

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



Nourishing Faith
and Community

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn SGP 38 Come, Christians Join to Sing

(Text Christian Batteman 1843 Music Anon, 1824 Eerdmans Publishing Co Grand Rapids MI).) * words adapted by Gail Rodger



*Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia.
Praises will ever ring*, Alleluia.
Let all with heart and voice
Saved by God's gracious choice,
Now in this place rejoice, Alleluia.*

*Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia.
Let praises fill the sky, Alleluia.
Christ calls his people friends,
The helpless he defends.
a love that never ends, Alleluia.*

*Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia.
Raise high the joyous strain, Alleluia.
The whole creation o're
Let all God's love adore
Singing forever more, Alleluia.*

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

Gloria (sung)

(Daniel Schutte Mass of Christ One licence)

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace on earth
Peace to people of goodwill.**

**We praise you, we bless You
We adore you, we glorify You
We give you thanks,
For your great glory.
Lord God heavenly King,
O God Almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You take away the sin of the world,**

**Have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world,
Receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand
The right hand of the Father
Have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the most High,
Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory
Of God the Father.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace on earth
Peace to people of good will.**

Amen, 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.**
(please be seated)

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.*

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

Gospel Hymn: Gospel Hymn: CP500 Sister Let Me
Be Your Servant (Text and Music Richard Gillard CCLI license)

*Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travelers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.*

*I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.*

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.

Gospel Hymn: CP500 Sister Let Me Be Your
Servant

(Text and Music Richard Gillard CCLI license)

*When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.*

*Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.*

Sermon *The Rev. Gail Rodger*
Musical Moment for reflection
Announcements

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

The Affirmation of Faith *(please stand)*

(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 service, 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.

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.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.**

(Please stand)

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offering Hymn: CP 429 For the Beauty of the Earth

(Text: Folliott Sanford Pierpoint, (1835-1917); Music Alternate Tuen Dix 160)Konrad Kocher (1786-1872))

*For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony*

*linking sense to sound and sight,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day.
Give us grace to love one another that your love
may be made perfect in us. 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.)

Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*

*(Book of Alternative Services EP4 p201 Musical setting for the Sanctus
thanksgiving setting 1 CP719)*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast
expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the
planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our
island home; by your will they were created and
have their being.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the
human race, and blessed us with memory, reason,
and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and
we turn against one another. Again and again you
call us to return. Through the prophets and sages

you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

(sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes,
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. .
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of

wine; he gave you thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

“I am the bread which has come down from heaven,” says the Lord.

Give us this bread forever.

"I am the vine, you are the branches"

May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

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)

Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in

love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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: Love Love Love Love

(Tune: Rose, Rose Rose, public domain)

Love Love Love Love

The gospel in a word is love

Love your neighbor as your brother (or sister)

For God is love

Peace Peace Peace Peace

The gospel in a word is peace

Peace that passes understanding

Go live in peace

Joy Joy Joy Joy

The gospel in a word is joy

Joy that fills to overflowing

Go share the joy

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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