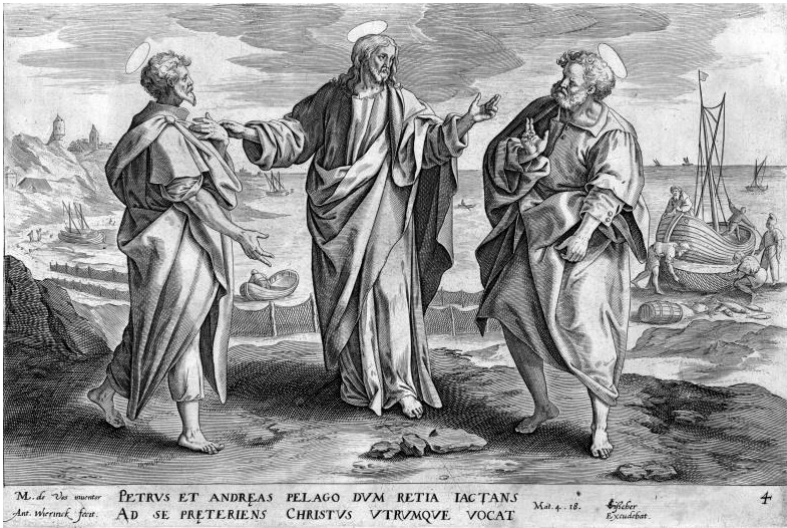


# The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul

January 25<sup>th</sup> 2026

Third Sunday After Epiphany



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“Nourishing faith and community”

## Prelude

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

Musical opening: CP 354: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

(Text: Robert Robinson (1735-1790) Nettleton Public Domain)

*Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious measure,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
O the vast, the boundless treasure  
of my God's unchanging love.*

*Here I make faith's affirmation:  
thus far by thy help I've come,  
and I hope, by thy compassion,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm  
constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.*

*Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
take my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.*

### 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,

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; 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 9:1-4

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

*But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into*

*contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.*

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them a light has shined.*

*You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.*

*For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

Of David.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

**of whom shall I fear?**

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

**of whom shall I be afraid?**

For he will hide me in his shelter

**in the day of trouble;**

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;

**he will set me high on a rock.**

Now my head is lifted up  
**above my enemies all around me,**  
and I will offer in his tent  
**sacrifices with shouts of joy;**  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,  
**be gracious to me and answer me!**  
'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!'  
**Your face, Lord, do I seek.**  
**Do not hide your face from me.**  
Do not turn your servant away in anger,  
**you who have been my help.**  
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,  
**O God of my salvation!**  
If my father and mother forsake me,  
**the Lord will take me up.**

Teach me your way, O Lord,  
**and lead me on a level path**  
**because of my enemies.**  
Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,  
**for false witnesses have risen against me,**  
**and they are breathing out violence.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord  
**in the land of the living.**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

*Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Chris-pus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.*

*For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Hymn: In Christ Alone

(Text: Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend; music Irish traditional © 2002, *Thank you Music (KWY) (PRS) (admin. EMI Christian Music Publishing) CCLI*  
Number: 3350395.)

*In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease;  
my comforter, my all in all;  
here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*There in the ground his body lay;  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am his and he is mine,  
bought with the precious blood of Christ!*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death;  
this is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
can ever pluck me from His hand;*

*'til he returns or calls me home,  
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!*

Celtic Alleluia (sung)

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*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

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**

*Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:*

*Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.’ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’*

*As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.*

*Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.*

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: 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

Let us pray,  
Loving God, before the world began you called us.  
Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen  
us in that calling. 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,  
Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things;  
our lives have been nourished by the body of your  
Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be  
strengthened for service in your world. We ask this  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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: CP 309 Praise the Lord with the  
Sound of Trumpet

(Text: Natalie Sleeth c 1976 Hinshaw Music One License)



*Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,  
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,*

*praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.  
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,  
praise the Lord in the city square,  
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.  
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,  
praise the Lord in the dark of night,  
praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the  
morning light.  
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,  
praise the Lord on the highest hill,  
praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.*

*Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,  
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,  
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.  
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,  
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,  
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.  
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,  
praise the Lord in the time of joy,  
praise the Lord every moment; nothing let your  
praise destroy.  
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,  
praise the Lord in your work or play,  
praise the Lord everywhere in every way.*

### 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 Anglican Church of Southern Africa; for Shane Parker, our Primate; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; for Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Bishop Sandra Fyfe; for our own bishop, Anna Greenwood-Lee, and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our region, we pray for local members of the Sisterhood of Saint John the Divine; the Franciscan Order and the Benedictine Order.

In our parish we pray for:

Rhonda Koch, Rob Bagley and Teresa Kraus, Leatrice Lam, Doreen Langmeed, Nico, Vannessa, Hypatia, and Aurelia Wilson, Marge McIntosh, Lynda Miller, Joseph Montuz, Judy Parker, and David and Christian Patchell.

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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