

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
September 21st 2025
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The prophet Jeremiah by Michelangelo (1475–1564)

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Nourishing Faith
and Community

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn VU 296 This is God's Wonderful World

(Text Malthie Davenport Babcock 1901 Eng. traditional; adapt Stanley Oliver 1929 public domain)

*This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.*

*This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is God's wondrous world,
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.*

*This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks to me everywhere.*

*This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.*

*This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad!
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!*

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,
Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; 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 8:18-9:1

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

*My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.
Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide
in the land: 'Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King
not in her?' ('Why have they provoked me to anger
with their images, with their foreign idols?') 'The
harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are
not saved.' For the hurt of my poor people I am
hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.*

*Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician
there? Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored? O that my head were a spring of*

*water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I
might weep day and night for the slain of my poor
people!*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 79:1-9

O God, the nations have come into your
inheritance;

they have defiled your holy temple;

they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

They have given the bodies of your servants
to the birds of the air for food,

**the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of
the earth.**

They have poured out their blood like water
all around Jerusalem,

and there was no one to bury them.

We have become a taunt to our neighbours,

mocked and derided by those around us.

How long, O Lord? Will you be angry for ever?

Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?

Pour out your anger on the nations
that do not know you,

and on the kingdoms

that do not call on your name.

For they have devoured Jacob
and laid waste his habitation.

Do not remember against us the iniquities of our
ancestors;
let your compassion come speedily to meet us,
for we are brought very low.
Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and forgive our sins,
for your name's sake.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications,
prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be
made for everyone, for kings and all who are in
high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and
peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is
right and is acceptable in the sight of God our
Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to
come to the knowledge of the truth. For
there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God
and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time. For this I was*

appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: CP 505 Be Thou My Vision

(Text tr Elisabeth Byrne (1880-1931) version Eleanor Hull Music Irish traditional Oxford University Press; CCLI)

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke

Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.” Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.” And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.’

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn: CP 505 Be Thou My Vision

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*Riches I heed not, nor the world’s empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Sermon The Venerable Penelope Kingham

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

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 645 Come Down O Love Divine

(Text: Bianco de Siena (1350-1434) translated Richard Littledale (1833-1890) and music: Ralph Vaugh Williams (1872-1958) Oxford University Press, CCLI)

*Come down, O Love divine!
seek out this soul of mine
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.*

*There let it freely burn
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and make my pathway clear, by your illuming.*

*Let holy charity
my outward vesture be,
and lowliness become my inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart
which takes the humbler part,
and for its own shortcomings weeps with
loathing.*

*And so the yearning strong
with which the soul will long
shall far surpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace*

*till we become the place
in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake 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. 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)*

Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same 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: Musical Sending: CP 309 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

(Text: Natalie Sleeth c 1976 Hinshaw Music One License)

*Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.*

*Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the
morning light.*

*Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.*

*Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.*

*Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment; nothing let your*

praise destroy.

*Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way.*

Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of
the Spirit

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

The Anglican Church in Japan; for our Primate the Right Reverend Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame; 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 Mattias Victoria, The Rev. Collen Lassimer.

In our parish we pray for: Marge McIntosh; Lynda Miller; Scott and Shannon Delaney; Joseph R. A., Motuz; Judy Parker; David and Christian Patchell; Doreen Peets.

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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