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Easter Sunday



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HE IS RISEN

**"He is not here; He has risen, just as He said."
- Matthew 28:6**

The parish of St Peter Anglican Church is located on the unceded, traditional territory of the Ligwi'da'xw people: the We Wai Kai, Wei Wai Kum, and Kwiakah First Nations;; the unceded traditional territory of the K'omoks First Nation and the unceded traditional territory of the Homalco First Nation. We seek a new relationship with the first peoples here; one based on honour and respect. We pray that we may live more deeply into the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

April 5, 2026—Easter Sunday

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia

Processional Hymn: CP 203 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Sentence:

“I gave you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” *John 13:34*

Gloria: CP 365 Glory to God on High (v.1)

**Glory to God on high,
And peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks,
our heavenly King.
We give you praise,
almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.**

Collect of the Day

Creator God, at the height of great despair and loss, you visited us to deliver us from the darkness of the effects of colonization to form us into a family where healing and reconciliation are at the centre of our lives. May we, who share in the new covenant of Jesus, who has redeemed us by his blood, share in the glory of your eternal kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

The Proclamation of the Word

Let us listen for the word of God in Holy Scripture

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.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Pauline Woods

The Epistle

Colossians 3:1-4 Barb Henshall

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (sung)

Alleluia! Lord and saviour; open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing, for the good news that you bring.

The Gospel

John 20: 1-18

Gospel Procession

God is with you.

All: And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round

and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Response to Gospel—Alleluia (sung)

Sermon—The Rev. Stephanie Wood

Celebration of Baptism

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant: We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant: We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant: We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Celebrant: We give you thanks for you have called us to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, that they may become inheritors of your glorious kingdom. We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All: Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.

Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God,
The Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy *Spirit*?

**All: I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All: I will, with God's help.

The Minister will now sprinkle the congregation with Holy Water.

Prayers of the People

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Intercessions: The Prayers of the People

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: CP 206 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Celebrant Thanks be to you,

People Lord Jesus Christ,

For all the benefits you have given us,

And all that you have borne for us.

In our sharing in the Eucharist,

In Church or at home,

We ask you to come spiritually into our hearts.

O most merciful redeemer,

Friend and brother,

May we know you more clearly,

Love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly,

Day by day. Amen.

St. Richard (1197-1253) of Chichester

The Prayer Over the Gifts

God our strength and salvation,

receive all we offer you this day,

and grant that we who have confessed your name,

and received new life in baptism,

may live in the joy of the resurrection,

through Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 3

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you,
holy and gracious God,
creator of all things,
ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,
for you are the source of all goodness,
rich in mercy and abounding in love;
you are faithful to your people in every generation,
and your word endures for ever.
Therefore, with angels and archangels,
with the fellowship of saints
and the company of heaven,
we glorify your holy name,
evermore praising you and singing,
to proclaim the glory of your name.

People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God, of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise you, merciful Father,
not as we ought, but as we are able,
because in your tender love
you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world might be saved through him.
He made you known by taking the form of a servant,
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed,
reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,
he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever.
In his offering of himself,
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.
Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted
as your children; by your pardon
you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts
we approach your holy table,
remembering our Saviour's sacrifice,
and rejoicing in his victory.
Confident in his sovereign purpose,
we declare our faith.

**All: Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit on us

That as we receive this bread and this cup
we may partake of the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and feed on him in our hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.
May we be renewed in his
risen life, filled with love,
and strengthened in our will to serve others;
and make of our lives, we pray,
a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you,
knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever.

All: Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

The Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you broke the bonds of sin and death

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world

Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns:

SNC 227 I am the Bread of Life

SNC 228 Here is the Bread

SNC 229 Here is Bread

Ablutions:

CP 231 That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright

Glory to God

Glory to God whose power working in us can do 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.

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: CP 405 Alleluia No. 1

The Dismissal

LA: "Go in peace to love and serve our living God. Alleluia."

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Parish Happenings

Office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-1, closed on

- Fridays. **NOTE: Office will be closed after Easter for one week - April 6 through April 10**
- **Coffee Hour:** Every Monday 10 am, St. Matthew's room. Also on Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting - Meeting ID: [812 0587 4273](https://zoom.us/j/81205874273)
- **Prayer Chain** meeting Is the first Wednesday of every month at 10:30.
- **Council Meeting:** every 3rd week of the month. Next meeting is April 21, 2026, 7pm in the Library.
- **Midweek Eucharists:** all are welcome, please join us:
Wednesday—Midweek Eucharist 12:30
Thursday – Meditative Eucharist 12:30
- **Chat & Chill Gathering** Every Friday 10 am in St. Matthew's Room
- **Mindfulness Group:** Every Wednesday in the library at 3:15 to 4 pm.
- **Prayer Chain Requests?** Email the Prayer Chain if you have a prayer request prayerchain@stpeterscampbellriver.com. There is also box in the Narthex where you may leave a prayer message.

Announcements

- **Church Yard Cleanup: April 18**—10 am to noon, bring your own rake and gloves. Thanks! (hot chocolate and cookies served)
- **PLANT SALE!** May 2nd, 9 am to 2 pm—All Gardeners on deck for this event. It is the **65th**. Annual Sale!!!!
- And...it's never too soon to think about the Christmas Market!

Easter Blessings



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