



ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN

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Feast Day of St. Peter and St. Paul – July 4, 2021

Officiant: Wherever you are, whoever you are, we welcome you to the Anglican church of St. Peter, Quamichan.

Christ our true and only Light: receive our prayers and songs and illumine the secrets of our hearts with your healing goodness, that no evil desires may possess us who are made new in the light of your heavenly grace. Amen. (Source: Gelasian Sacramentary)

We acknowledge and give thanks. Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to the Coast Salish People and the Cowichan People, the first people of this land. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land and all lands in this country. We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land. Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

The Gathering of the Community

Officiant: Grace and peace to you from God.

All: God fill you with truth and joy.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: The Lord bless you.

Officiant: This is the day which the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Sentence of the Day

Officiant: The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord; and you also are witnesses.
John 15: 26,27

Officiant: Almighty God,

All: 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.

Introit: My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

The Collect of the Day:

Officiant: God be with you

All: And also with you.

Officiant: Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Hymn: Go In Grace and Make Disciples

Officiant: I invite you to settle your hearts as we listen to these words of scripture.

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Reader: Here what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 87

1 On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; * **the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.**

2 Glorious things are spoken of you, * **O city of our God.**

3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; * **behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born.**

4 Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was born in her, * **and the Most High himself shall sustain her."**

5 The Lord will record as he enrolls the peoples, * **"These also were born there."**

6 The singers and the dancers will say, * **"All my fresh springs are in you."**

Together let us pray,

God of eternal light, open our eyes to the vision of your holy city coming down from Heaven; make our hearts sensitive to your presence, and our wills eager to join in the comfort and healing you bring to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Reader: Here what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 21:15-19

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to John

All: Praise and Glory to God.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Leader: The Good News of Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to Christ, the Word

Homily – The Rev. MJ Leewis-Kirk

Music for reflection

Intercession and Thanksgiving

Leader: Caring God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore, in confidence and trust we pray for the Church: we remember especially, our Bishop, Anna, our clergy, MJ, Norah, Chris & Jim, all Seminary Students, we give thanks for the ministry of Monica, Mark & Jane. We pray that you will enliven the Church for its mission.

All: That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Leader: We pray for justice and peace in our world, remembering especially countries where there is war, we pray for the people of Palestine, Israel, India, China. We pray for peace and reconciliation of all people in Canada. Breathe fresh life into your people.

All: Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

Leader: We pray for the world: give strength and wisdom to those who work to save our planet, for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth, that we may use your gifts responsibly; for those who work on the land and sea, in city and in industry, that all may enjoy the fruits of their labours and marvel at your creation. Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

All: Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

Leader: We pray for our community remembering especially Justin our Prime Minister and John our Premier, Dr. Bonnie Henry, William, Chief of the Cowichan Tribes, and all of the leaders of first nations people across this land, we pray for and Al and Michelle our mayors. Guide all to live with tolerance as we continue to seek justice, peace and reconciliation.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

All: That all may act with integrity and courage.

Leader: We pray for those in need: We remember especially; Brian, Geoff, Chris, Bob, Andrea, Peggy, Rocke, Sandee, Jennifer, Vital, Teresa, Frank, Pearl, Brandon, David, Priscilla, and Connie. For those who are suffering from Covid-19 and the aftereffects, and for all front-line workers, everywhere. We pray for others we now name either aloud or in our hearts.... *Silence*

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

All: May they know the power of your healing love.

Leader: Make us willing agents of your compassion.

All: Strengthen us as we share in making all people whole.

Leader: We remember those who have died and those who mourn remembering especially Michael. We remember with great sadness the Children of our First Nations People

across this land.....We remember with thanksgiving all those who have died as a result of all illnesses and accidents, covid, wars and violence.

All: Compassionate God, into your hands we commend them.

Leader: We pray for this community of faith, and for our various ministries as we move forward to open our doors for all to worship together. We pray that we grow together, May we do so cautiously remembering the safety of all people.

Leader: Together, let us pray

All: Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Officiant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Hymn: Then He Said, Feed My Sheep

Officiant: Give thanks for all God's goodness

All: God's love shall last for ever.

Birthdays this week:

Blessing:

Officiant: Most Holy One, send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you. And the blessing of God; the Creator, who made and knows us; the Savior, who redeems and befriends us; and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us, be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Hymn: Here I Am Lord

Dismissal:

Leader: In the name of the Light that came into the world go in peace Alleluia,

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Flowers on the Altar:

The flowers on the altar are given by St. Peter's Church to the glory of God in loving memory of George Brockhurst who died on July 1st (*after the filming of this service*). We remember George for his many kindnesses and generosity of spirit with everyone he met. He will be missed!

Announcements - Liz Williams, Warden at St. Peter