

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
February 1st 2026
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany



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“Nourishing faith and community”

Prelude

Words of Welcome *(Please stand as clergy enters)*

Musical opening: RHB 282 I Feel The Winds of God Today (tune CP508)

(Text: Jessie Adams 1863-1954, English Melody traditional public domain)

*I feel the winds of God today;
today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray
and torn with many a rift;
if hope but light the waters crest,
and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest
and brave another cruise.*



*It is the wind of God that dries
my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts arise,
the purer brighter years;
if cast on shores of selfish ease
or pleasure I should be,
Lord let me feel your freshening breeze
and I'll put back to sea.*

*If ever I forget your love
and how that love was shown,
lift high the blood-red flag above,
it bears your name alone.
Great pilot of my onward way,
you will not let me drift*

*I feel the winds of God today,
today my sail I lift.*

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,

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word
First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

A reading from the book of Micah.

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

‘O my people, what have I done to you? In what way have I wearied you? Answer me! For I

brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Malaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from SHittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.'

'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to to justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

A Psalm of David.

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;

who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;
in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honour those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the
Corinthians

*For the message about the cross is
foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us
who are being saved it is the power of God. For it
is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'
Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe?
Where is the debater of this age? Has not God
made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in
the wisdom of God, the world did not know God
through wisdom, God decided, through the
foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who
believe.*

*For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,
but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block
to the Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those
who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the
power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's*

foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: SNC 096 All Creation Danced in

Answer

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*All creation danced in answer
when God's voice first touched the air
and the great eternal cantor
called a universe to prayer,
called to praise and to thanksgiving
all that filled the space about,*

*sought a hymn from all things living
bid the stones themselves cry out.*

*Jesus gave the tune new texture,
love song for a world set free:
gospel sung in full rich measure,
earth's voice but God's melody;
passion music, sad and somber,
discord on a cross was built,
giving way to bright new timbre
in the Easter morning's lilt.*

*And the Spirit comes, composing
music made of wind and fire,
in its new found tones disclosing
all the heart and soul require,
forging from day's hum and thunder,
from that mixture sweet and strong,
psalms and hymns of awe and wonder;
daily life as sacred song.*

*Come my friends, sing, dance in answer
as God's music fills the air
and the great eternal cantor
calls us yet to praise and prayer,
bids us join the endless singing,
till all earthly song shall cease;
heaven's voice alone goes ringing
through a universe at peace.*

Celtic Alleluia (sung)

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in

heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. '

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Celtic Alleluia (sung)

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Sermon: *The Reverend Gail Rodger*

Musical Moment for Reflection

Announcements

Hear O Israel *(please stand)*

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship Communion, setting 6, prayer of confession 2, p388)

Dear friends in Christ, let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence is kept)

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

(Please stand)

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn: CP 439 Blest are The Pure in Heart (please be seated for this hymn)

(Text: St. 1, 4, John Keble (1792-1866) alt.; st. 2-3, Mitre Hymn Book, 1836, alt.
Music: Melody Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758); adapt. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870; desc. Derek Holman (1931-) ©

*Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.*

*The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring
to dwell in lowliness with us,
our pattern and our King.*

*still to the lowly soul
his presence doth impart,
and for a dwelling and a throne
chooseth the pure in heart.*

*Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be:
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple fit for thee.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray,
God of steadfast love, may our offering this day,

by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*

(Book of Alternative Service EP #1; musical setting CP719 The Great Thanksgiving setting #1)

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 have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples. Therefore, with angels and archangels, we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name:

(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.

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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.”

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you

give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim
the mystery of faith.

(sung)

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer
you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy
Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat
and drink at this table may be one body and one
holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our
Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours,
almighty Father, now and for ever.

(sung)

Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(Musical setting VU960 R Langdon)*

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

**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 them that 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

We break the bread of life and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

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.

The Communion

(Communion is offered at three locations in turn: 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. Please let the usher know if you would like it brought to the pew; station three: at the altar rail for all those who are able)

Instrumental musical selections during communion

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Let us pray,

Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives,

that we may show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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 blessing of the Holy Trinity; the loving Creator, who is the source of all being, of Jesus Christ who is the love incarnate in the world, and the ever present Holy Spirit, hold you, surround you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Musical Sending: CP575 Let Streams of Living Justice

(Text: William Whitla (1934-) Music Gustav Holst (1874-1967) J Curwen and Songs Ltd. One License.)

*Let streams of living justice
flow down upon the earth.
Give freedom's light to captives;
let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading;
the workers claim their rights,
The mourners long for laughter,*

*the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon,
strike down the iron power.
Abolish ancient vengeance.
Proclaim your people's hour.*

*For the healing of the nations,
for a peace that will not end.
For love that makes us lovers,
God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together:
knit our lives as they are spun.
On your loom of time enrol us
till the thread of life is run.
O great Weaver of our fabric,
bind church and world in one.
Dye our texture with your radiance,
light our colours with your sun.*

*Your city's built for music:
we are the stones you seek.
Your harmony is language.
We are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service,
our hope in other's dreams.
Our love in hand of neighbour.
Our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice,
your way the path untried:
Your truth the heart of stranger,*

your life the Crucified.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for the The Anglican Church of South America; for Shane Parker, our Primate; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; for Diocese of Ontario, Bishop William Cliff; for our own bishop, Anna Greenwood-Lee, and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our region, we pray for The Abbey Church, The Rev. Matthew W. Humphrey

In our parish we pray for:

Doreen Peets; Mavis Pillar; Brial Poulsen; Don and The Rev. Gail Rodger; Peter Saunders; Lynn Scott; Andrew Sebo; Pat Sielitz; Jean Smith; Rosemary Smith; Roland Stacey; Nathaniel Sukhdeo and Ann Desgagne and Eloise Sukhdeo; and Lawrence Surges and Hilary Mackey.

In our community we pray for St. John the Divine Food Bank.

For the month of February, we pray for gifts of leadership in music.

Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Ləkʷəŋən 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.

If you are visiting St. Peter and St. Paul, welcome!

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.

Washrooms are in the church hall (the building nearest the church) through the sheltered entrance, up the stairs to the right.

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