, glory to God on high,  
and on earth, peace to God's people, glory to  
God,  
and on earth, peace to God's people, glory to  
God.**

Kyrie (sung)

**In peace, in peace, let us pray to the...  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have  
mercy**

**For the reign of God, and for peace throughout  
the world,  
For the unity of all, let us pray to the....  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have  
mercy**

**For your people here who have come to give you  
praise,**

**For the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the....**

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy**

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy**

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.**

(please be seated)

## **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.**

Special Music CP 637 Come, Holy Ghost, Our  
Souls Inspire *(sung by the parish singing group)*  
(Text: 9<sup>th</sup> century Latin translated John Cosin (1594-1672); Music Meoldy  
Mechlin plainsong)

*Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
and lighten with celestial fire;  
thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.*

*Thy blessed unction from above  
is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our blinded sight.*

*Anoint and cheer our soiled face  
with the abundance of thy grace;*

*keep far our foes, give peace at home;  
where thou art guide no ill can come.*

*Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and thee, of both, to be but one:  
that through the ages all along  
this may be our endless song:  
praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

### 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.*

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

### Gospel Hymn: CP 649 Breathe on me Breath of God

(Text; Edwin Hatch (1835-1889); Music: Robert Jackson (1840-1914), public domain)



*Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love the way you love,  
and do what you would do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with yours,  
to do and to endure.*

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.**

Gospel Hymn: CP 649 Breath on me Breathe of God

(Text; Edwin Hatch (1835-1889); Music: Robert Jackson (1840-1914), public domain)

*Breathe on me Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with you the perfect life  
for all eternity.*

Sermon The Rev. Gail Rodger

Special Musical: *Lord Make Me An Instrument of Peace.* (sung by the parish singing group)

(Porter's Gate: Isaac Wardell; Liz Vice: Jessica Fox; Orlando Palmer: Paul Zach: 2020 Integrity Worship Music CCLI license 7158505)

Announcements

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

(please stand)

**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)

Prayers of the People (please be seated)

Prayers of Confession and Assurance

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.

**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!**

### Hymn CP 645 Come Down O Love Divine

(Text: Bianco de Siena (1350-1434) translated Richard Littledale (1833-1890) and music: Ralph  
Vaugh Williams (1872-1958) Oxford University Press, CCLI)

*Come down, O Love divine! seek out this soul of  
mine  
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,*

*and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.*

*There let it freely burn till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
and make my pathway clear, by your illuming.*

*Let holy charity my outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become my inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart which takes the humbler  
part,  
and for its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.*

*And so the yearning strong with which the soul will  
long  
shall far surpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace till we become the  
place  
in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.*

## **THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

*(Our offering plate is not passed through the pews or placed on the altar. Instead it is placed symbolically in front of the font near the back of the church, a calling to all the baptized to be part of the kingdom in the practice of committed giving. If you have*

*missed it and would like to donate, it does remain available briefly after service.)*

The Great Thanksgiving (please stand)

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Open your hearts.

**We open to the fullness of God.**

Feast at the banquet prepared from the foundations of the world.

**We come, O Christ, in thanks and praise.**

Holy and eternal One in whom we live and move and have our being our origin and our fulfillment we praise and thank you for drawing us to this sacred meal. From the ocean of your primal love you fashioned the marvel of creation and beauty of human life. From this land of towering forests, mist laden coastlines, the rhythms of the tidal seas, storm and stillness you humble us to affirm the sacred gift of all creation and our stewardship for everything given and received.

**Praise be to you, source of all life!**

From the earliest days the peoples of these islands learned their dependence on your provision salmon and whale, elk and bear, and through song and ceremony, dance and painted cedar, hallowed

these sacred relationships with all life.

**Praise be to you, source of all life!**

In Jesus Christ, you came into our world to reveal your glory, reconcile all peoples to yourself and make all things new in him. Now, gathered from many places, with a heart set on the pilgrim way we bring this bread and wine yearning for the nourishment of your Spirit and the fullness you promise in Jesus evermore praising you and saying

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, most holy One: for on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, gave it to all gathered and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**"Behold, I am with you to the end of the age."**

Therefore, God of all creation, we offer this bread of life, and this cup of salvation. Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts and upon us, that we may know Jesus in the breaking of the bread and follow him in lives of selfless service and courageous love.

**Praise be to you, source of all life.**

In the fullness of time reconcile all things in Christ, and bring us to that heavenly table, where every tear will be wiped away and we will feast anew.

Blessing, praise and thanksgiving be to you, Holy and Eternal One, Undivided Trinity, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (sung) – Please see insert for music

(musical setting: Jamie Brown; Worthily Magnify Music, 2022. Used with permission)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive 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 thine is the power and the glory forever, the glory forever, the glory forever. Amen.**



## Breaking of the Bread

The One who defeated death and injustice is now present in this bread.

The One who offers our life promise and hope is now present in this wine.

**Breaking into our lives and community we ask God for new life in Christ.**

## Invitation to table

The table of bread and wine is now ready. It is the table of company instituted by Christ, and Christ who invites us to the feast. All are welcome.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Communion is offered while musical selections  
(Communion is offered at three locations in the following order:  
station one is at the back of the church near the candles for those  
who prefer to stand and/or are physically challenged by steps  
without railings; station two, brought to the pew; station three: at  
the altar rail)*

## Prayer after Communion (please stand)

Let us pray,

Holy One, you have nourished us today. Continue to renew us in your truth, to give light to our minds, strength to our bodies, and seal us with your Holy Spirit. We ask this in the name of Christ's name. **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.**

### 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**

### Sending: RHB 106 Lord of the Dance

*(Text and Music Daniel Schutte, 1979 New Dawn Music One License)*

*I danced in the morning when the world was  
begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the  
sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the  
earth:  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.*

### **Refrain**

***Dance, then, wherever you may be,***

*I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow  
me;*

*I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
they came with me and the dance went on:*

***Refrain***

*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:  
the holy people said it was a shame.  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me  
on high,  
and they left me there on a cross to die: **Refrain***

***Refrain***

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone;  
but I am the dance, and I still go on: **Refrain***

*They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die.*

*I'll live in you if you'll live in me:  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. **Refrain***

**Dismissal:**

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of  
the Spirit

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

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.

### Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Lək'wəṇən speaking peoples, including 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.

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## Hospitality Tips

See someone in the pew you don't know?

Here are some tips to help you get to know one other.

Try: "I don't believe we have met. My name is ...."

Try: "I would like to get to know you better. My name is..."

Avoid: "Are you new here?"

After the service, discuss commonalities.

Try: "I enjoyed (or didn't) the (hymn/message or ....) in the service as it reminded me of ...."

Try: "What did you hear that spoke to you in the service today?"

Try "How did you find the service today?"

Avoid "Where are you from?" or "What brought you here?"

Remember to try to choose authenticity of experience over interrogation for information.

## Weekly Cycles of Prayer

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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