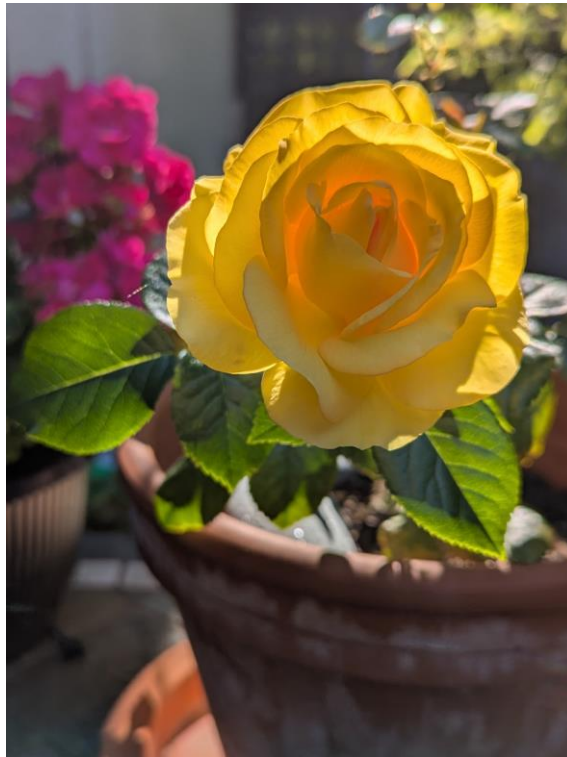


The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
June 21<sup>st</sup> 2026  
National Indigenous Day of Prayer



“Nourishing faith and community”

Words of Welcome

## The Gathering of the Community

In this time and from many places 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 pray.**

In this time and from many places 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 in all places, we are hallowed, expectant, one people in God.

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

Let us pray,

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk

in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

*To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.  
Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?  
He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.*

*Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
'My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God'?*  
*Have you not known? Have you not heard?*  
*The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;*

*his understanding is unsearchable.  
He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
**and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.**  
Day to day pours forth speech,  
**and night to night declares knowledge.**  
There is no speech, nor are there words;  
**their voice is not heard;**  
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
**and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
**and like a strong man runs its course with joy.**  
Its rising is from the end of the heavens,

**and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
**reviving the soul;**  
the decrees of the Lord are sure,  
**making wise the simple;**  
the precepts of the Lord are right,  
**rejoicing the heart;**  
the commandment of the Lord is clear,  
**enlightening the eyes;**  
the fear of the Lord is pure,  
**enduring for ever;**  
the ordinances of the Lord are true  
**and righteous altogether.**  
More to be desired are they than gold,  
**even much fine gold;**  
sweeter also than honey,  
**and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
**in keeping them there is great reward.**  
But who can detect their errors?  
**Clear me from hidden faults.**  
Keep back your servant also from the insolent;  
**do not let them have dominion over me.**  
Then I shall be blameless,  
**and innocent of great transgression.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
**be acceptable to you,**  
**O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-18

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*

*There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.*

*He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.*

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."')* From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the

*only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.*

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon *The Rev Gail Rodger*

Announcements

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 so 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.**

### The Peace

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

At peace with one another united as one we declare:  
**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)

### The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

### 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 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!**

## Weekly Cycles of Prayer

**In the world wide communion**, we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; for our Primate, Bishop Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Fredericton, Bishop David Edwards; for our own bishop, Anna Greenwood-Lee, and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

**In our region**, we pray for St Mattias Victoria, The Rev. Collen Lassimer.

**In our parish** we pray for: Keith & Keiko Brandsma, Doug Bowen, Jan Brister, Cathy Carphin, Wendy Clapp, Tom Dagget & Annie Kung, Judith Davidson, and Lynda and Michael Delaney.

**In our community** we pray for the St. John the Divine Food Bank. For the month of June, we pray for gifts of Landscape and gardening.

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.



## 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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