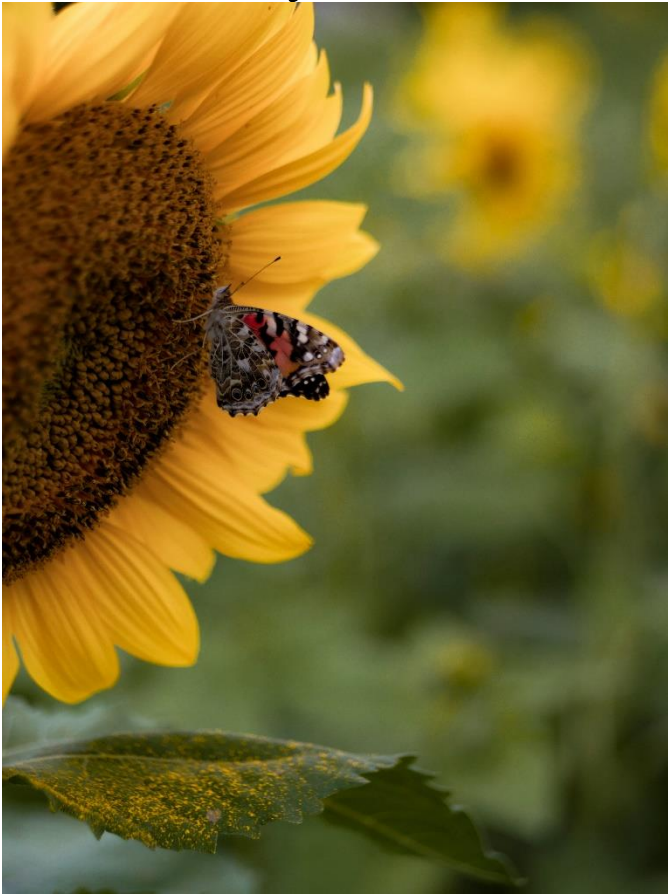


The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
August 17th 2025
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Nourishing Faith
and Community

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn: CP317 Praise the Lord, Sing

Hallelujah *(Text Psalm 148 Music William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921; public domain))*

*Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah,
from the heavens praise God's name;
praise the Lord, our great Creator;
all you angels, praise proclaim.
All you hosts, together praising,
sun and moon and stars on high;
praise the Lord, O heavens of heavens,
and the floods above the sky.*

Refrain:

***Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah,
for God's name alone is high,
and God's glory is exalted,
and God's glory is exalted,
and God's glory is exalted,
far above the earth and sky.***

*Let them praise the Lord their maker:
they were made at God's command,
who established them forever,
whose decree shall ever stand.*

*Let the earth sing hallelujah,
raging seas, you monsters all,
fire and hail and snow and vapours,
stormy winds that hear God's call. **Refrain***

*All you fruitful trees and cedars,
every hill and mountain high,
creeping things and beasts and cattle,
birds that in the heavens fly,
kings of earth and all you people,
princes great, earth's judges all:
praise God's name, young men and maidens,
aged men, and children small. **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, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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: Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the book of Isaiah

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What

more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!

**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim,
shine forth**

before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might,
and come to save us!

You brought a vine out of Egypt;

you drove out the nations and planted it.
You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.
The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches;
it sent out its branches to the sea,
and its shoots to the River.
Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its
fruit?

The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.

Turn again, O God of hosts;
look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine,
the stock that your right hand planted.
They have burned it with fire, they have cut it
down;
may they perish at the rebuke of your counte-
nance.

But let your hand be upon the one at your right
hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29- 12:2

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside

every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

Gospel Hymn: Ten Thousand Reasons *(please stand)* (Written by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin, One license)

Chorus:

***Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship God's holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy Name.***

*The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.*

Chorus

*You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.*

Chorus

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-56

God be with you.

And also with you.

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

‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth

and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn: Ten Thousand Reasons (*please stand*)(Written by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin, One license)

***Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship God's holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy Name.***

*And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul sings Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.*
Chorus (twice)

Sermon Gary Moss (*postulant in the diocese*)

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: CP 649 Breathe on me Breath of God (Text; Edwin Hatch (1835-1889); Music: Robert Jackson (1840-1914), public domain)

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours,
to do and to endure.*

*Breathe on me Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
for all eternity.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Loving God and Father, you have adopted us to be
your heirs. Accept all we offer you this day and

give us grace to live as faithful children. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 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)

Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, 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

Sending Hymn: Make Your Service of Love a

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

Refrain:

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.

Refrain

Always be fervent, -fervent and humble

Serve on another, with loving wisdom

Walk your pure journey with steps of beauty

Make your service a beautiful thing.

Refrain

Walk without sadness, let willfulness go

Take the sweet spirit, of peace and joy with you

Lay your heart open be free from all fear

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,
A beautiful, beautiful,
A beautiful, beautiful thing.*

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for Church of England; for our new Primate the Right Reverend Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Saskatchewan, Bishop of Missinipi, The Right Rev. Adam Halkett; 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, St Barnabas, The Rev. Dr. Travis O'Brian.

In our parish we pray for: Keith and Keiko Brandsma; Doug and Bev Bowen; Jan Brister; Cathy Carphin; Wendy Clapp; Tom Daggett and Annie Kung; Judith Davidson; Lynda and Michael Delaney.

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

For the month of August we pray for the building maintenance and repair Ministry.

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