

The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
June 14<sup>th</sup> 2026  
Third Sunday after Pentecost



*(The Hospitality of Abraham, in the archway of the Great West Door of York Minster; commons.wikimedia.org)*

Nourishing Faith  
and Community

## Prelude

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

## Opening Hymn: 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!"*

## The Gathering of the Community

In this time and place we gather on the ancestral

lands the Lekwungen speaking people, of our  
Esquimalt, Songhees and Coast Salish First  
Nation companions.

**From many places and peoples we come to this  
house in prayer.**

In this time and place we gather in the name of  
the living God.

**We meet in the presence of Jesus Christ, risen  
and alive.**

In this time and in this space we gather with the  
community of faith around the globe and across  
the ages.

**In this time and space heaven and earth are  
one.**

In this time and space we are not alone, but one in  
Christ.

**Knit together in the unity of the Spirit.**

In this time and place, we are hallowed,  
expectant, one people in God.

**In the name of the Holy and Blessed One,  
Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Gloria (sung)

**Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, glory to God on high,  
Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, glory to God on high,  
and on earth, peace to God's people,  
glory to God,**

**and on earth, peace to God's people,  
glory to God.**

Kyrie (sung)

**In peace, in peace, let us pray to the...**

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have  
mercy**

**For the reign of God, and for peace throughout  
the world,**

**For the unity of all,**

**let us pray to the....**

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy**

**For your people here who have come to give you  
praise,**

**For the strength to live your Word,**

**let us pray to the....**

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy**

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
Lord have mercy**

Let us pray,

Almighty God, without you we are not able to  
please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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: Genesis 18:1-15

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

*The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.*

*They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I*

*will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.’ And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, ‘After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?’ The Lord said to Abraham, ‘Why did Sarah laugh, and say, “Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?” Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.’ But Sarah denied, saying, ‘I did not laugh’; for she was afraid. He said, ‘Oh yes, you did laugh.’*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

I love the Lord, because he has heard

**my voice and my supplications.**

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.**

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

*Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*

*For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to*

*die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: In Christ Alone

(Text: Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend; music Irish traditional © 2002, Thank you Music (KWY) (PRS) (admin. EMI Christian Music Publishing) CCLI Number: 3350395.)

*In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease;  
my comforter, my all in all;  
here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*There in the ground his body lay;  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am his and he is mine,  
bought with the precious blood of Christ!*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:8

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Good News of Jesus according to Matthew.  
**Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'*

*Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.*

*These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go,*

*proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven has come near.” Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.*

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

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*No guilt in life, no fear in death;  
this is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'til he returns or calls me home,  
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!*

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

*(please stand)*

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe and trust in God the Father  
Almighty.**

**We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.  
We believe and trust in the Three in One.**

*(from Creating Uncommon Worship by Richard Giles)*

## Prayers of the People

### Prayers of Confession and Assurance

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.

**Holy and gracious One: forgive our sins.**

**The ones we can remember, and those we have forgotten.**

**Forgive the wrong actions we have committed, and the right actions we have avoided.**

**Forgive the times we have been weak, unkind or judgmental and failed to live out your kingdom call to justice and love.**

**Forgive the lies we have told, the truths we have avoided and the pain we have caused others.**

**Creator of all, have mercy on us, and make us whole.**

*(Early Irish (adapted from A Celtic Primer p. 95))*

May Almighty God,

**who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(from New Patterns for Worship Church of England)*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you!**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

*(please be seated for this hymn)*

**Hymn: CP385** Worship the Lord in the Beauty of

**Holiness** (Text: John Samuel Bewley Monsell 1871-1875; music Johann Heinrich Rheinhardt Uttingen 1754 public domain)

*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
Gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness  
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.*

*Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.*

*Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine:  
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.*

*These, though we bring them in trembling and  
fearfulness,*

*he will accept for the name that is dear;  
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.*

### Prayer over the Gifts

God of reconciliation and forgiveness, the saving work of Christ has made our peace with you. May that work grow toward its perfection in all we offer you this day. We ask this in his name. **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)*

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Open your hearts.

**We open to the fullness of God.**

Feast at the banquet prepared from the foundations of the world.

**We come, O Christ, in thanks and praise.**

Holy and eternal One in whom we live and move and have our being our origin and our fulfillment we praise and thank you for drawing us to this sacred meal. From the ocean of your primal love

you fashioned the marvel of creation and beauty of human life. From this land of towering forests, mist laden coastlines, the rhythms of the tidal seas, storm and stillness you humble us to affirm the sacred gift of all creation and our stewardship for everything given and received.

**Praise be to you, source of all life!**

From the earliest days the peoples of these islands learned their dependence on your provision salmon and whale, elk and bear, and through song and ceremony, dance and painted cedar, hallowed these sacred relationships with all life.

**Praise be to you, source of all life!**

In Jesus Christ, you came into our world to reveal your glory, reconcile all peoples to yourself and make all things new in him. Now, gathered from many places, with a heart set on the pilgrim way we bring this bread and wine yearning for the nourishment of your Spirit and the fullness you promise in Jesus evermore praising you and saying

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, most holy One: for on the night

before he died, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, gave it to all gathered and said: “Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks and gave it to them saying: “Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

**“Behold, I am with you to the end of the age.”**

Therefore, God of all creation, we offer this bread of life, and this cup of salvation. Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts and upon us, that we may know Jesus in the breaking of the bread and follow him in lives of selfless service and courageous love.

**Praise be to you, source of all life.**

In the fullness of time reconcile all things in Christ, and bring us to that heavenly table, where every tear will be wiped away and we will feast anew.

Blessing, praise and thanksgiving be to you, Holy and Eternal One, Undivided Trinity, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

*(musical setting: Jamie Brown; Worthily Magnify Music, 2022. Used with permission)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive our sins; As we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and thine is the power and the glory forever, the glory forever, the glory forever. Amen.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

The One who defeated death and injustice is now present in this bread.

The One who offers our life promise and hope is now present in this wine.

**Breaking into our lives and community we ask God for new life in Christ.**

The table of bread and wine is now ready. It is the table of company instituted by Christ, and Christ who invites us to the feast. 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)*

Holy and blessed God, as you give us the body and blood of your Son, guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips but also in our lives. This we ask 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.**

Musical Sending: Go Now in Peace (sung a capella)*(Natalie Sleeth, 1976)*

*Go now in peace. Go now in peace  
May the love of God surround you  
Everywhere, everywhere  
You may go.*

## The Blessing and Dismissal

The grace of God uphold you, the peace of God surround you, the love of God flow from you and be your strength as you go into the world to love and serve;

The blessing of God be upon you today and forever.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude

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.

## Weekly Cycles of Prayer

**In the world wide communion**, we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa; for our Primate, Bishop Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Edmonton, Bishop Stephen London; for our own bishop, Anna Greenwood-Lee, and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

**In our region**, we pray for St Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay, The Rev. Craig Hiebert and The Rev. Dyan Davison.

**In our parish** we pray for: Sharon Wickware, Max Wideman, Julie Williams, Walter Adams, Dorothy Barnes, William Bates, Ann Berry, Cindy Bourgeois, Caleb Bourgeois, and Cohen Bourgeois.

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

For the month of May, we pray for gifts of Landscape and gardening.

### 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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