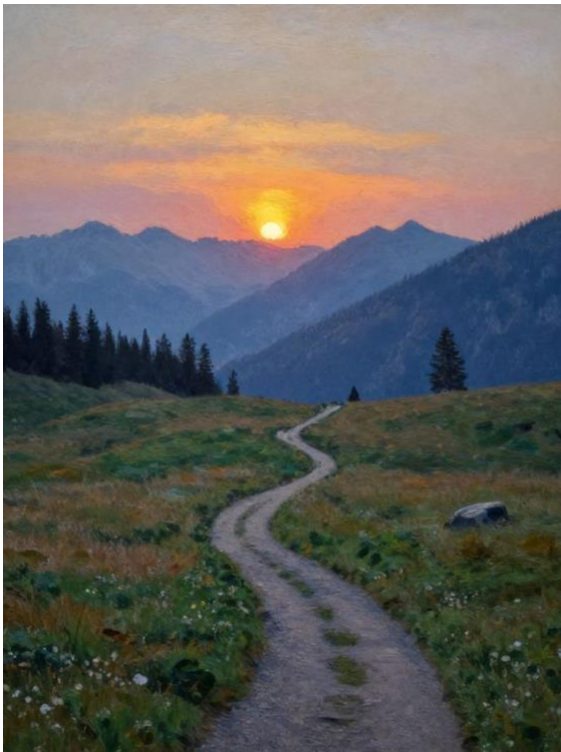


The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul

January 18th 2026

Second Sunday After Epiphany



“Nourishing faith and community”

Prelude

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

Musical opening: CP 465 Here in This Place New Light is Streaming

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*Here in this place new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in—the lost and forsaken;
gather us in—the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young—our lives are a mystery;
we are the old—who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.*

*Gather us in—the rich and the haughty;
gather us in—the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.*

*Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.*

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, now is the day.*

*Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in—all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

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,

Steadfast God, you have enriched and enlightened us by the revelation of your eternal Christ.

Strengthen us to walk the path of his teaching, so that by word and deed and in the power of the Spirit we may manifest the gracious news of your faithfulness and love. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am

honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says,

‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’

Thus says the Lord, the Redemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, ‘Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40:1-12

Of David. A Psalm.

I waited patiently for the Lord;

he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,

and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth,

a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear,

and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,

who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your

wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us;

none can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,

they would be more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,

but you have given me an open ear.

Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

Then I said, ‘Here I am;

in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God;

your law is within my heart.’

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness

from the great congregation.

Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me;
**let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
keep me safe for ever.**

For evils have encompassed me without number;
**my iniquities have overtaken me, until I
cannot see;**

they are more than the hairs of my head,
and my heart fails me.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the
Corinthians

*Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus
by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,*

*To the church of God that is in Corinth, to
those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to
be saints, together with all those who in every place
call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both
their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from
God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*I give thanks to my God always for you
because of the grace of God that has been given
you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been
enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every
kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been
strengthened among you—so that you are not
lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the
revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also
strengthen you to the end, so that you may be*

blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: CP 430 Will You Come and

Follow Me *(Text: John L. Bell (1949-). © 1987 WGRG The Iona Community (Scotland). G.I.A. Publications, Inc., via One License)*

*Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?*

*Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?*

*Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me?*

*Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you
and you in me?*

*Will you love the “you” you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found
to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you
and you in me?*

*Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you
and you in me.*

Celtic Alleluia (sung)

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-42

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The next day [John] saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk

by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Celtic Alleluia (sung)

(Fintan O'Carroll and Chris Walker OCP Publications One License)

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: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

(David Evans 1986 Thankyou Music CCLI license adapted for inclusive language)

*Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The holy One, is here.*

*Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
She burns with holy fire,*

*With splendour she is crowned:
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant light of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.*

*Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place:
They come to cleanse and heal,
To minister their grace -
No work too hard for them.
In faith receive from them.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray,
Living God, you have revealed your Son as the
Messiah. May we hear his word and follow it, and
live as children of light. We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ the Lord. **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 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,
God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **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: 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

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for the The Church of South India (United); for Shane Parker, our Primate; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; for Diocese of Niagara, Bishop Susan Bell; for our own bishop, Anna Greenwood-Lee, and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our region, we pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross, Pastor Lyndon Sayers.

In our parish we pray for

Victor Flett Sr., Victor Flett Jr., Sandra Flynn, Pat Fraser, Gail Gill, Karen Hogg and Ross Benton, Barbara Anne Holt, Barbara Hooper, Graham and Licette How, Judy Ingram, Faye and Roy Johnson, and Fred King.

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

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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