

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
October 19th 2025
Home Church Connections Service
Nineteenth 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,

Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:27-34

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will

watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

*‘The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’*

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats our grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 119:97-104

Oh, how I love your law!

It is my meditation all day long.

Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies,
for it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my meditation.

I understand more than the aged,

for I keep your precepts.

I hold back my feet from every evil way,

in order to keep your word.

I do not turn away from your ordinances,

for you have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste,

sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Through your precepts I get understanding;

therefore I hate every false way.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these instruction to you so that, if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth. Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great:

*He was revealed in flesh,
vindicated in spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among Gentiles,
believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.*

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will renounce the faith by paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the hypocrisy of liars whose consciences are seared with a hot iron. They forbid marriage and demand abstinence from foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by God is

good, and nothing is to be rejected provided it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by God's word and by prayer.

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Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

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 told [the disciples] a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming."' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says.

And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Rev Gail Rodger

Announcements

Stewardship Prayers 2025

Holy One, who knows only love, today we pray with specificity. Hear us we pray and let the Holy Spirit intercede on our behalf.

God, we have banking costs and we face payments of principal and interest on our diocesan loan. And while small, we want to honour our obligations. **Keep us faithful in our offerings.**

Dear God, we give thanks for the church building of St Peter and St Paul, our earthly place of worship. Surround us with your love and fill us with your spirit as we gather here. We pray that we can continue to maintain the physical sign of a heavenly home and so buy the supplies and do the maintenance as required. **Guide us in our giving and support of building supplies and maintenance.**

O God, in this beautiful place we offer you worship and praise, and we receive comfort and succor. It becomes for us, a safe haven from the world. But earthly matters intrude and we must insure the building that stands as a symbol of your love within our neighbourhood. **Help us to take on this responsibility with uncomplaining grace.**

We give thanks for the warmth and convenience of our modern buildings, and for those who work in the gas, hydro, and utility sectors, for garbage pick up and all who toil for our comfort. **Remind us again, of our comfortable lives as we consider our givings.**

You call us again and again to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Our community outreach is dependent on our Country Grocer receipt program. Thank you for the volunteers who sort and snip the receipts. Our gratitude overflows for the generosity of the neighbourhood that supports this ministry. **Sustain our pursuit of equality and justice while looking after the needs of others.**

Thank you God for our worship supplies and altar guild, for the bread and wine, reminding us of your constant sacrifice and abiding love. As often as we come to the table we remember and enter into the eternal mystery of your love. We give thanks for our altar guild members who give so freely of their time and talents to service our place of worship. Their presence is unseen but their work enhances and lends beauty to your glory. **Feed us at your table Lord and let your glory shine in all we do.**

We give thanks for the heavenly sounds and music prepared and delivered by our organist, Lawrence. Songs of praise, thanksgiving, adoration, joy and sadness are raised up, knowing you hear us and are ever compassionate. **Help us see the value in using our givings for music licensing, purchasing, and the skilled accompaniment costs within our budget.**

Our gratitude overflows for the fellowship and camaraderie that we have at our lunches and BBQ's. These times deepen our faith as we share with one another, offering all who come, unrestrained hospitality. **May we be able to continue to support this worthwhile part of our budget.**

O God, we thank you for your love and care manifested in the servant leadership of our priest, Rev Gail. Please give us strength and stamina to carry on our practice of giving and tithing, knowing wages are a major part of our costs. **Help us to remember our responsibilities and the need to support our rector, so that the work to which we are all called, that your kingdom come, may continue.**

We give thanks for all workers who keep your temple clean and pray especially for our cleaner, Nicole. As Matthew calls the labourers to give them their pay, **remember us to do likewise.**

Dear God, Paul taught that just as the body is one and has many members, so all members of the body, though many as one body. So it is with the diocesan family. We pray for our diocesan family and **we commit our continuing financial support, that together, we may go forth to Love and Serve the cause of Christ.**

Dear God, Administration is a gift that is rarely appreciated. We give thanks for those who help with the administration of this parish. We give thanks for Michael, donating hours to the bookkeeping and the weekly email letter; and to all others, unseen by many but working administratively to make this parish run smoothly. Even with this generosity, administration has costs. Paper and pen, printing, copying, telephone and media are always a financial challenge. **We pray that we might supply these in abundance as we seek to further your work.**

God, as we pray to you about practical things like money, we do not forget to see the person beside us as a faithful and true servant, doing what they are able. We continually ask for your guidance going forward. Help us discern and manage our finances wisely – ever drawing us in closer to you. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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 Mexico; for our Primate the Right Reverend Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Central Newfoundland, Bishop John Watton; 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, local members of the Sisterhood of Saint John the Divine; the Franciscan Order and the Benedictine Order.

In our parish we pray for:

Ann Berry; Cindy Bourgeois, Caleb Bourgeois, Cohen Bourgeois; Keith Brandsma and Keiko Hoshino; Doug and Bev Bowen; Jan Brister; and Cathy Carphin.

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.

If you would like to make a donation with an online debit credit card simply scan the QR code below. You will receive a receipt from Canada Helps which then deposits the money directly to SPSP's bank account.



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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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