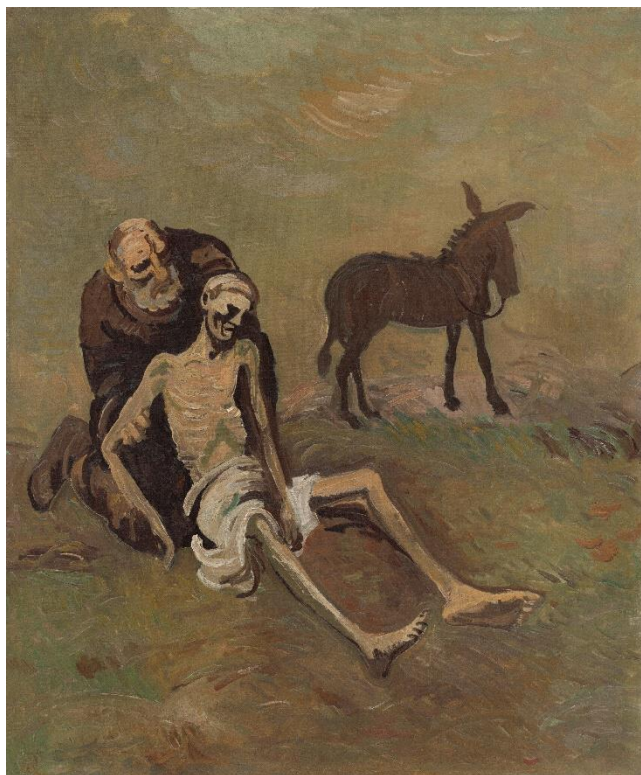


The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
July 13th 2025
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Nourishing Faith
and Community

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn:

VU 296 This is God's Wonderous World

(Text: Maltbie Davenport Babcock 1901, alt.; Music: Terra Beata Adapter: Stanley Oliver (1929))



*This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,
of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
Let rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.*

*This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong
seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.*

*This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad!
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!*

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 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.** *(please be seated)*

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 prophesy 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 Hymn

CP485 Love Divine All Loves Excelling

(Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), Music: Melody Geystliche Gesang
Buchleyn (1534), public domain)

*Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.*

*Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.*

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.

Gospel Hymn

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*Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Sermon *The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum*

Musical Moment for reflection

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!**

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Hymn: CP399 Now Thank We All Our God

(Text: Martin Rinckart, 1596-1649; Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662)

*Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,*

*in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and nourish us with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God
eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word,
who reign in highest heaven:
our ever faithful God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy One, your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace; for the sake 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,
Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in
your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this
mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
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

Sending Hymn: CP602 Lift High the Cross

(Text: George William Kitchin, 1827-1912; Shirley Erena Murray, 1931-;
Music: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1875-1947)



Refrain:

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Til all the world adore his sacred name!***

*Come Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out.*

Refrain

*Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:
Teach us compassion for each human life.*

Refrain

*Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme:
let
peace be our passport, peace a living dream.*

Refrain

*Great is the cost of the waling on this road,
To follow and suffer with the Son of God.*

Refrain

*Worlds to be born and children yet to be,
come, take up this song into eternity.*

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.

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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