

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
April 19th 2026
Third Sunday of Easter



“Nourishing faith and community”

Prelude

Words of Welcome (Please stand as clergy enters)

The Gathering of the Community

Musical opening CP 403 Let All Things Now

Living ((Text: Katherine K. Davis (1892-1980), melody Welsh Traditional.
C 1939 E.C. Schirmer Music Co. CCLI)

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed
us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
Love's banners are o'er us; God's light goes before
us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is
banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.*

*God's law still enforces the stars in their courses
and causes the sun in its splendour to shine;
the hills and mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean in praises combine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"*

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.

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,
O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A reading from the book of Acts.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized,

and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116

I love the Lord, because he has heard

my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me,

therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me;

the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

‘O Lord, I pray, save my life!’

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;

our God is merciful.

The Lord protects the simple;

when I was brought low, he saved me.

Return, O my soul, to your rest,

for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death,

my eyes from tears,

my feet from stumbling.

I walk before the Lord

in the land of the living.

I kept my faith, even when I said,

‘I am greatly afflicted’;
I said in my consternation,
‘Everyone is a liar.’

What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,
I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.
O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving-
maid.
You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

A reading from The First Letter of Peter

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You

know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn CP621 Before the World Began

(Text and music: John L. Bell (1949-), The Iona Community Scotland GIA Publications In.)

*Before the world began, one word was there;
grounded in God he was, rooted in care;
by him all things were made,
in him was love displayed,
through him God spoke, and said,
“I am for you.”*

*Life found in him its source, death found its end;
light found in him its course, darkness its friend.
For neither death nor doubt
nor darkness can put out
the glow of God, the shout,
“I am for you.”*

*The word was in the world which from him came;
unrecognized he was, unknown by name;
one with all humankind,
with the unloved and aligned,
convincing sight and mind,
“I am for you.”*

*All who received the word by God were blessed;
sisters and brothers, they of earth’s fond guest.
So did the word of grace
proclaim in time and space
and with a human face,
“I am for you.”*

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how

slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Musical Moment for Reflection
Announcements

(please stand)

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say

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

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.

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.

Prayers of the People
The Peace

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

The Celebration of the Eucharist
Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn: CP 61 As We Gather At Your Table

(Text: Carl Daw, Jr, (1944-), 1989 Hope Publishing co; Music Alfred Fedak (1953-)1990 Selah Publishing Co. One License)

*As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with the sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.*

*Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still be-hold your image
in the world you died to save.*

*Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome*

*those who had been last and least.
there no more will envy blind us,
nor will pride our peace destroy,
and we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Creator of all, you wash away our sins in water, you give us new birth by the Spirit, and redeem us in Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, renew your gift of life within us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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. 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,
Author of life divine, in the breaking of bread we know the risen Lord. Feed us always in these mysteries, that we may show your glory to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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: CP231 That Eastertide With Joy
Was Bright ((Text: Latin (Aurora lucis rutilat, part 3, 5th cent.?); tr. John
Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.; Music Geistliche Kirchengesange, Kolh 1623
adapted Ralph Vaughan)



*That Eastertide with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light,
alleluia, alleluia!
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide;
alleluia, alleluia!
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*From every weapon death can wield
thine own redeemed forever shield:
alleluia, alleluia!
O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Jesus, the king of gentleness,
do thou thyself our hearts possess,
alleluia, alleluia!*

*that we may give thee all our days
the tribute of our grateful praise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

In the world wide communion, we pray for The Extra-Provincial Churches; for our Primate, Bishop Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Toronto, Bishop Andrew Asbil; for our own bishop, Anna Greenwood-Lee, and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our region, we pray for Two Saints, The Rev Heather Robinson.

In our parish we pray for: J. Ann Walker, Rosemary Wallace, Adora and Bob Waters, Sharon Wickware, Max Wideman, Walter Adams, Dorothy Barnes, and William Bates.

In our community we pray for Neighbourhood House.

For the month of April, we pray for the Soapy Sundries Drive.

We pray for those in our parish preparing for confirmation on May 3rd at 4 pm at Christ Church Cathedral: William Bates; Roland Stacey; Julie Williams.

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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