

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
July 20th 2025

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



Nourishing Faith
and Community

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn:

CP312 Sing a New Song unto the Lord

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



Refrain

***Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.***

Yahweh's people dance for joy.

O come before the Lord

*And play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.*

Refrain

*Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Saviour now has come.*

*He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song.*

Refrain

*Glad my soul, for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.*

The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.

I know my Saviour lives.

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 has opened for us a new
and living way into your presence. Give us pure
hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit
and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
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: Amos 8:1-12

A reading from the Book of Amos.

This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A basket of summer fruit.’ Then the Lord said to me,

‘The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,’ says the Lord God; ‘the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!’

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, ‘When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.’

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

On that day, says the Lord God, I will make

the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.

The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 52

Why do you boast, O mighty one, of mischief done against the godly? **All day long you are plotting destruction.**

Your tongue is like a sharp razor, you worker of treachery. You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking the truth. **You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue.**

But God will break you down for ever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. **The righteous will see, and fear, and will laugh at the evildoer,**

saying, ‘See the one who would not take refuge in God, but trusted in abundant riches, and sought refuge in wealth!’

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God for ever and ever. I will thank you for ever, because of what you have done. **In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.**

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

A reading from Paul’s Letter to the Colossians.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before

him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: Be unto Your Name

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*We are a moment You are forever
Lord of the ages God before time
We are a vapor You are eternal
Love everlasting reigning on high*

*Holy Holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Highest praises Honour and Glory
Be unto Your name
Be unto Your name*

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:38-42

God be with you.

And also with you.

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

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn Be unto Your Name

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*We are the broken You are the healer
Jesus Redeemer Mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before You blessing Your name*

*Holy Holy Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Highest praises Honour and Glory
Be unto Your name
Be unto Your name*

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

Offering Hymn: CP435 Take My Life and Let It Be

(Text: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879); Music: unknown, One license)

Take my life, and let it be

*consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.*

*Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.*

*Take my love: my Lord,
I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.*

Prayer over the Gifts

O God, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Help us in all we do to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice; through Jesus Christ the Lord. **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)

O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; through 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

Sending Hymn: Make Your Service of Love a
Beautiful Thing. (Text 13th century; music; Dent Davidson, copy-
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*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.*

*And let your love, your love be free
Free to become, what love truly is
Strive every moment to live without sparing
Make your service a beautiful thing*

*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.
(2X)*

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 Church of the Province of Central Africa; for our new Primate the Right Reverend Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; for Diocese of Ottawa, Bishop Shane Parker; 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 Two Saints, The Rev Heather Robinson.

In our parish we pray for: Don and The Rev. Gail Rodger, Peter Saunders, Lynn Scott, Andrew Sebo, Pat Seidlitz, Jean Smith, Rosemary Smith, and Roland Stacey.

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 July, we pray for the Coffee Ministry.

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