

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
October 26th 2025
Twentieth Sunday after
Pentecost



The Pharisee and the Publican, John Everett Millais (c. 1860),
Aberdeen Art Gallery

Nourishing Faith
and Community

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn: CP 354 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

(Text: Robert Robinson (1735-1790). alt. Music: A Repository of Sacred Music: Part Second, Harrisburg, 1813.)

*Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure,
sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
of my God's unchanging love.*

*Here I make faith's affirmation:
thus far by thy help I've come,
and I hope, by thy compassion,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,*

*bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
take my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.*

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.**

Kyrie (sung)

**Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.**

Kyrie Eleison
Christie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison, eleison

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.

Let us pray,
Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; 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 PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Joel 2:23-32

A reading from the book of Joel.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant

rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in

Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 65

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
and to you shall vows be performed,

O you who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near
to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,

your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.

You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it,

you greatly enrich it;

the river of God is full of water;

you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, **softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.**

You crown the year with your bounty;

your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,

the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for

his appearing.

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

Gospel Hymn: SGP108 Spirit Spirit of Gentleness
(Words and Music: James Manley, 1978, One License)

Refrain:

***Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness
calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.***

*You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings. **Refrain***

*You swept thro' the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded
with their idols and lies,*

*then you spoke thro' your prophets
to open their eyes. **Refrain***

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14

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.

Jesus, also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, on a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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*You sang in a stable,
you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
and down in the city
you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind. **Refrain***

*You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow
all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes.
with bold new decisions
your people arise. **Refrain***

Sermon *The Rev. Gail Rodger*
Musical Moment for reflection

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
Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

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 CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering Hymn: SGP 66 There's a Quiet Understanding

*There's a quiet understanding
when we're gathered in the Spirit,
it's a promise Jesus gives us
when we gather in his name;*

*There's a love we feel in Jesus,
there's a manna that he feeds us,
it's a promise Jesus gives us
when we gather in his name;*

*And we know when we're together,
sharing love and understanding,
that our brothers and our sisters
feel the oneness Jesus brings.*

*Thank You, Jesus, thank you, Jesus,
for the way you love and feed us,
for the many ways You lead us;
thank You, gracious Lord.
Thank You, gracious Lord.*

Prayer over the Gifts

God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of 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.)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer *(please stand) (Book of Alternative Services EP3 p198 Musical setting for the Sanctus thanksgiving setting 2 CP722++)*

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you are the source of light and life for all creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

(sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord. God of power and might

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the one who comes, comes in the name
of the Lord.**

**Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to
us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets; and
above all
in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made
us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and
death, a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had
given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

(sung)

**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour

and glory are yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

(sung)

Amen. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(Stand, Sit or kneel as your custom)*
(musical setting VU960 Langdon)

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

So may your church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

The table of love is offered for all people. It is Christ who invites us to meet love incarnate here, and all are welcome.

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)*

God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel.

May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; 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

Musical Sending CP 453 Living Lord of Love's

Dominion. (Text: David A. Robb (1932-) Music: Melody *The Christian Lyre*, 1831. C 1992 Hope Publishing Co., Oxford University Press. One License)

*Living Lord of Love's dominion,
sovereign Saviour, bless your church;*

*call us still as your disciples
loving, serving, while we search.
Gathered: feed our deepest being
prophet's truth and godly nerve;
scattered: let our lives' fruition
nourish others while we serve.*

*Visit towns and inner cities;
penetrate our steel and stone
with a love that melt our coldness,
making mission here our own.
We will seek you, love transfigured,
in our neighbour's need until
deep within our daily service
love draws forth our utmost skill.*

*With your bread, your wine, your Spirit,
nurture us for your intent;
let your will be our vocation
lived as song and sacrament.
May compassion lead to service
till we join the saints above;
grant us hope for each tomorrow;
fill our faith with vibrant love!*

Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

In the world we pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma); for our Primate the Right Reverend Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Bishop Sam Rose; 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, The Abbey Church, The Rev. Matthew W. Humphrey.

In our parish we pray for: Wendy Clapp, Tom Daggett and Annie Kung, Judith Davidson, Lynda and Michael Delaney, Ruth D'Hollander, John and Bridget Ducker, Patrick Dunae, and Ann and Ned Easton.

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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