

The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
October 12<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Home Church Connections Service  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Nourishing Faith and Community

## 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,

Gracious One, you satisfy the need of every living creature. Fill us with gratitude for the abundance of the earth and for the bonds of love and care that unite all creation into one family. May our thanks be the soil in which dreams of justice grow and thrive; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.** *(alternative collect harvest thanksgiving 1)*

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

First Reading: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

*These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had*

*taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.*

*Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 66:1-11

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**sing the glory of his name;**

**give to him glorious praise.**

Say to God, ‘How awesome are your deeds!

**because of your great power, your enemies  
cringe before you.**

All the earth worships you;

**they sing praises to you,**

**sing praises to your name.’**

Come and see what God has done;

**he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.**

He turned the sea in to dry land;

**they passed through the river on foot.**

There we rejoiced in him,

**who rules by his might for ever,**

whose eyes keep watch on the nations—

**let the rebellious not exalt themselves.**

Bless our God, O peoples,  
**let the sound of his praise be heard,**  
who has kept us among the living,  
**and has not let our feet slip.**  
For you, O God, have tested us;  
**you have tried us as silver is tried.**  
You brought us into the net;  
**you laid burdens on our backs;**  
you let people ride over our heads;  
**we went through fire and through water;**  
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

*Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.*

*The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.*

*Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19

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.**

*On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean.*

*Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'*

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: *The Rev Gail Rodger*

## Announcements

### Stewardship Prayer

#### Prayers of the People

adapted from by Joyce Rupp's "Thanksgiving Prayer" from *[Out of the Ordinary](#)*

Teach us to have an abundance of gratitude burst forth as we reflect upon what we have received. Holy One.

**We give you thanks.**

May thanksgiving overflow in our hearts, and may we always proclaim our thanks to You in prayer and in action. Holy One.

**We give you thanks.**

As we gather our hearts together we hold concerns for people whom we have named and whom we love. Strengthen us, and through faithfulness, kindness, and goodness help us nourish and care for those relationships. Holy One.

**We give you thanks.**

Teach us to be the harvester of good actions bringing forth plentiful fruit each day. Holy One.

**We give you thanks.**

Help us discover a cache of hidden wisdom among the people and events that have caused us distress and sorrow. Teach us to see value in each person. Holy One.

**We give you thanks.**

May we be surprised by the basket of blessings You bring with its rich diversity of gifts and its opportunities for growth. Give us courage to accept the blessings and use them for good. Holy One.

**We give you thanks,**

Remind us again of all that nourishes and resources our life, bringing daily satisfaction and renewed hope. Holy One,

**We give you thanks.**

Remind us to take care and slow our hurried pace of life so we can be aware of, and enjoy, what is too easily take for granted. Holy One,

**We give you thanks.**

May we always be open, willing, and ready to share our blessings with others. Holy One.

**We give you thanks.**

**Thank you most Generous One for the love so lavishly and unconditionally given to each of us. Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11. 28.*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3. 16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1. 15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2. 1, 2.*

Let us humble confess our sins to Almighty God. (*Silence is kept*)

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.**

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 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.**

## The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator-Father, Redeemer-Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal:**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Weekly Cycles of Prayer

**In the world** we pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia; for our Primate the Right Reverend Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Calgary, Bishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson; 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, Lutheran Church of the Cross, Pastor Lyle McKenzie and Pastor Lyndon Sayers.

**In our parish** we pray for: Rosemary Wallace, Adora and Bob Waters, Sharon Wickware, Max Wideman, Walter Adams, Dorothy Barnes, William Bates, and Myrna Bennett.

**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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## Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Lək̓ʷəŋən speaking peoples, who are the Esquimalt, Songhees and other Nations of the Salish and Coast Salish Peoples. We, who came from many lands to join the line of those worshipping here, commit our Church to continue the journey of truth and reconciliation with our First Nations' neighbours.

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