

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
October 5th 2025
Celebrating St Francis Day
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

Let us pray,

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the heart of your servant St Francis, kindled the flame of your love, give us your humble servants, such faith and power of love that as we rejoice in his triumph we may profit from his example; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

First Reading: Job 39:1-18

A reading from the book of Job.

Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they

fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them.

‘Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

‘Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

‘The ostrich’s wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 148:7-14

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

**Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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

Stewardship and Sermon
The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

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

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

We pray for The Anglican Church of Korea; for our Primate the Right Reverend Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Caledonia - Bishop David Lehmann; 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, Two Saints, The Rev Heather Robinson.

In our parish we pray for: Rosemary Smith, Roland Stacey, Nathaniel Sukhdeo, Ann Desgagne and Eloise Sukhdeo, Lawrence Surges and Hilary Mackey, Sasha Tanoushka, Frances Thomasset, Betty Ann and Lew Townsend, and J. Ann Walker.

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 October we pray for the Administration and Finance Ministry.

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