

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
November 16th 2025
Twenty-third Sunday after
Pentecost



Nourishing Faith
and Community

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn: SGP 38 Come, Christians Join to

Sing *(Text Christian Batteman 1843 Music Anon, 1824 Eerdmans Publishing Co Grand Rapids MI).) * words adapted by Gail Rodger*

*Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia.
Praises will ever ring*, Alleluia.
Let all with heart and voice
Saved by God's gracious choice,
Now in this place rejoice, Alleluia.*



*Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia.
Let praises fill the sky, Alleluia.
Christ calls his people friends,
The helpless he defends.
a love that never ends, Alleluia.*

*Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia.
Raise high the joyous strain, Alleluia.
The whole creation o're
Let all God's love adore
Singing forever more, Alleluia.*

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 also with you.

**Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and
worthily magnify your holy name, through
Christ our Lord. Amen**

Gloria (sung)

(Daniel Schutte Mass of Christ One licence)

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace on earth
Peace to people of goodwill.
We praise you, we bless You
We adore you, we glorify You
We give you thanks,
For your great glory.
Lord God heavenly King,
O God Almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world,
Receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand**

**The right hand of the Father
Have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the most High,
Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory
Of God the Father.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace on earth
Peace to people of good will.
Amen, Amen.**

Let us pray,
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 for ever. **Amen.** *(please be seated)*

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 3: Song of Thanksgiving

(Isaiah 12.2–6)

Surely, it is God who saves me;

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence,
and he will be my Saviour.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say,

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

make his deeds known among the peoples;

see that they remember that his name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Second reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with

you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: CP528 O God, Our Help in Ages

Past (Text: Ps. 90: para. Isaac Watts (1674-1748), Music William Croft (1678-1727) Cambridge University Press, Public Domain)

*O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:*

*under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood,
on earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.*

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19

God be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.

*When some were speaking about the temple,
how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts
dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that
you see, the days will come when not one stone will
be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'
They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and
what will be the sign that this is about to take
place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led
astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I
am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after
them.*

*'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do
not be terrified; for these things must take place
first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then
he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation,
and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great*

earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

‘But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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*A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.*

*Time like an ever-rolling stream
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.*

*O God our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.*

Sermon *The Venerable Craig Hiebert*
Musical Moment for reflection

The Affirmation of Faith *(please stand)*

(Taken from Season of Creation ecumenical service which was adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
God made flesh,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.**

You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

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.

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. *(please stand)***

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in

eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offering Hymn: CP 73 One Bread One Body (please
be seated for this hymn)

(Text and music: John B. Foley, SJ New Dawn Music Oregon Catholic Press One License)

Refrain:

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless-and
we, though many, through-out the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.***

*Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. **Refrain***

*Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. **Refrain***

*Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. **Refrain***

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God, in our worship we renew ourselves to
you. Help us, through our offering this day, to
renounce all things that draw us from your love.

This we ask 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

Eucharistic Prayer *(please stand) (Book of Alternative Services EP3 p198 said*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you are the source of light and life for all creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the one who comes, comes in the name
of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to
us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets; and
above all
in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made
us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and
death, a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had
given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he
had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(Stand, Sit or kneel as your custom)*
(said)

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it in heaven. Give us today 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

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

So may your church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

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

Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. **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

Musical Sending Christ, Be Our Light

(Music and text: Bernadette Farrell © 1993, Published by OCP. One License)

*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 sent out 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***

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

*Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. **Refrain***

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***

Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

In the world we pray for The Church of North India; for our Primate the Right Reverend Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Fredericton, Bishop David Edwards; 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 Georges Cadboro Bay, The Rev. Christine Conkin.

In our parish we pray for: Graham & Licette How; Judy Ingram; Aaron Iisberg; Faye & Roy Johnson; Fred King; Rhonda Koch; Rob Bagley & Teresa Kraus.

In our community we pray for St. John the Divine Food Bank and for those among us whose illness is addiction. For the month of November we pray for the Christmas Card Program.

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