

The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
March 1st 2026  
Second Sunday in Lent



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“Nourishing faith and community”

## Prelude

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

## Musical opening: CP 429 For the Beauty of the Earth

(Text: Folllott Sanford Pierpoint, (1835-1917); Music Alternate Tuen Dix 160)Konrad Kocher (1786-1872))

*For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

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 with thy spirit.**

Almighty God,  
**Unto whom all hearts be open, all desires  
known, and from whom no secrets are hid;  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the  
inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy  
holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul,

and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.  
This is the first and great commandment. And the  
second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour  
as thyself. On these two commandments hang all  
the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these  
thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

CP 553 Ubi Caritas et Amor

*Ubi Caritas et amor,  
ubi caritas Deus ibi est.*

*Live in charity and steadfast love,  
live in charity; God will dwell with you.*

*Ubi Caritas et amor,  
ubi caritas Deus ibi est.*

Let us pray,  
Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the  
wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not  
sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in  
submission to your Spirit, that as you know our  
weakness, so we may know your power to save;  
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: Genesis 12:1-4a

A reading from the book of Genesis.

*Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'*

Here ends the reading.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills —  
**from where will my help come?**

My help comes from the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved;  
**he who keeps you will not slumber.**

He who keeps Israel  
**will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper;

**the Lord is your shade at your right hand.**  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
**nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
**he will keep your life.**

The Lord will keep  
**your going out and your coming in**  
**from this time on and for evermore.**

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

*What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.*

*For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the*

*promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.*

*For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.*

Here ends the reading.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand)*

**Gospel Hymn: CP 505 Be Thou My Vision**

(Text: Irish hymn (8<sup>th</sup> cent.); tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); vers. Elanor H. Hull (1860-1935) Music: Irish trad; arr. Martin Shaw (1875-1958))

*Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.*

**Gospel Reading: John 3:1-17**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

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

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

*Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?*

*'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do*

*not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.*

*‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.*

*‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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*Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,*

*still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Sermon: The Reverend Gail Rodger

Silent Moment for Reflection  
Announcements

The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker  
of heaven and earth,**

**And of all things visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-  
begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father  
before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light;  
Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made;  
Being of one substance with the Father;  
Through whom all things were made: Who for  
us and for our salvation came down from  
heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of  
the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was  
crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He  
suffered and was buried, And the third day he  
rose again according to the Scriptures, And  
ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right  
hand of the Father. And he shall come again  
with glory to judge both the quick and the dead:  
Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord,  
The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the**

**Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People  
Confession and Absolution

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.  
Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11. 28.*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3. 16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.  
This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1. 15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.  
If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2. 1, 2*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.  
*(Silence is kept)*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

The Celebration of the Eucharist  
Preparation of the Gifts

*(please be seated for this hymn)*

Hymn: Light Serene of Holy Glory

(Text: St Athenogenes 296 ad. Music: Stacy Plays Hymns 2025. Used by permission as stated on website [stacyplayshymns.com](http://stacyplayshymns.com))

*Light serene of holy glory  
From the Immortal Father poured,  
Holy Thou, O blessed Jesus,  
Holy, blessed, Christ the Lord.*

*Now we see the sun descending,  
Now declines the evening light,  
And in hymns we praise the Father,  
Son and Spirit, God of Might.*

*All is still and dark around us  
All is solemn and still before  
Thou the King of Light and Shadow  
Guard us now and forevermore*

*Worthy of unending praises,  
Christ the Son of God, art Thou;  
For Thy gift of life eternal,  
See the world adores Thee now.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

**All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things. Who has bidden us thy faithful people to cleanse our hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that renewed by your gift of forgiving love and the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in works of love.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**

**Blessed is the one that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee,  
and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in

the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.  
**Amen.**

And now as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

**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 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

**We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world,

**have mercy upon us.**

Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world,

**have mercy upon us.**

Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world,

**grant us thy peace.**

### 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)*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; Assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; And that we are living members of his mystical Body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; And are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

**And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee.**

**And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: RHB 282 I Feel The Winds of God Today (Tune: CP508)

(Text: Jessie Adams 1863-1954, English Melody traditional public domain)

*I feel the winds of God today;  
today my sail I lift,  
though heavy oft with drenching spray  
and torn with many a rift;  
if hope but light the waters crest,  
and Christ my bark will use,  
I'll seek the seas at his behest  
and brave another cruise.*

*It is the wind of God that dries*

*my vain regretful tears,  
until with braver thoughts arise,  
the purer brighter years;  
if cast on shores of selfish ease  
or pleasure I should be,  
Lord let me feel your freshening breeze  
and I'll put back to sea.*

*If ever I forget your love  
and how that love was shown,  
lift high the blood-red flag above,  
it bears your name alone.  
Great pilot of my onward way,  
you will not let me drift  
I feel the winds of God today, today my sail I lift.*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

(no alleluias during Lent)

## Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania; for our Primate, Bishop Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Quebec, Bishop Bruce Myers; for our own bishop, Anna Greenwood-Lee, and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our region, we pray for St John the Divine, The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum, The Rev. Dr. John Thatamanil

In our parish we pray for:

Cathy Carphin, Wendy Clapp, Tom Daggett & Annie Kung, Judith Davidson, Lynda & Michael Delaney, Ruth D'Hollander, Jon & Bridget Ducker, Patrick Dunae, and Ann & Ned Easton.

In our community we pray for the Esquimalt Seniors Community Centre Society.

For the month of March, we pray for the Altar Guild.

## Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Lək̓ʷəŋən 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.





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