

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
June 22nd 2025
Second Sunday after Pentecost



Nourishing Faith
and Community

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Prelude

Words of Welcome *(please stand as clergy enter)*

Opening Hymn: CP 429 For the Beauty of the Earth
(Text: Folliott Sanford Pierpoint, (1835-1917); Music Alternate Tuen Dix
160)Konrad Kocher (1786-1872))

*For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the joy of human love,

*brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

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,

O God our defender,

storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid.

Rescue your people from despair,

deliver your sons and daughters from fear,

and preserve us all from unbelief;

through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and ever. **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7), 8-15a

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the

wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.'

(Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.')

He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the

fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 42

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

**My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.**

When shall I come and behold
the face of God?

**My tears have been my food
day and night,**

while people say to me continually,
'Where is your God?'

**These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:**

how I went with the throng,
and led them in procession to the house of
God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,

a multitude keeping festival.

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
**Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.**

My soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
**from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.**

Deep calls to deep
at the thunder of your cataracts;
**all your waves and your billows
have gone over me.**

By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.

**I say to God, my rock,
‘Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully
because the enemy oppresses me?’
As with a deadly wound in my body,
my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me continually,
‘Where is your God?’**

**Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?**
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.

Psalm 43

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
against an ungodly people;

**from those who are deceitful and unjust
deliver me!**

For you are the God in whom I take refuge;
why have you cast me off?

**Why must I walk about mournfully
because of the oppression of the enemy?**

O send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;

**let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling.**

Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy;

**and I will praise you with the harp,
O God, my God.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?

**Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.**

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.

*Now before faith came, we were imprisoned
and guarded under the law until faith would be
revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian
until Christ came, so that we might be justified by*

faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

Gospel Hymn: Ancient Words *(please stand)*
(Written by Lynn DeShazo)

*Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart
Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home*

***Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart***

Holy words of our faith

*Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ
Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart*

*Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart*

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:26-39

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus according to Luke
Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, ‘What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me’—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard

and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn: Ancient Words

(Written by Lynn DeShazo)

*Martyr's blood stains each page
They have died for this faith
Hear them cry through the years
Heed these words and hold them dear*

*Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart
(sing twice)*

Sermon *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Announcements

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

**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

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: Ten Thousand Reasons *(please be seated for this hymn)*

(Written by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin)

Chorus:

***Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship God's holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy Name.***

*The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.*

Chorus

*You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.*

***Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship God's holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy Name.***

*And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul sings Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.*

Chorus (twice)

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God, you have made our Saviour Jesus Christ the head of all creation. Receive all we offer you this day and renew us in his risen life, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

(Our offering plate is not passed through the pews nor placed on the altar. Instead it symbolically resides by 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 would like to donate but missed the offering plate on your way in, it remains available briefly after the service.)

The Great Thanksgiving

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)

(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.

Musical selections accompany Communion

(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,

Almighty, eternal, and triune God, may we who have been fed today, worship You in all we do and proclaim the glory of your majesty. May we walk with Jesus all our days and live with your Spirit living in us. We ask this in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **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 Hymn: Make Your Service of Love a

Beautiful Thing. (Text 13th century; music; Dent Davidson, copyright 2023 CCLI)

(Rev. Gail to teach- no words printed)

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.

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for The Church of Bangladesh; for our discernment for a new Primate; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; for Diocese of New Westminster Bishop John Stephens; and for 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 Luke Cedar Hill, The Rev. Daniel Fournier.

In our parish we pray for: Karen Hogg & Ross Benton, Barbara Anne Holt, Barbara Hooper, Graham & Licette How, Judy Ingram, and Aaron Isberg.

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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