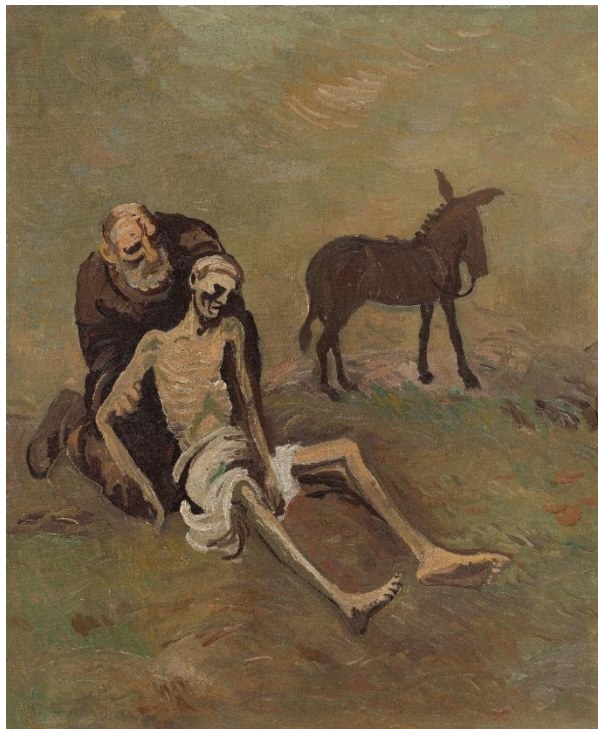


The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
July 13th 2025
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Home Church Connections



Nourishing Faith
and Community

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Prelude

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,
Almighty God,

you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; 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

First Reading: Amos 7:7-17

A reading from the Book of Amos.

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said,

*'See, I am setting a plumb-line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'*

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

*"Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land."'*

And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again

prophecy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

'Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, "Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac." Therefore, thus says the Lord:

"Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parcelled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land."'

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 82

God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgement:

**'How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked?**

Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

**Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.'**

They have neither knowledge nor understanding,

**they walk around in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**

I say, 'You are gods,
children of the Most High, all of you;
**nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.'**

Rise up, O God, judge the earth;
for all the nations belong to you!

Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians.

*Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and
Timothy our brother,
To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in
Colossae:*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

*In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus
and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope
laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the
word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is
bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing
fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly
comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras,
our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your
behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.*

*For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased
praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge*

of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:25-37

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus according to Luke

Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest

was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon *The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum*

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

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 Canada; for our new Primate the Right Reverend Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; for Diocese of Ontario, Bishop William Cliff; 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 Philip Oak Bay, The Rev. Allan Doersken.

In our parish we pray for: Scott Miller and Shannon Delaney, Joseph Motuz, Judy Parker, Doreen Peets, Mavis Pillar, and Brian Poulson.

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 July, we pray for the Coffee Ministry.

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