

The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
January 11th 2026  
The Baptism of The Lord



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“Nourishing faith and community”

## Prelude

### Words of Welcome *(Please stand as clergy enters)*

#### Musical opening: CP3 Morning Has Broken

(Text: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965). Music Gaelic traditional, The Iona Community, One License)



*Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!*

### 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.**

**Kyrie (sung)**

**Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**Kyrie Eleison  
Christie Eleison  
Kyrie Eleison, eleison**

**Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.**

Let us pray,  
Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### The Proclamation of the Word

#### First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

*Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.*

*Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you;*

*I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.*

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

## Psalm 29

A Psalm of David.

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name:  
**worship the Lord in holy splendour.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
**the God of glory thunders,**  
**the Lord, over mighty waters.**  
The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
**the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**  
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
**the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**  
He makes Lebanon ship like a calf,  
**and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.  
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
**The Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,  
**and strips the forest bare;**  
**and in his temple all say, ‘Glory!’**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
**the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**  
May the Lord give strength to his people!  
**May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him*

*on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. '*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: SNC109 I was there to Hear Your  
Borning Cry (Text and Music John Ylvisake 1985 One license)

*I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.*

*I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well,  
In a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell.*

*When you heard the wonder of the word,  
I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.*



*If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun.*

*In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.*

*When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been  
with just one more surprise.*

*I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold. ”*

### Celtic Alleluia (sung)

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*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according  
to Matthew

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'*

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Celtic Alleluia (sung)

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*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Sermon: *The Reverend Gail Rodger*

Musical Moment for Reflection

## Announcements

Hear O Israel *(please stand)*

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment.**

**The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship Communion, setting 6, prayer of confession 2, p388)

Dear friends in Christ, let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and of one another.

*(silence is kept)*

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive our sins,**

**known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.**

*(Please stand)*

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

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

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

Let us pray,

God of life and freedom, we celebrate the  
revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all  
creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and  
make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever.

**Amen**

### Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*

*(Book of Alternative Service EP #1; musical setting CP719 The Great  
Thanksgiving setting #1)*

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 have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples. Therefore, with angels and archangels, we give raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name:

(sung)  
**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  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us

to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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.”

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(sung)

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *(Musical setting VU960 R Langdon)*

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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

We break the bread of life and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**



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.**

### The Communion

*(Communion is offered at three locations in turn: 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. Please let the usher know if you would like it brought to the pew; station three: at the altar rail for all those who are able)*

Instrumental musical selections during communion

### Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Let us pray,

Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

## Doxology

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.**

## The Blessing

The blessing of the Holy Trinity; the loving  
Creator, who is the source of all being, of Jesus  
Christ who is the love incarnate in the world, and  
the ever present Holy Spirit, hold you, surround you  
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Musical Sending: Christ, Be Our Light

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*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 in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Postlude

## Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia; for Shane Parker, our Primate; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; for Diocese of New Westminster Bishop John Stephens; for our own bishop, Anna Greenwood-Lee, and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our region, we pray for Two Saints, The Rev. Heather Robinson.

In our parish we pray for Jan Brister, Cathy Charphin, Wendy Clapp, Tom and Annie Kung, Judith Davidson, Lynda and Michael Delaney, Ruth D'Hollander, John and Bridget Ducker, Patrick Dunae, and Ann and Ned Easton.

In our community we pray for St. John the Divine Food Bank.

For the month of January, we pray for those who do pastoral care.

## Announcements

AGM IS COMING SOON!

REPORTS ARE DUE BY THE END OF JANUARY.

PLEASE EMAIL YOURS TO THE OFFICE AT  
[admin@stpeterandpaul.ca](mailto:admin@stpeterandpaul.ca)

Reports that are expected include:

Building Memorial Fund

Rector's Report

Wardens' Report

Nominating Committee Report

Treasurer's Report

Altar Guild

Cemetery Trustees

Church and Hall Maintenance

Gardening and Landscape

Knotty Club

Envelope Secretary

Pastoral Care

Safe Church

Mission, Ministry, and Outreach

*A reminder that anything to be discussed at the AGM must first be cleared by Parish Council to be on the Agenda.*



## Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Ləkʷəŋən speaking peoples, who are the Esquimalt, Songhees and other Nations of the Salish and Coast Salish Peoples. We, who came from many lands to join the line of those worshipping here, commit our Church to continue the journey of truth and reconciliation with our First Nations' neighbours.

If you are visiting St. Peter and St. Paul, welcome!

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 in the church hall (the building nearest the church) through the sheltered entrance, up the stairs to the right.

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