

The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul
September 4th 2022
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Burning Bush

**SEASON OF
CREATION 2022**

Listen to the voice of Creation

Prelude

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

Musical opening CP399 Now Thank We All Our God

(*Text: Martin Rinckart 1596-1649 Music: Johann Cruger 1598-1662, Public Domain*)

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and nourish us with grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word, who reigns in highest heaven
our ever faithful God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

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)

**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 sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
You take away the sins 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.

Kyrie (sung)

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.

Kyrie Eleison

Christie Eleison

Kyrie Eleison, eleison

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.

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,

God you, who established the dance of creation, who marvelled at the lilies of the field, who transforms chaos to order, lead us to transform our lives and the Church, so all we say and do reflect God's glory back to all of creation. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading One: Jeremiah 18:1-11

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-6,13-18

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
**Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
**My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in
secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
**In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
**I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

Reading Two: Philemon 1-21

A reading from Paul's letter to Philemon

*Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our
sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your
house:*

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.*

*When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my
God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith
towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may
become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for
Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from
your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed
through you, my brother.*

*For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to
command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on
the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also
as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child,
Onesimus, whose father I have become during my
imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed
useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own
heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be*

of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn CP445 God the Creator *(Please stand)*

(Music; Gaelic traditional Text: John Bell (1949) The Iona Community 1989 One license)

*God the Creator, you in love made me
who once was nothing but now have grown,
I bring the best of all my life offers;
for you I share what ever I own.*

*O Christ the Savior, you in love called me
who once was no one lost and alone.
I pledge to go wherever you summon,
making your will and purpose my own.*

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn CP445 God the Creator

(Music: Gaelic traditional Text: John Bell (1949) The Iona Community 1989 One license)

*O God the Spirit, you in love move me
who once was no where and felt unknown.
I know my need of you for companion;
all things can change when not on my own.*

*And with the people summoned together
to be the church in which faith is sown,
I make my promise to live for Jesus
and let the world know all are his own.*

Sermon: *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Musical Moment

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 Intercession and Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

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. (*Silence is kept*)

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 the Christ. **Amen.**

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

Hymn: CP585 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.*

Prayer over the Gifts:

Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love. May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*

(Book of Alternative Services EP4 p201)

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:

**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.**

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 (*Stand, Sit or kneel as your custom*)

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains have been gathered and made into this one bread

So may your faithful be gathered from the ends of the earth in your kingdom.

The table of love is offered for all people. It is Christ who invites us to meet love incarnate here, and all are welcome.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thank be to God.

The Communion

(Communion will be offered from a standing position in front of the choir pews. It will be offered in one kind (bread only). It is the belief within the Anglican Church that receiving in one kind is considered full communion. If receiving, please walk single file on the right to the front. Remove mask and sanitize your hands just prior to receiving and re-mask to return to your seat. Responses to receiving the host include: Amen: Hallelujah; or Thanks be to God.)

Instrumental musical selections during communion

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Let us pray,

Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in your love, be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

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.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Musical Sending: CP 309 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

(Text: Natalie Sleeth c 1976 Hinshaw Music One License)

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,

*praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.*

*Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment; nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way.*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies; for Linda Nicholls, our Primate; Bishop Sidney Black, the interim National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Niagara, Bishop Susan Bell.; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese, we pray for our bishop, the Right Reverend Anna Greenwood Lee; Saint Dunstan's, Victoria, Interim Rev Heather Robinson.

In our region, we pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross, Pastor Lyle McKenzie and Pastor Lyndon Sayers.

In our parish we pray for: Barbara Hooper; Graham and Licette How; Judy Ingram; Howard and Nancy Jacques; Sue Johnsen; and Faye and Roy Johnson.

In our community we pray Neighbourhood House and those who are marginalized in our society

For the month of September we pray for our upcoming autumn food drive.

This week we hold special prayers for the Merchant Navy and all they sacrificed so we may have freedom.

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.

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.

St Peter and St Paul is a "happening place"

As we gear up for the fall we need volunteers. There are so many ways to contribute to the life of the church using your talents, each valuable in their own way

For Sunday services: Would you like to read Scripture? Write prayers of the people? Would you like to be a server (helping the priest at the table)? Have you ever thought of serving on altar guild (setting up prior to Sunday)? Greeting at the door? Helping at the Selkirk service? For these roles, dependability is key and having access to email is essential.

We also need: Kitchen leadership and help for the church luncheons; help with set up and tear down of tents and tables, help with writing articles for the paper; for marketing church events in social media; designing posters to be printed and distributed.

Do you have a new ministry you would like to start?

Please speak with Rev. Gail if you are interested in any of these roles.

Please note, that if you would like to be a server the training is September 18th at 1p.m. and attendance is mandatory.

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