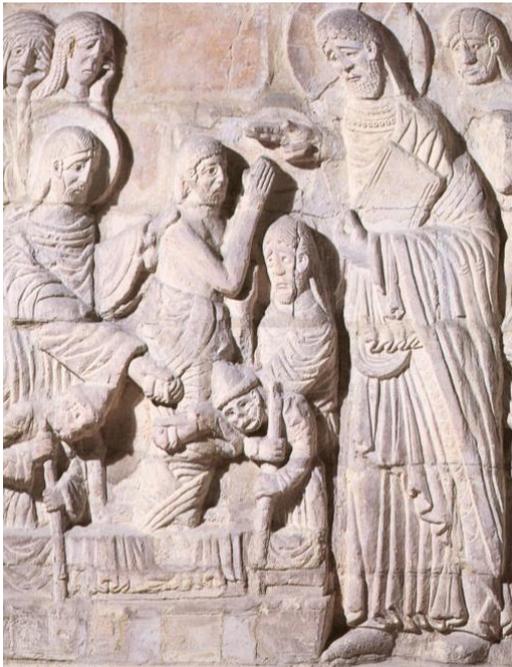


The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026  
Fifth Sunday in Lent



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“Nourishing faith and community”

## Prelude

Words of Welcome (Please stand as clergy enters)

## Opening Hymn: CP425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore

**Thee** (Text Henry van Dyke (1852-1933) Music Ludwig Van Beethoven (1770-1827; arr. Ed Hodges (1796-1867) public domain)

*Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!*

*Thou our Father and our Mother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.*

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, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

A reading from the book of Ezekiel.

*The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said*

to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when

*I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'*

Here ends the reading.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive

**to the voice of my supplications!**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

**Lord, who could stand?**

But there is forgiveness with you,

**so that you may be revered.**

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

**and in his word I hope;**

my soul waits for the Lord

**more than those who watch for the morning,**

**more than those who watch for the morning.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

**For with the Lord there is steadfast love,**

**and with him is great power to redeem.**

It is he who will redeem Israel  
**from all its iniquities.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:6-11

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

*To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

*But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.*

Here ends the reading.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand)*

Gospel Hymn: Light Serene of Holy Glory

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

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

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 a certain man was ill, Lazarus of  
Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.  
Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with  
perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her*

*brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.*

*Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'*

*When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now*

*Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'*

*When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her*

*weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'*

*Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'*

*Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon: *The Reverend Bob Baille*

Musical 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:** CP 385 Worship the Lord in the Beauty of

**Holiness** (Text: John Samuel Bewley Monsell 1871-1875; music Johann Heinrich Rheinhardt Uttingen 1754 public domain)

*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
Gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness  
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.*

*Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.*

*Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine:  
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.*

*These, though we bring them in trembling and  
fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear;  
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.*

*Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
Gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,*

*bring and adore him: the Lord is his name.*

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: 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. Amen.**

(no alleluias during Lent)

## Weekly Cycles of Prayer

**In the world wide communion**, we pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa; for our Primate, Bishop Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Saskatoon, Discernment for a Bishop; for our own bishop, Anna Greenwood-Lee, and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

**In our region**, we pray for St Mattias Victoria, The Rev. Collen Lassimer.

**In our parish** we pray for: Judy Parker, David and Christian Patchell, Doreen Peets, Mavis Pillar, Brian Poulsen, Don and The Rev. Gail Rodger, Peter Saunders, Lynn Scott with sadness at his passing, and Pat Seilitz.

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

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

We pray for those in our parish preparing for confirmation on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4 pm at Christ Church Cathedral: William Bates: Roland Stacey; Julie Williams.

### Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Lək'wəŋən 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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