



ST. PETER
ANGLICAN CHURCH

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April 5, 2026 at 6:30 am

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

At Rotary beach Park



***...celebrating the resurrection from darkness to light, mirroring the
discovery of the risen Christ...***

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Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

The Easter Invitation - Rev. Stephanie Wood

Celebrant: There was darkness over the earth before creation;

All: There is darkness in the womb before birth;

Celebrant: The seed grows in darkness before it meets the light;

All: There is darkness in the tomb before resurrection.

Celebrant: But now Christ is risen!

All: The dawn has come

Celebrant: A new creation has commenced

All: The world is born anew.

Celebrant: Christ is Risen.

All: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Celebrant: Thanks be to God!

All: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Opening Prayer - Rev. Keith Simmonds

On this day we overflow with thanks and praise, O God, for this is the day you have made, the day that fills us with both fear and great joy. On this day you sent your angels to roll back the stone and you raised Jesus, who had been crucified, from the dead. Never again need we search for Jesus in the places of dead memories and buried dreams, for now he has been raised and goes forever ahead of us to open the gates of justice, preaching peace and the forgiveness of sins. Indeed, though he was the stone rejected by the builders, you have made him the

cornerstone, the rock on which is founded the life everlasting, the life that is hidden for us in Christ until it is revealed with Christ in glory. We thank you and we praise you O God, both now, and through your living word, eternally. **Amen.**

A Reading from John 20:1-18—Rev. Stephanie Wood

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 toward 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 around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?"

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.

Celebrant: This is the gospel of our Risen Lord

All: Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People—Rev. Keith Simmonds

Lord Jesus, today we greet you, risen from the dead, victorious over sin and death, over suffering and shame, over all evil and wrong. Keep us mindful of those who labour under these burdens this day and grant them your peace and comfort.

Celebrant: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us Lord of Glory.

Lord Jesus, we greet you, risen from the dead, overcoming by the power of love, by patient trust and perseverance, by faith in God alone. Grant that all your people may have your heart and your mind among them and help us to minister to one another and to your world in your name.

Celebrant: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us Lord of Glory.

Lord Jesus, we greet you, risen from the dead, proving that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Grant that your church and all of your people may show forth the fruit of reconciliation and draw all people unto you and the peace you offer.

Celebrant: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us Lord of Glory.

Lord Jesus, we greet you, risen from the dead, our living hope, and our power for each day. We pray O God that you might grant hope and pour out your power upon those we name before you now in the silence of our hearts.

Celebrant: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us Lord of Glory.

Lord Jesus, we greet you, risen from the dead, our saviour and our redeemer. We give you thanks for all of the blessings of your resurrection...

(People may offer their own prayers of thanksgiving and petitions at this time)

Celebrant: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Hear us Lord of Glory.

The Lord's Prayer: *(together)*

**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 Benediction - Rev . Stephanie Wood

Go out now as God's chosen witnesses
to testify that Christ has been raised
and that we are raised with him.

Set your minds on the things of God
and do not be afraid

for your life is safe with Christ in God.

And may God raise you from all that would entomb you.

May Christ Jesus be your life.

And may the Holy Spirit empower you for all that is good. **Amen.**



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.