

The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
July 5<sup>th</sup> 2026  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



Nourishing Faith  
and Community

## Prelude

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

#### Opening Hymn: CP 485 (Love Divine, All Loves

Excelling (Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788: Music: CP374, *Alleluia*,  
*Sing to Jesus*, Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887).

*Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven-to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus thou art all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.*

*Come almighty to deliver;  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,*

*till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, 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, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives 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 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
A reading from the Book of Genesis.

*So [Eliezer] said, 'I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son."*

*'I came today to the spring, and said, "O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am*

*standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son."*

*'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.'*

*And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,*

*'May you, our sister, become  
thousands of myriads;  
may your offspring gain possession  
of the gates of their foes.'*

*Then Rebekah and her maids rose up,  
mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the  
servant took Rebekah, and went his way.*

*Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and  
was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the  
evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw  
camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when  
she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel,  
and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there,  
walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said,  
'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered  
herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things  
that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his  
mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she  
became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was  
comforted after his mother's death.*

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

Psalm 45:10-17

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;  
**forget your people and your father's house,  
and the king will desire your beauty.**  
Since he is your lord, bow to him;

**the people of Tyre will seek your favour with gifts,  
the richest of the people with all kinds of wealth.**

The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes;  
**in many-coloured robes she is led to the king;  
behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.**  
With joy and gladness they are led along  
**as they enter the palace of the king.**

In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons;  
**you will make them princes in all the earth.**  
I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;  
**therefore the peoples will praise you for ever and ever.**

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

*I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I*

*do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.*

*So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

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

Gospel Hymn: CP508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (Text Horatius Bonar (1808-1889); music English traditional. Public domain)

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
thy head upon my breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
and he has made me glad.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,*

*stoop down and drink and live.”  
I came to Jesus and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

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

*‘But to what will I compare this generation?  
It is like children sitting in the market-places and  
calling to one another,  
“We played the flute for you, and you did not  
dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”’*

*For John came neither eating nor drinking,  
and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man  
came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a  
glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors  
and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her  
deeds.’*

*At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden  
these things from the wise and the intelligent and  
have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such  
was your gracious will. All things have been*

*handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.*

*‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’*

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Hymn: CP508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus

Say (Text: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889); music English traditional. Public domain)

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this dark world’s light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I’ll walk  
till travelling days are done.*

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: 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.*

*(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.)*

### Prayer over the Gifts

God of heaven and earth, receive our sacrifice of praise, and strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your service, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

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)*

O God, may we who have shared in holy things never fail to serve you in your world, and so come to the fullness of joy, 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: Shalom (sung a capella)

*(Israeli Round, public domain)*

*Shalom my friend. Shalom my friend.*

*Shalom, Shalom.*

*God's peace be with you. God's peace be with you.*

*Shalom Shalom*

*Shalom my friend. Shalom my friend.*

*Shalom Shalom.*

*Till we meet again. Till we meet again.*

*Shalom Shalom.*

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 Anglican Church of Chile; for our Primate, Bishop Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Kootenay, Bishop Lynne McNaughton; 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: Gail Gill, Elaine & Al Hay, Karen Hogg & Ross Benton, Barbara Anne Holt, Barbara Hooper, Graham & Licette How, Judy Ingram, and Faye & Roy Johnson.

**In our community** we pray for the Rainbow Kitchen.

For the month of July, we pray for the Coffee Ministry.

### 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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