The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul June 15 2025 Home Church Connections Trinity 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 Ləkwəŋən 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,

Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love.

Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Reading One: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
A reading from Proverbs

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
"To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

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

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Reading Two: Romans 5:1-5

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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

Gospel Reading: John 16:12-15

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus according to John

Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

"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.

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 everpresent 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

We pray for The Anglican Church of Australia; for our discernment for a new Primate; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Diocese of Moosonee, Bishop Anne Germond; 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 St John the Divine, The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum, the Rev. Dr. John Thatamanil

In our parish we pray for: Victor Flett Sr.; Victor Flett Jr.; Sandra Flynn; Pat Fraser; Gail Gill; Elaine and Al Hay; and, Betty Hendry.

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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