

The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul

March 19<sup>th</sup> 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent



“Nourishing Faith and Community”

## 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, middlers 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 with thy spirit.**

Almighty God,  
**unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom  
no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the  
inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee,  
and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Lord have mercy upon us.

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

Lord have mercy upon us.

Let us pray,

Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### The Proclamation of the Word

#### Reading One: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

A reading from the book of Samuel.

*The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came,*

*he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.*

Here ends the reading.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

**He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.**

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall**

**fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Reading Two: Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from the Epistle of the Ephesians.

*For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."*

Here ends the reading.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn Christ, Be Our Light

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*Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.*

### ***Refrain***

***Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

*Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice. **Refrain***

*Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. **Refrain***

## Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory be to thee O Lord.**

*As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked*

them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to be-come his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for

*judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."*

The Gospel of Christ  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

### Gospel Hymn Christ, Be Our Light

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*Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. **Refrain***

#### **Refrain**

***Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

*Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come. **Refrain***

Sermon: *The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum*

Musical Moment for Reflection

## The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

## Confession and Absolution

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11. 28.*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3. 16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1. 15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2. 1, 2.*

Let us humble confess our sins to Almighty God. (*Silence is kept*)

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,**

**forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

Hymn CP 482 Come and Journey with a Saviour (please remain seated for this hymn)

(Text: Herbert O'Driscoll (1928-). Benjamin Franklin White 1800-1879 Lutheran Book of Worship , with permission)

*Come and journey with a Saviour who has called us from our birth, who has washed us in the waters, and who loved us on the earth.*

***Refrain***

***Come and Journey, come and journey with a Saviour who has come.***

***We are all God's sons and daughters; in the Spirit we are one.***

*Come and journey, journey inward, come and seek him deep within, where he meets us in our living, in our striving and our sin.*

***Refrain***

*Come and journey, journey outward, telling others of his name,  
telling others of his glory, of his cross and of the shame.*

***Refrain***

*Come and journey, journey outward, where that cross calls us to  
care,  
where injustice and where hunger and the poor call us to share.*

***Refrain***

*Come and journey, journey upward. Sing his praises, offer prayer.  
In the storm and in the stillness find his presence everywhere.*

***Refrain***

*Come and journey, journey onward; all our gifts we now shall bring  
to the building of a city that is holy, Christ its King.*

***Refrain***

Prayer over the Gifts:

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in  
the heaven and in the earth is thine.

**All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.**

**Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer (*Please stand*)

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things. Who has bidden us, thy faithful people, to cleanse our hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed by your gift of forgiving love and the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in works of love.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**

**Blessed is the one that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute,

and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee,  
Lord our God.**

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now as our Saviour Christ hath 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. And 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

**We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

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

Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world,  
**grant us thy peace.**

### The Communion

Instrumental musical selections during communion

### Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; Assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; And that we are living members of his mystical Body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; And are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

**And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our**

**Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth 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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn CP460 Lord the Light of Your Love is Shining

*Text and Music Daniel Schutte, 1979 New Dawn Music One License)*

*Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
shine on me, shine on me.*

### **Refrain**

***Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze: set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word, Lord,  
and let there be light.***

*Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness;*

*search me, try me, consume all my darkness,  
shine on me, shine on me.*

***Refrain***

*As we gaze on you kingly brightness  
so our faces display your likeness;  
ever-changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story,  
shine on me, shine on me.*

***Refrain***

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

(no alleluias during Lent)

Postlude

## Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma); for Linda Nicholls, our Primate; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop Diocese of Montreal, Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese, we pray for our bishop, The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee; Saint Peter, Quamichan, The Rev. Jim Holland.

In our region, we pray for St Philip Oak Bay The Rev. Allan Doersken.

In our parish we pray for: Walter Adams; Dorothy Barnes; William Bates; Myrna Bennett; Keith Brandsma; and Marjorie Brown.

In our community we pray for Neighborhood House and those who are marginalized in our society.

For the month of March, we pray for our Soapy Sundries 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.



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