

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
September 28th 2025
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Nourishing Faith
and Community

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Prelude



Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn CP 418 Draw the Circle Wide

((Text and Music: Gordon Light 1944-) 1994 Common Cup Company One License)

Refrain:

***Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.***

*God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms. **Refrain***

*Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call. **Refrain***

*Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door. **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,

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; 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 32:1-3, 6-15

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in

the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard.

In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 91:1-6, 14-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
Will say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.’

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence;

he will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

You will not fear the terror of the night,
or the arrow that flies by day,
or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Those who love me, I will deliver;

I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them;
**I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honour them.**
With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

Of course there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontious Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the

blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: CP 531 You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord (Text: Psalm 91; Para. Michael Joncas (1951-) 1979 New Dawn Music Oregon Catholica Press, One license)

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: “My Refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!”*

Refrain:

*And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,*

and hold you in the palm of his hand.

*Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield. Refrain*

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31

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.

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man dies and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during

your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us. He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.""

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn: CP 531 You Who Dwell in the
Shelter of the Lord (Text: Psalm 91; Para. Michael Joncas (1951-)
1979 New Dawn Music Oregon Catholica Press, One license)

*You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.*

Refrain

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

*For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain*

Stewardship and 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.**

Stewardship Prayer (see insert)
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 565 Guide Me O Thou Great
Jehovah (Text: William Williams (1717-1791); Music: John Hughes
(1873-1932), public domain)

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory.
Receive the offering of your people gathered before

you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your
great salvation, the same 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)*

Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. 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: Musical Sending: CP 662 The
Trees of the Field

(Text Isaiah 55:12 Music: Stuart Dauermann CCLI)



*You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills
will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy
and all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands.*

*And all the trees of the field
will clap their hands
The trees of the field
will clap their hands
The trees of the field
will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.*

*(repeat entire song three times each time getting
faster = the piano will lead the tempo)*

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 of Kenya; for our Primate the Right Reverend Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces, The Right Rev. Scott McCaig; 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. Philip Oak Bay, The Rev. Allan Doersken.

In our parish we pray for: Mavis Pillar, Brian Poulsen, Don and The Rev. Gail Rodger, Peter Saunders, Lynn Scott, Andrew Sebo, Pat Seidlitz and Jean Smith.

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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