

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
October 5th 2025
Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost



Nourishing Faith
and Community

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn CP 393 Immortal Invisible God Only Wise

(Text: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908; Music: Welsh traditional,
public domain)

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and
love.*

*To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.*

*Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,
thine angels afore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.*

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 built your Church on the
foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus
Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us
together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we
may become a holy temple, acceptable to you;

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: Lamentations 1:1-6

A reading from the book of Lamentations.

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal.

She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become here enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting-place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.

The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.

Her foes have become the masters, her enemies

prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe.

From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

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

Psalm: 137

By the rivers of Babylon—
there we sat down and there we wept
when we remembered Zion.

On the willows there
we hung up our harps.

For there our captors
asked us for songs,
and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying
‘Sing us one of the songs of Zion!’

How could we sing the LORD’s song
in a foreign land?

If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither!

Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth,

if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem
above my highest joy.

Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites
the day of Jerusalem's fall,
how they said, 'Tear it down! Tear it down!
Down to its foundations!'
O daughter Babylon, you devastator!
Happy shall they be who pay you back
what you have done to us!
Happy shall they be who take your little ones
and dash them against the rock!

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:1-14

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and

now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: CP 485 Love Divine All Loves

Excelling (tune CP 374) (Text: Charles Wesley(1837-1898); music

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*Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.*

*Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.*

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:5-10

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.

*The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!'
The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a
mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree,
"Be uprooted and planted in the sea" and it would
obey you.*

*'Who among you would say to your slave who has
just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the
field, "Come here at once and take your place at
the table"? Would you not rather say to him,
"Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and
serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat
and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what
was commanded? So you also, when you have done
all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are
worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought
to have done!"'*

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*Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Sermon *The Rev Dr. John Thatamanil*
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: CP381 Praise my Soul

(Text: Psalm 103 par Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847); music John Goss (1800-1880) public domain)

*Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me should sing God's praise.
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the Maker all your days.*

*Praise God for the grace and favour
shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless;
alleluia, alleluia, sing our Maker's faithfulness.*

*Like a loving parent caring;
God knows well our feeble frame;
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same:
alleluia, alleluia, all within me praise
God's name.*

*Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on:
alleluia, alleluia, praise the high eternal one.*

*Angels, teach us adoration;
you behold God face to face;*

*sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia, praise with us the God of grace.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God of truth, receive all we offer you this day.
Make us worthy servants, strong to follow in the
pattern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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)*

Almighty God, may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist remain in your steadfast love, and show in our lives the saving mystery that we celebrate. This we ask 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: CP 405 Alleluia No 1

(Text and Music: Donal Fishel 1950- Word of God Music 1973 CCLI)

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give praise to God's name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
*he is king of creation. **Refrain***

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
*Jesus has died and is risen. **Refrain***

We have been crucified with Christ:
*now we shall live forever. **Refrain***

Come, let us praise the living God,
*joyfully sing to our Saviour. **Refrain***

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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