

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
December 14th 2025
Home Church Connections Service
Lessons and Carols adapted.



*Look up and raise your heads, because your
redemption is drawing near*

Words of Welcome

The Gathering of the Community

(Wild Goose Big Book of Liturgies Iona Community)

God of time and God of eternity

For you we wait

God of outer space and God closer than we can imagine

For you we wait

God of the roaring noise of the world and God of silence

For you we wait

In our work and play, our going out and our coming in

For you we wait

In this place and in this time

For you we wait

(If you have an advent wreath at home you are invited to light a candle while Psalm 130 is read)

Psalm 130

(rewritten by Nan Merrill *Praying the Psalms* 2007)

I wait for you, my soul waits,

for in your Love I would live;

My soul awaits the Beloved

as one awaits the birth of a child or

as one awaits the fulfillment of their destiny.

O sons and daughters of the Light,

welcome the Heart of your heart!

Then you will climb the sacred Mountain of Truth;

You will know mercy and love in abundance,
Then will your transgressions be forgiven;
and you will know the Oneness of All.

Collect

Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.

We pray,

Giver of true love, help us enter the mystery of advent, of you being Christ-with-us and Christ coming. In the waiting may we find your presence deeper within ourselves and work toward the true restoration of the whole world. And let the love that lives in our hearts shine out, and all we meet will know your love. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Story: The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Silence is held

Adoration Prayer

Story: St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

Musical Interlude: What Child is this?

Story: The shepherds go to the manger.

Silence is held

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Homily

Prayers of the People

(Bidding is: Let us pray to the Lord. Response is)

Lord, have mercy.

(At the final prayer “...we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ:” response is:)

To You O Lord.

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has taught us, we are bold to say together:

Our Father, who art 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 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.

Story: St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Blessing

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May the light of God

Lead us and make us unafraid

May the power of God

Protect us and make us strong

May the joy of God

Heal us and make us happy

May the grace of God

Bless us and keep us loving, now and evermore. Amen.

Dismissal

Go now and walk in the light of the Lord.

In the name of Christ we go in hope, peace, and joy, to love and serve the Lord. Amen!

In our community we pray for Rainbow Kitchen and those who are hungry in our society.

For the month of December in our parish ministry we pray for the members of our parish council.

We pray for parish members Cameron Lupton and Ayda Skara and their upcoming wedding on December 28 2025.

Welcome to all those visiting us at St. Peter and St. Paul.

We welcome saints, seekers and sinners as we live into a life in Christ, learning about and from one another as we worship God together. Christ binds us together in love through our diversity. If you are comfortable, please give us your name and address so we can add you to our weekly prayer list. We are looking forward to getting to know you better.

Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of 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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