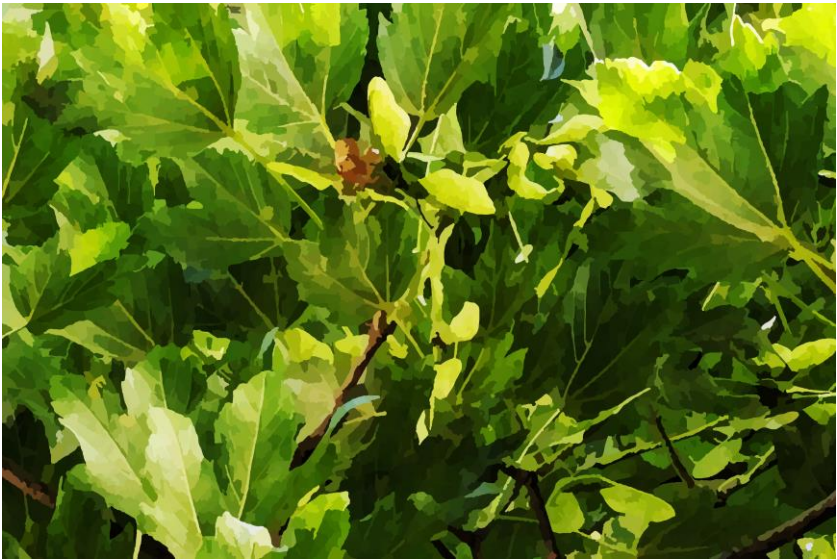


The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
July 6<sup>th</sup> 2025  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Nourishing Faith  
and Community

# THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

## Opening Hymn: CP 405 Alleluia No 1

*(Text and Music: Donal Fishel 1950- Word of God Music 1973 CCLI)*

***Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Give thanks to the risen Lord.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Give praise to God's name.***



Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
he is king of creation. ***Refrain:***

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and is risen. ***Refrain:***

We have been crucified with Christ:  
now we shall live forever. ***Refrain:***

Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour. ***Refrain:***

## Gathering

In this time and place we gather on the ancestral  
lands the Lekwungen speaking people, of our  
Esquimalt, Songhees and Coast Salish First  
Nation companions.

**From many places and peoples we come to this**

**house in prayer.**

In this time and place we gather in the name of the living God.

**We meet in the presence of Jesus Christ, risen and alive.**

In this time and in this space we gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages.

**In this time and space heaven and earth are one.**

In this time and space we are not alone, but one in Christ.

**Knit together in the unity of the Spirit.**

In this time and place, we are hallowed, expectant, one people in God.

**In the name of the Holy and Blessed One, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Gloria (sung)

**Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, glory to God on high,  
Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, glory to God on high,  
and on earth, peace to God's people,  
glory to God,  
and on earth, peace to God's people,  
glory to God.**

Kyrie (sung)

**In peace, in peace, let us pray to the...**

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy**

**For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,**

**For the unity of all, let us pray to the....**

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy**

**For your people here who have come to give you praise,**

**For the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the....**

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy**

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy**

Let us pray,

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

**THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

**First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-14**

A reading from the Book of Kings.

*Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.'*

*He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'*

*But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your*

*clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.’ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, ‘Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.’ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, ‘I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?’ He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, ‘Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, “Wash, and be clean”?’ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 30

A Psalm. A Song at the dedication of the temple. Of

David.

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,  
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,  
and you have healed me.**

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,  
restored me to life from among those gone down  
to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

**For his anger is but for a moment;  
his favour is for a lifetime.**

Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
‘I shall never be moved.’

**By your favour, O Lord,  
you had established me as a strong mountain;**  
you hid your face;  
I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried,  
and to the Lord I made supplication:

**‘What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down to the Pit?**

**Will the dust praise you?**

**Will it tell of your faithfulness?**

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!

O Lord, be my helper!’

You have turned my mourning into dancing;  
you have taken off my sackcloth  
and clothed me with joy,  
**so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.**  
**O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for  
ever.**

Second Reading: Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16

A reading from Paul’s Letter to the Galatians.

*(My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour’s work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.*

*Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.)*

*Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not*



*give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.*

*See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn CP 5 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

(Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), Music: Melody  
Geystliche Gesang Buchleyn (1534), public domain)



*Christ whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise!  
Triumph o'er the shades of night:  
Day-spring from on high, be near;*

*Day-star, in my heart appear.*

*Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till thy inward light impart,  
glad my eyes and warm my heart.*

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:1-11

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Good News of Jesus according to Luke  
**Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about*

*from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.” But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, “Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.”*

The Gospel of Christ  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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*Visit then this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, Radiancy divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.*

Sermon *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Musical Moment for reflection

Announcements

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**  
**We believe and trust in God the Father**

**Almighty.**

**We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.**

**We believe and trust in the Three in One.**

(from Creating Uncommon Worship by Richard Giles)

## Prayers of the People

### Prayers of Confession and Assurance

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.

**Holy and gracious One: forgive our sins.**

**The ones we can remember, and those we have forgotten.**

**Forgive the wrong actions we have committed, and the right actions we have avoided.**

**Forgive the times we have been weak, unkind or judgmental and failed to live out your kingdom call to justice and love.**

**Forgive the lies we have told, the truths we have avoided and the pain we have caused others.**

**Creator of all, have mercy on us, and make us whole.**

(Early Irish (adapted from A Celtic Primer p. 95))

**May Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our**

## **Lord. Amen.**

(from New Patterns for Worship Church of England)

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

## **THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**

Hymn: CP 585 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

God of heaven and earth, receive our sacrifice of praise, and strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your service, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*(Our offering plate is not passed through the pews nor placed on the altar. Instead it symbolically resides by the font near the back of the church, a calling to all the baptized to be part of the kingdom in the practice of committed giving. If you would like to donate but missed the offering plate on your way in, it remains available briefly after the service.)*

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Open your hearts.

**We open to the fullness of God.**

Feast at the banquet prepared from the foundations of the world.

**We come, O Christ, in thanks and praise.**

Holy and eternal One in whom we live and move

and have our being our origin and our fulfillment we praise and thank you for drawing us to this sacred meal. From the ocean of your primal love you fashioned the marvel of creation and beauty of human life. From this land of towering forests, mist laden coastlines, the rhythms of the tidal seas, storm and stillness you humble us to affirm the sacred gift of all creation and our stewardship for everything given and received.

**Praise be to you, source of all life!**

From the earliest days the peoples of these islands learned their dependence on your provision salmon and whale, elk and bear, and through song and ceremony, dance and painted cedar, hallowed these sacred relationships with all life.

**Praise be to you, source of all life!**

In Jesus Christ, you came into our world to reveal your glory, reconcile all peoples to yourself and make all things new in him. Now, gathered from many places, with a heart set on the pilgrim way we bring this bread and wine yearning for the nourishment of your Spirit and the fullness you promise in Jesus evermore praising you and saying

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord.**

## **Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, most holy One: for on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, gave it to all gathered and said: “Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks and gave it to them saying: “Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

**“Behold, I am with you to the end of the age.”**

Therefore, God of all creation, we offer this bread of life, and this cup of salvation. Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts and upon us, that we may know Jesus in the breaking of the bread and follow him in lives of selfless service and courageous love.

## **Praise be to you, source of all life.**

In the fullness of time reconcile all things in Christ, and bring us to that heavenly table, where every tear will be wiped away and we will feast anew.

Blessing, praise and thanksgiving be to you, Holy and Eternal One, Undivided Trinity, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer (sung)**

(musical setting: Jamie Brown; Worthily Magnify Music, 2022. Used with permission)



**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth,  
as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our daily  
bread and forgive our sins; As we forgive those  
who sin against us. And lead us not into  
temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is  
the kingdom and thine is the power and the  
glory forever, the glory forever, the glory  
forever. Amen.**

### Breaking of the Bread

The One who defeated death and injustice is now  
present in this bread.

The One who offers our life promise and hope is  
now present in this wine.

**Breaking into our lives and community we ask  
God for new life in Christ.**

### Invitation to table

The table of bread and wine is now ready. It is the  
table of company instituted by Christ, and Christ  
who invites us to the feast. All are welcome.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *Musical selections accompany Communion*

*(Communion is offered at three locations in the following order:  
station one is at the back of the church near the candles for those  
who prefer to stand and/or are physically challenged by steps  
without railings; station two, brought to the pew; station three: at  
the altar rail)*

Prayer after Communion (please stand)

Let us pray,

O God, may we who have shared in holy things never fail to serve you in your world, and so come to the fullness of joy, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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.**

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of the Almighty, God the unnameable Alpha and Omega, Jesus Christ, the love incarnate in the world, and the ever-present Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Sending Hymn: Make Your Service of Love a

Beautiful Thing. (Text 13th century; music; Dent Davidson, copyright 2023 CCLI)

*Make your service of love a beautiful thing.  
Want nothing else; and be not afraid  
Make your service of love a beautiful thing;  
A beautiful, beautiful, thing.*  
(3X)

**Dismissal:**

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

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

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.

### Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi; for our new Primate the Right Reverend Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; for Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Bishop Sandra Fyfe; and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese, we pray for our bishop, The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee and in our region, we pray for St Mattias Victoria, The Rev. Collen Lassimer.

In our parish we pray for: Nico, Vannessa Wilson, and Hapatia Lohmann, Marge McIntosh, and Lynda Miller. 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 June, we pray for the Coffee Ministry.

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