

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
July 26th 2026
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



Nourishing Faith
and Community

Prelude

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

Opening Hymn:

SNC 096 All Creation Danced in Answer



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*All creation danced in answer
when God's voice first touched the air
and the great eternal cantor
called a universe to prayer,
called to praise and to thanksgiving
all that filled the space about,
sought a hymn from all things living
bid the stones themselves cry out.*

*Jesus gave the tune new texture,
love song for a world set free:
gospel sung in full rich measure,
earth's voice but God's melody;
passion music, sand and somber,
discord on a cross was built,
giving way to bright new timbre
in the Easter morning's lilt.*

*And the Spirit comes, composing
music made of wind and fire,*

*in its new found tones disclosing
all the heart and soul require,
forging from day's hum and thunder,
from that mixture sweet and strong,
psalms and hymns of awe and wonder;
daily life as sacred song.*

*Come my friends, sing, dance in answer
as God's music fills the air
and the great eternal cantor
calls us yet to praise and prayer,
bids us join the endless singing,
till all earthly song shall cease;
heaven's voice alone goes ringing
through a universe at peace.*

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,
O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy,
increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with
you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through
things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 29:15-28

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

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

Psalm 105

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.
Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,
O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

He is the Lord our God;
his judgements are in all the earth.
He is mindful of his covenant for ever,
of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,
the covenant that he made with Abraham,
his sworn promise to Isaac,
which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,
saying, ‘To you I will give the land of Canaan
as your portion for an inheritance.’
Praise the Lord!

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;

we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: SNC 67Be unto Your Name

(Text and music: Lynn Deshazo and Gary Sadler, 1998 Integrity Hosanna Music CCLI)

*We are a moment You are forever
Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor You are eternal
Love everlasting reigning on high*

*Holy Holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Highest praises Honour and Glory
Be unto Your name
Be unto Your name*

*We are the broken You are the healer
Jesus Redeemer Mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You blessing Your name*

*Holy Holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Highest praises Honour and Glory
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Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

God be with you.
And also with you.

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

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom

of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old. '

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn: CP 585 Lord, Whose Love in

Humble Service (Text Albert Frederick Bayly (1901-1984) Oxford University Press; Music Benjamin White 1800-1879; 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship)

*Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.*

*Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.*

As we worship, grant us vision

*till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.*

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: CP425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (Text
Henry van Dyke (1852-1933) Music Ludwig Van Beethoven (1770-1827; arr.
Ed Hodges (1796-1867) public domain)

*Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.*

(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 grace, accept all we offer you this day, as we look toward the glory you have promised. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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)*

God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ.

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: Make Your Service of Love a Beautiful Thing. *(Text 13th century; music; Dent Davidson, copyright 2023 CCLI)*

Refrain:

***Make your service of love a beautiful thing.
Want nothing else; and be not afraid
Make your service of love a beautiful thing;
A beautiful, beautiful, thing.***

*And let your love, your love be free
Free to become, what love truly is
Strive every moment to live without sparing*

*Make your service a beautiful thing. **Refrain***

*Always be fervent, -fervent and humble
Serve on another, with loving wisdom
Walk your pure journey with steps of beauty
Make your service a beautiful thing. **Refrain***

*Walk without sadness, let willfulness go
Take the sweet spirit, of peace and joy with you
Lay your heart open be free from all fear
Make your service a beautiful thing.*

***Make your service of love a beautiful thing.
Want nothing else; and be not afraid
Make your service of love a beautiful thing;
A beautiful, beautiful, A beautiful, beautiful,
A beautiful, beautiful thing.***

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 the Indian Ocean; for our Primate, Bishop Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Moosonee, Bishop Anne Germond; for our own bishop, Anna Greenwood-Lee, and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our region, we pray for The Abbey Church, The Rev. Matthew W. Humphrey.

In our parish we pray for: Jean Smith, Rosemary Smith, Roland Stacey, Nathaniel Sukhdeo and Ann Desgagne, Lawrence Surges and Hilary Mackey, Frances Thomasset, Betty-Anne Townsend, and J. Ann Walker.

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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