

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
August 10th 2025
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



Nourishing Faith
and Community

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn CP425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore

Thee (Text Henry van Dyke (1852-1933) Music Ludwig Van Beethoven
(1770-1827; arr. Ed Hodges (1796-1867) public domain)

*Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,*

*ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.*

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 sent your Holy Spirit to be the
life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the
riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the
fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

A reading from the book of Isaiah

*The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he
saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of
Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of
Judah.*

*Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of
Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you
people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude
of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had
enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed
beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of
lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear
before me, who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is
futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon
and sabbath and calling of convocation I cannot
endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new*

*moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me, I am weary of
bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I
will hide my eyes from you; even though you make
many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full
of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes;
cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice,
rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for
the widow.*

*Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like
snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall
become like wool. If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse
and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for
the mouth of the Lord has spoken.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50

The mighty one, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**

Our God comes and does not keep silence,
before him is a devouring fire,

and a mighty tempest all around him.

He calls to the heavens above

and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

‘Gather to me my faithful ones,

who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!’

The heavens declare his righteousness,

for God himself is judge.

‘Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;

your burnt-offerings are continually before me.

‘Mark this, then, you who forget God,

or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one to deliver.

Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honour me;

to those who go the right way

I will show the salvation of God.’

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: CP381 Praise my Soul

(Text: Psalm 103 par Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847); music John Goss (1800-1880) public domain)

*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me should sing God's praise.
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Maker all your days.*

*Praise God for the grace and favour
shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
alleluia, alleluia, sing our Maker's faithfulness.*

*Like a loving parent caring;
God knows well our feeble frame;
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same:
alleluia, alleluia, all within me praise God's
name.*

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-40

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus according to Luke

Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.

*'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's
good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your*

possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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*Frail as summer’s flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:*

alleluia, alleluia, praise the high eternal one.

*Angels, teach us adoration;
you behold God face to face;
sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia, praise with us the God of grace.*

Sermon *The Venerable Penelope Kingham*

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

Offering Hymn: CP619 Fairest Lord Jesus

*Text: Münst. Gesangbuch, 1677; tr. Church Chorals and Choir Studies, 1850:
Music: Melody Silesian traditional 1842, (public domain).*

*Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou the Godhead's human son:
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,*

thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the troubled heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, firer still the moonlight,
and fair the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.*

*All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
none can be nearer, fairer, or dearer
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy One, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 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)

Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. 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: VU639 One More Step Along the World I Go

(Text and music Sydney Carter 1971 Hope Publishing One Licence)



*One more step along the world I go
One more step along the world I go
From the old things to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

*And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

*'Round the corners of the world I turn
More and more about the world I learn
And the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

*As I travel through the bad and good
Keep me traveling the way I should
Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way, I know
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

*Give me courage when the world is rough
Keep me loving though the world is tough
Leap and sing in all I do
Keep me traveling along with you
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

*You are older than the world can be
You are younger than the life in me
Ever old and ever new
Keep me traveling along with you
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you.*

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 Province of the Anglican Church of Chile;
for our new Primate the Right Reverend Shane Parker;
for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop;
Diocese of Rupert's Land, Bishop Geoffrey Woodcroft;
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, The Abbey
Church, The Rev. Matthew W. Humphrey

In our parish we pray for: Walter Adams, Dorothy
Barnes, William Bates, Myrna Bennet, Ann Berry, Cindy
Bourgeois, Caleb Bourgeois, and Cohen Bourgeois.

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 August we pray for the building
maintenance and repair Ministry.

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