

The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul
September 11th 2022
Fourteenth 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 SGP44 Part of the Family

(*Text and music: James Manley, 1984 CCLI*)

Refrain

***Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.***

*You know the reason why you came, yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family.*

*God is with us in this place, like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace
for we are a part of the family. **Refrain***

*Children and elders, middle-aged and teens,
singles and doubles and in-betweens,
strong eighty-fivers and streetwise sixteens,
for we are a part of the family.*

*Greeters and shoppers, long-time and new,
nobody here has a claim on a pew;
and whether we're many or only a few,
we are a part of the family. **Refrain***

*There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;
We are the branches, Christ is the vine.
This is God's temple it's not yours or mine
but we are a part of the family.*

*There's rest for the weary and health for us all
there's a yoke that is easy
and a burden that's small;
so come in and worship and answer the call
for we are a part of the family. **Refrain***

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,
Merciful God, you seek us in the hidden places of our ignorance and in the forgotten corners of our despair. Gather us into your loving embrace, and pour upon us your wise and holy Spirit, so that we may become faithful servants in whom you rejoice with all the company of heaven. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading One: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert towards my poor people, not to winnow or cleanse— a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgement against them. 'For my people are foolish, they do not know me; they are stupid children, they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good.'

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void; and to the heavens, and they had no light. I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro. I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled. I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert, and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger. For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end. Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black; for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 14

Fools say in their hearts, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

They have all gone astray, they are all alike, perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?

There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous. You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Reading Two: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

A reading from the letter to Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn CP 307 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: Luke 15:1-10

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 all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'
So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the

wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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

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: CP 340 I Will Praise You Lord (please be seated)
(Text and Music Claude Frayssse (1941- Eng Translation Ken Morse(1913-

*Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.
Praise, I will praise you Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!*

*Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.*

*Love, I will love you Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!*

*Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.
Serve, I will serve you Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!*

*Je louerai l'Eternel de tout mon coeur,
je raconterai toutes tes merveilles,
je chanterai ton nom.
Je louerai l'Eternel de tout mon coeur,
je ferai de toi le sujet de ma joie. Alleluia!*

Prayer over the Gifts:

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled to you in love, use these gifts to bring wholeness to our broken world. 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,

God of peace, as we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this 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: 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. **Refrain***

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for the The Extra-Provincial Churches; for Linda Nicholls, our Primate; Bishop Sidney Black, the interim National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Bishop Sandra Fyfe; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese, we pray for our bishop, the Right Reverend Anna Green-wood Lee; the people of Saint Mary of the Incarnation, Metchosin.

In our region, we pray for local members of the Sisterhood of Saint John the Divine; the Franciscan Order and the Benedictine Order.

In our parish we pray for: Suzanne Karas; Fred King; Bruce and Faye Kirkpatrick; Rhonda Koch, Rob and Teresa Krause; and Paul and Jolene LaHay.

In our community we pray for St. John the Divine Food Bank and those whose illness is addiction in our society

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

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.

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.

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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