

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
April 5th 2026
Easter: Resurrection Sunday



“Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.”
(1 Corinthians 5: 7-8)

Words of Welcome *Rev. Gail Rodger*
Easter Prelude *Lawrence Surges*

The Gathering of the Community

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

Musical opening CP 203 Jesus Christ is Risen
Today

(Text: Lyra Davidica, 1708, , public domain)



*Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!*

*Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
unto Christ our heavenly King, alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!*

*But the pains which he endured, alleluia!
our salvation have procured; alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!*

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**He gave us new life and hope by raising Jesus
from the dead.**

Rejoice, then, even in your distress.
**We shall be counted worthy when Christ
appears.**

God has claimed us as his own.
**He called us from our darkness into the light of
his day.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Gloria (sung)

(music: Mass of Christ the Savior Dan Schutte Oregon: Catholic Press 2009 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.

Let us pray,
Lord of life and power, through the mighty
resurrection of your Son, you have overcome the
old order of sin and death and have made all things
new in him. May we, being dead to sin and alive to
you in Jesus Christ, reign with him in glory, who

with you and the Holy Spirit is alive, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Read by Roland Stacey

Reading One: Jeremiah 31:1-6

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword

found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,

and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

Again you shall plant vineyards

on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant,

and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call

in the hill country of Ephraim:

‘Come, let us go up to Zion,

to the Lord our God.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

On this day he has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

Let Israel say, His steadfast love endures forever.'

The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.'

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

On this day he has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

Reading Two: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from The Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn CP 405 Alleluia No 1

(Text and Music: Donal Fishel 1950- Word of God Music 1973 CCLI)

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to God's name.



*Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
he is king of creation. Refrain:*

*Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen. Refrain:*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like

lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

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

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Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to God’s name.

We have been crucified with Christ:

now we shall live forever. Refrain:

*Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour. Refrain:*

Sermon *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Special Music *played by Lawrence Surges*

(please stand)

We all join together in stating our baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Great Thanksgiving

Hymn: CP 237 Now the Green Blade Rises (please be seated for this hymn)

(Text: John Crum (1872-1958) , Music Melody French 15th century One licence)

*Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.*

*In the grave they laid him, Love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.*

*Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.*

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,*

*fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.*

Prayer over the Gifts:

God, our strength and our salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, may live in the joy of resurrection, in the name of Christ the 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.)

Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*

(Eucharistic prayer #3 using musical setting CP 719- 721 The Great Thanksgiving 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; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our

Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we raise our joyful hymn of 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.**

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, we proclaim the mystery of faith
(sung)

Christ has died

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again;

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 (sung)

(Langdon VU960)

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 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

Lord we died with you on the cross,
Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.
Live in us, that we may live in you.

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 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)

Instrumental musical selections are played during communion

Prayer after Communion (*please stand*)

Let us pray,
God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection
promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in
the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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 and surround
you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Musical Sending: RHB 106 Lord of the Dance

(Text and Music Daniel Schutte, 1979 New Dawn Music One License)

*I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun,*



*and I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth:
at Bethlehem I had my birth.*

Refrain

***Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.***

*I danced for the scribe
and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance
and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen,
for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on: **Refrain***

*I danced on the Sabbath
and I cured the lame:
the holy people
said it was a shame.
they whipped and they stripped
and they hung me on high,
and they left me there on a cross to die: **Refrain***

*I danced on a Friday
when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance
with the devil on your back.*

*they buried my body
and they thought I'd gone;
but I am the dance, and I still go on: **Refrain***

*They cut me down
and I leap up high:
I am the life
that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you
if you'll live in me –
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. **Refrain***

Dismissal

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

Postlude *Lawrence Surges*

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.

Washrooms are found in the hall, up the stairs, on the right.

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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