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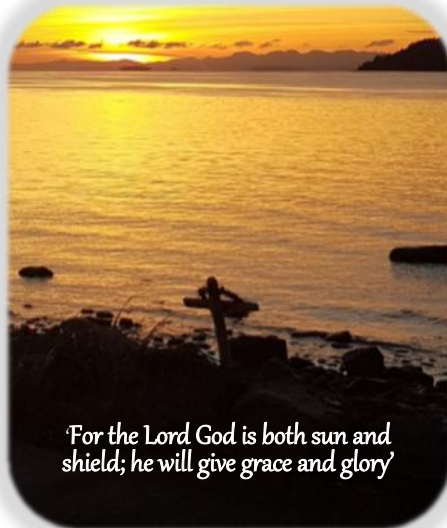
The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee

Diocese of Islands and Inlets

November 16, 2025

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word



'For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory'

The parish of St Peter Anglican Church and St Saviour Anglican Church is located on the unceded, traditional territory of the Ligwi'da'xw people: the We Wai Kai, Wei Wai Kum, and Kwiakah First Nations; the unceded traditional territory of the Klahoose First Nation; the unceded traditional territory of the K'omoks First Nation and the unceded traditional territory of the Homalco First Nation. We seek a new relationship with the first peoples here; one based on honour and respect. We pray that we may live more deeply into the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Service of the Word, November 16, 2025
Officiant: Kate Fitzsimmons

Processional Hymn: CP# 154 Joy to the World
Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Sentence:

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. *Luke 21.28*

The Gathering of the Community

All stand.

Officiant The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.
We thank you, O God, that you have again brought
us together to praise you for your goodness and to
ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand
in the week that is past, and your purpose in the
week to come; through Christ Our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Officiant Dear Friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

People **Amen.**

People **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. Amen.

Officiant Merciful God,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Hymn of praise: CP# 425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Officiant The Lord is our light and our life.

People O come, let us worship.

Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God *

and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his for he made it, *

and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the
sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Proclamation of the Word

Canticle [Isaiah 12:2-6](#) (Canticle 3, p. 76) Pauline Woods

People **Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever. Amen.**

First Reading

[Isaiah 65:17-25](#)

Jennifer Coolen

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

You Are God

You are God: we praise you;
you are the Lord: we acclaim you;
you are the eternal Father:
all creation worships you.

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of the apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of the prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the King of Glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

**You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.**

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

Second Reading

[2 Thessalonians 3:6-13](#)

Jennifer Coolen

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free
He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of
death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading Luke 21:5-19

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

At the conclusion the reader says

The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**
Alleluia (sung)

Sermon: Rev. David Fitzsimmons

Officiant Let us confess our faith as we say,

**All I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Intercessions and Thanksgiving: The Prayers of the People

The Peace

The officiant greets the people.

We are the body of Christ; in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you. *The people greet one another in the name of Christ.*

Offertory Hymn: CP # 565 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

When the offering is placed on the altar, all say

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise
for all you have done for us.**

**We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation,
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,
and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,
and for the loving care
which surrounds us on every side.**

**We thank you for setting us tasks
which demand our best efforts,**

and for leading us to accomplishments
which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his word and the example of his life;
for his steadfast obedience,

by which he overcame temptation;

for his dying, through which he overcame death;

for his rising to life again,

in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit,

that we may know Christ and make him known;

and through him, at all times and in all places,

May give thanks to you in all things, Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,

you sent your Son Jesus Christ

to be the light of the world.

Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,

and bring us to eternal light and joy;

through the power of him

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,

let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**All 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.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord (Alleluia).

People **Thanks be to God (Alleluia).**

Officiant May the God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing through
the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Announcements

Recessional Hymn

SNC# 88 Give Thanks for Life

Dismissal Go forth in peace to serve our living God.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Parish Happenings

Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-1, closed on Fridays.

- **Coffee Hour:** Every Monday 10 am, St. Matthew's room. Also on Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting - Meeting ID: [812 0587 4273](https://us02zoom.us/j/81205874273)
- **Prayer Chain** meeting is the first Wednesday of every month at 10:30.
- **Council Meeting:** every 3rd week of the month. Next meeting is November 18, 2025, 7pm in the Library.
- **Midweek Eucharists:** all are welcome, please join us:
Wednesday—Midweek Eucharist 12:30
Thursday – Meditative Eucharist 12:30
- **Chat & Chill Gathering:** Every Friday 10 am in the library
- **Mindfulness Group:** Every Wednesday in the library from 3:30 to 4:15 to
- **Every Monday-Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm until Dec. 8**

- **Healing Services:** The last Sunday of each month. Upcoming services: November 30 (healing); December 7 (Blue Christmas).

Announcements

- Prayer Chain Requests? Email the Prayer Chain if you have a prayer request prayerchain@stpeterscampbellriver.com. There is also box in the Narthex where you may leave a prayer message.
- November 27, 10 to 11:30—Creation centered—Mystics of the Middle Ages. Series led by Murray Etty (4 sessions)
- Shoebox Project: Information on this yearly program is posted on the bulletin board. November 5 to December 5 or donate online. See the poster for further information on what to donate/where to drop off your filled boxes.
- December 4 from 2 to 4 pm in the church hall: Care and Housing Choices for your Senior Years. Everything you want to know & everything you didn't know! Choices based on:
 - ♦ individual needs— options range from staying in one's own home with in-home support to more structured environments like assisted living, supportive housing, or complex care housing.
 - ♦ The choice depends on factors such as level of independence, health and functional needs, and budget.
- December 6: Ladies Advent Breakfast at Popseys at 8:30. Sign up sheet on the hallway bulletin Board
- Upcoming concerts:
 - ♦ CR Children's Choir December 12 & 13-not yet available
 - ♦ Festive Brass December 21—Tickets on Eventbrite
 - ♦ Island Voices November 23—Tickets on their website at <https://islandvoiceschamberchoir.bc.ca/>

"We are the people inspired by God and the example of Jesus to go into our community offering love and acceptance to all."

- ST. PETER FAMOUS CHRISTMAS MARKET! DEC. 15—10 TO 3 pm.



Christmas MARKET

- multiple vendors • Santa on site

St. Peter Anglican Church, 228 S. Dogwood
Street 250-286-1613

FEATURING!

- our famous Christmas Cakes -baking, candy, gift baskets
- felting, embroidery, crafts & LOTS MORE!!!

Parish Staff and Leaders

Rector's Warden: Tony Smith
 People's Warden: Pauline Woods
 Deputy Warden: Lois Tirebuck
 Deputy Warden: Rick Monchak
 Treasurer: Holly Finn
 Church Administrator/
 Communications: Trina Soltys
 Custodian: Janic Kozak
 Prayer Chain: Sue Vickery
 Envelope Secretary: Frank Maga
 Healing Prayer Ministry: Sue Vickery
 Lay Assistants & Readers: Pauline Woods
 Spirit Editor: Jane Monchak
 Spirit Design & Production: Trina Soltys
 Mindfulness: Jane Jennings

Coffee Monday: Jennifer Coolen
 Librarian: Jane Jennings
 Safe Church: Andrea Charlton
 Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF)
 Representative: Barb Henshall
 Building & Grounds: George Wagner
 Chat & Chill (formerly ACW): Frances Payne
 Sides persons: Pam Hedderson
 Zoom master: Tony Smith
 Music Ministry: Kate Fitzsimmons,
 Georgia Smith, Lori Gooldrup
 Altar Guild: Kim Jarvis, Leslie MacLennan
 Community Garden Liaison: Rick Monchak

Budget to Oct 31, 2025	Actual Jan-Oct	Budget Jan-Oct	Budget 2025
Envelope - General	110,309	125,000	150,000
TOTAL REVENUE	149,999	160,651	192,582
TOTAL EXPENSE	182,016	178,501	\$214,253
NET INCOME	-32,016	-17,849	-21,671

WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PETER

- During Sunday Worship: offering plate at each Sunday service. Cash or cheques are accepted.
- Automatic Withdrawal: 'PAR' can easily be set up. Contact the church treasurer.
- Give online: 'Donate' button located on the top right corner of the church website at stpeterscampbellriver.com. Or use the QR code below:



ALL IDENTIFIABLE FINANCIAL GIFTS ARE RECEIPTED ANNUALLY BY THE END OF FEBRUARY FOR THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR.

Zoom Sunday Service—It is always the same number. It is also noted in your weekly email. JOIN ZOOM MEETING (Point, control & click to open link)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81674662027?pwd=OnRp57l8WlFWki9LeT1Pzn07pjIlsi.1>

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