

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
October 4th 2026
Nineteenth Sunday after
Pentecost



Nourishing Faith
and Community

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Prelude

Words of Welcome

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, sad 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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your**

**Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and
worthily magnify your holy name, through
Christ our Lord. Amen**

Gloria (sung)

(Daniel Schutte Mass of Christ 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.

Renewing our commitment

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

I will, with God's help.

Let us pray,
Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who 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: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

A reading from the book of Exodus

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

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 3b:4-14

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law,

but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: CP307 When Long Before Time

(Text and melody: Peter Davison (1936-)1995 The Singer and The Song Augsburg Fortress)

*When long before time
and the worlds were begun,
when there was no earth
and no sky and no sun,
and all was deep silence
and night reigned supreme,
and even our Maker had only a dream...*

*...the silence was broken
when God sang the Song,
and light pierced the darkness
and rhythm began,
and with its first birth-cries
creation was born,
and creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.*

*The sounds of the creatures
were one with their Lord's,
their harmonies sweet
and befitting the Word;
the Singer was pleased
as the earth sang the Song,
the choir of the creatures re-echoed it long.*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-46

God be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew
Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.

*'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner
who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug
a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he
leased it to tenants and went to another country.
When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves*

to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

*"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes"?*

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about

them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn: CP307 When Long Before Time

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*Though, down through the ages,
the Song disappeared
its harmonies broken
and almost unheard
the Singer comes to us
to sing it again:
our God is with us in the world now as then.*

*The Light has returned
as it came once before,
The Song of the Lord
is our own song once more;
so let us all sing
with one heart and one voice
the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.*

*To you, God, the Singer,
our voices we raise;
to you, Song incarnate,
we give all our praise;*

*to you, Holy Spirit,
our life and our breath,
be glory, forever, through life and through death.*

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

The Affirmation of Faith *(please stand)*

(Taken from Season of Creation ecumenical service which was adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
God made flesh,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.**

**You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

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.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.**

(Please stand)

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

Offering 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 truth, receive all we offer you this day.

Make us worthy servants, strong to follow in the pattern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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)*

(Book of Alternative Services EP4 p201 Musical setting for the Sanctus thanksgiving setting 1 CP719)

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.

It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

(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.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, “Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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.”

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this

offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

(musical setting: Gordon Light)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

“I am the bread which has come down from heaven,” says the Lord.

Give us this bread forever.

"I am the vine, you are the branches"

May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

Invitation to table

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Musical selections accompany 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)

Prayer after Communion (please stand)

Almighty God, may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist remain in your steadfast love, and show in our lives the saving mystery that we celebrate. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.

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, surround you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn:

SNC 77 My Soul Cries Out (Canticle of the Turning)

(Text: Rory Cooney; Tune: Irish Traditional arr: John Ferguson 1990 GIA Publications One License)



*My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?*

Refrain

***My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
For the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.***

Though I am small, my God, my all,

*you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the
past*

to the end of the age to be.

*Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. **Refrain***

*From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.*

*Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.*

*The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;*

*There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. **Refrain***

*Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:*

*God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.*

*This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise that holds us bound,*

*'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.*

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

Let the fires of your justice burn.

Wipe away all tears,

*For the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.*

Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of
the Spirit

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

In the worldwide communion we pray for The Church of North India (United); for our Primate the Right Reverend Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Saskatoon, Bishop Chad McCharles; and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese we pray for our bishop, The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee and, in our region, for local members of the Sisterhood of Saint John the Divine; the Franciscan Order and the Benedictine Order.

In our parish we pray for Walter Adams, Lisa Anderson, Quade Astra, Dorothy Barnes, William Bates, Cindy Bourgeois, Caleb Bourgeois, and Cohen Bourgeois.

In our community we pray for the Victoria Native Friendship Centre.

For the month of October we pray for the administration and finance ministries.

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