

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
August 31st 2025
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Home Church Connections



Nourishing Faith
and Community

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Words of Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Renewing our commitment

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

I will, with God's help.

Let us pray,

Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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: Jeremiah 2:4-13

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?'

I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 81:1, 10-16

Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

**I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.**

‘But my people did not listen to my voice;
Israel would not submit to me.

**So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,
to follow their own counsels.**

O that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!

**Then I would quickly subdue their enemies,
and turn my hand against their foes.**

Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,
and their doom would last for ever.

**I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,
and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.’**

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, ‘I will never leave you or forsake you.’ So we can say with confidence,

*‘The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?’*

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

God be with you.
And also with you.

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the

host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Announcements

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

The Affirmation of Faith

(Taken from Season of Creation ecumenical service which was adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.**

You are God.

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
God made flesh,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

Prayers of the People

With Thanksgiving and Remembrance for the Merchant Navy (September 3rd)

Let us pray

**Almighty Lord, God, the Protector of all who trust in you, we
commend to your keeping all those in the Merchant Navy who
gave their lives on our behalf. And we pray that out of the fruits
of their sacrifice, Canada may have a righteous and abiding
peace. They performed their duty with bravery, confident that
in their life or in their death you were their refuge, and we know
you hold them in your ever loving arms. We entreat you, O Lord
God so to turn the hearts of the people of this land to do good,
trusting in your goodness, so that we are renewed to do your ser-
vice, learning and honouring from the past and evermore moving**

into the future and giving you praise, from one generation to another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; for our new Primate the Right Reverend Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Territory of the People Anglican Church, Bishop Clara Plamondon; 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, St John the Divine, The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum, The Rev. Dr. John Thatamanil.

In our parish we pray for: Ruth D'Hollander, John & Bridget Ducker, Patrick Dunae, Ann Easton, Victor Flett Sr., Victor Flett Jr., Sandra Flynn and Pat Fraser.

In our community we pray for St. John the Divine Food Bank and those among us whose illness is addiction.

For the month of August we pray for the building maintenance and repair Ministry.

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