

The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
September 7<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Nourishing Faith  
and Community

## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

### Prelude

### Words of Welcome

### Opening Hymn SGP44 Part of the Family

*( Text and music: James Manley, 1984 CCLI )*

### ***Refrain***

***Come in, come in and sit down,  
you are a part of the family.  
We are lost and we are found,  
and we are a part of the family.***

*You know the reason why you came,  
yet no reason can explain;  
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,  
for we are a part of the family.  
God is with us in this place,  
like a mother's warm embrace.  
We're all forgiven by God's grace  
for we are a part of the family. **Refrain***

*Children and elders, middlers and teens,  
singles and doubles and in-betweens,  
strong eighty-fivers and streetwise sixteens,  
for we are a part of the family.  
Greeters and shoppers, long-time and new,  
nobody here has a claim on a pew;  
and whether we're many or only a few,  
we are a part of the family. **Refrain***

*There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine; We are the branches, Christ  
is the vine.*

*This is God's temple it's not yours or mine  
but we are a part of the family.  
There's rest for the weary and health for us all  
there's a yoke that is easy  
and a burden that's small;*

*so come in and worship and answer the call  
for we are a part of the family. **Refrain***

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.**

Let us pray,  
Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; 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: Jeremiah 18:1-11

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

*The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.*

*Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and*

*destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it.*

*And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 139:1-5, 12-17

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

**you discern my thoughts from far away.**

You search out my path and my lying down,

**and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Even before a word is on my tongue,

**O Lord, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before,

**and lay your hand upon me.**

even the darkness is not dark to you;

**the night is as bright as the day,**

**for darkness is as light to you.**

For it was you who formed my inward parts;

**you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

**Wonderful are your works;**

that I know very well.

**My frame was not hidden from you,**

when I was being made in secret,

**intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written

**all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

**How vast is the sum of them!**

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

A reading from the Letter of Paul to Philemon

*Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.*

*For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.*

*So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.*

*One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow-workers.*

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: CP312 Sing A New Song Unto

the Lord (Text and Music Daniel Schutte, 1979 New Dawn Music One License)

***Refrain***

***Sing a new song unto the Lord;  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing al-le-lu-ia.***

*Yahweh's people dance for joy.  
O come before the Lord  
And play for him on glad tambourines,  
and let your trumpet sound. **Refrain***

*Rise, O children, from you sleep;  
your Saviour now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy,  
and filled your soul with song. **Refrain***

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

*Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.*

The Gospel of Christ  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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***let you song be sung from mountains high.***  
***Sing a new song unto the Lord,***  
***singing al-le-lu-ia.***

*Glad my soul, for I have seen  
the glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.  
I know my Saviour lives. **Refrain***

Sermon *The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee*  
Musical Moment for reflection



## **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

#### 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 457 Alleluia! Glory to God (Text; Marty Haugen (1950-) Music:airs sur les  
hymns sacrez, odes and noels, 1623. GIA Publications Inc One License)

***Refrain:***

***Alleluia alleluia, alleluia!***

*Glory to God who does wondrous things  
Let all the people God's praises now sing,  
All of creation in splendour shall ring: Alleluia! **Refrain***

*See how salvation for all has been won  
Up from the grave our new life has begun  
Life now perfected in Jesus, the Son: Alleluia! **Refrain***

*Now in our presence the Lord will appear,  
Shine in the faces of all of us here,  
Fill us with joy and cast out all our fear: Alleluia! **Refrain***

*Call us, Good Shepherd we listen for you  
Wanting to see you in all that we do,  
We would the gate of salvation pass through: Alleluia! **Refrain***

*Lord, we are open to all that you say,  
Ready to listen and follow your way,  
You are the potter and we are the clay: Alleluia! **Refrain***

*If we have love then we dwell in the Lord,  
God will protect us from fire and sword  
Fill us with love and the peace of his word: Alleluia! **Refrain***

### Prayer over the Gifts

Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name 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.)*

### 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. 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)

Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things  
bear fruit to your honour and glory, 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: RHB I Feel the Winds of God Today (tune CP508) (Text: Jessie Adams 1863-1954, English Melody traditional Public Domain)

*I feel the winds of God today;  
today my sail I lift,  
though heavy oft with drenching spray  
and torn with many a rift;  
if hope but light the waters crest,  
and Christ my bark will use,  
I'll seek the seas at his behest  
and brave another cruise.*

*It is the wind of God that dries  
my vain regretful tears,  
until with braver thoughts arise,  
the purer brighter years;  
if cast on shores of selfish ease  
or pleasure I should be, Lord  
let me feel your freshening breeze  
and I'll put back to sea.*

*If ever I forget your love  
and how that love was shown,  
lift high the blood-red flag above,  
it bears your name alone.*

*Great pilot of my onward way,  
you will not let me drift;  
I feel the winds of God today,  
today my sail I lift.*

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 Ireland; for our Primate the Right Reverend Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Toronto, Bishop Andrew Asbil; 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 St Luke Cedar Hill, The Rev. Daniel Fournier

In our parish we pray for: Gail Gill, Elaine & Al Hay, Karen Hogg and Ross Benton, Barbara Anne Holt, Barbara Hooper, Graham and Licette How, and Judy Ingram.

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

For the month of September we pray for the Food Drive Ministry.





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