

The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
July 20<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Sixth 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, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 8:1-12

A reading from the Book of Amos.

*This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A basket of summer fruit.’ Then the Lord said to me,*

*‘The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,’ says the Lord God; ‘the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!’*

*Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, ‘When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.’*

*The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?*

*On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.*

*The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send*

*a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.*

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

### Psalm 52

Why do you boast, O mighty one, of mischief done against the godly? **All day long you are plotting destruction.** Your tongue is like a sharp razor, you worker of treachery. You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking the truth. **You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue.**

But God will break you down for ever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. **The righteous will see, and fear, and will laugh at the evildoer, saying, ‘See the one who would not take refuge in God, but trusted in abundant riches, and sought refuge in wealth!’**

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God for ever and ever. I will thank you for ever, because of what you have done. **In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.**

### Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

A reading from Paul’s Letter to the Colossians.

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all*

*creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.*

*And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.*

*I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:38-42

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

*Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'*

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.**

(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 Church of the Province of Central Africa; for our new Primate the Right Reverend Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; for Diocese of Ottawa, Bishop Shane Parker; 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 Two Saints, The Rev Heather Robinson.

In our parish we pray for: Don and The Rev. Gail Rodger, Peter Saunders, Lynn Scott, Andrew Sebo, Pat Seidlitz, Jean Smith, Rosemary Smith, and Roland Stacey.

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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