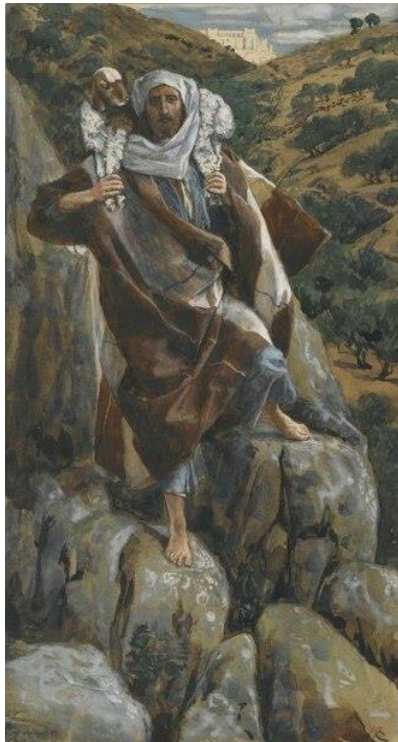


The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
October 25th 2026
Twenty-second Sunday after
Pentecost
Morning Prayer



Nourishing Faith and
Community

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Gathering

Lord, open our lips,

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia!

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth.

O come let us worship

Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his for he made it,

and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his
pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice.

Opening Hymn: CP1 Holy Holy Holy

(Text: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), Public Domain)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:

holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

*casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;*

*cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though our sinful human gaze thy glory may not
see,*

*only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!

*All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and
sky and sea;*

holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
(please be seated)

First Reading: D 34:1-12 Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from The Book of Deuteronomy

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, ‘This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, “I will give it to your descendants”; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’ Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord

had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, ‘Turn back, you mortals.’

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands.

O prosper the work of our hands!

Hymn: VU 374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre
(Tune CP585) (please remain seated for this hymn)

(Text: Shirley Erena Murray 1989; music: Benjamin Franklin White 1844: Hope Publishing 1992: CCLI)

*Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead;
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.*

*Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.*

*In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fear unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!*

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

A reading from the first letter to the
Thessalonians

*You yourselves know, brothers and sisters,
that our coming to you was not in vain, but though
we had already suffered and been shamefully
maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had
courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of
God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal
does not spring from deceit or impure motives or
trickery, but just as we have been approved by God
to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even*

so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: SGP108 Spirit Spirit of Gentleness

(Words and Music: James Manley, 1978, One License)

Refrain:

***Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness
calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.***

*You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;*

*and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings. **Refrain***

*You swept thro' the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded
with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets
to open their eyes. **Refrain***

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-46

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.

*When the Pharisees heard that he (Jesus) had
silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and
one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test
him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is
the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the
Lord your God with all your heart, and with all
your soul, and with all your mind." This is the
greatest and first commandment. And a second is
like it: "You shall love your neighbour as*

yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet’ ”?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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*You sang in a stable,
you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
and down in the city
you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind. **Refrain***

*You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow
all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes.
with bold new decisions
your people arise. **Refrain***

Message: *Read by Karen Hogg*

Hymn:

CP415 All Things Bright and Beautiful *(Text: Cecil
Frances Alexander (1818-1895) Music: William Henry Monk (1823-1889), public
domain).*

Refrain:

***All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.***

*Each radiant flower that opens,
each vibrant bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their lively wings. **Refrain***

*The cold wind in the winter.
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruit in the garden,
God made them every one. **Refrain***

*The rocky mountain splendour,
the loon's wild, haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall. **Refrain***

*God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is the Creator,
who has made all things well. **Refrain***

Announcements

Hear O Israel (please stand)

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People (please be seated)

The Collect

Let us pray,

Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Saviour Christ has 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.
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
forever and ever. Amen.**

Musical Sending: CP 565 Guide Me O Thou

Great Jehovah (Text: William Williams (1717-1791); Music: John Hughes (1873-1932), public domain)

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.*

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Lək̓ʷəŋən speaking peoples, 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.

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

In the world wide communion we pray for The Episcopal Church of the Philippians; for our Primate, Bishop Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Western Newfoundland, Bishop John Organ; for our own bishop, The Right Reverend Anna Greenwood-Lee, and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our region we pray for St Georges Cadboro Bay, The Rev. Christine Conkin.

In our parish we pray for: Gail Gill; Elaine and Al Hay; Karen Hogg & Ross Benton; Barbara Anne Holt; Barbara Hooper; Graham and Licette How; Judy Ingram; Faye Johnson.

In our community we pray for Victoria Friendship Native Centre.

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

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