

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
April 12th 2026
Second Sunday of Easter



“Nourishing faith and community”

Prelude

Words of Welcome (Please stand as clergy enters)

The Gathering of the Community

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

Musical opening CP 220 Christ is Risen Christ is Risen

(Text: Lyra Davidica, 1708, , public domain)

*Christ is risen, Christ is risen,
tell it with a joyful voice;
Christ has burst his three days' prison;
let the whole wide earth rejoice!
Death is conquered we are free,
Christ has won the victory.*

*Come ye sad and fearful hearted,
with glad smiles and radiant brow;
Lent's long shadows have departed,
all his woes are over now,
and the Passion that he bore;
sin and pain can vex no more.*

*Christ is risen, Christ is risen;
he hath opened heaven's gate:*

*We are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.*

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**He gave us new life and hope by raising Jesus
from the dead.**

Rejoice, then, even in your distress.
**We shall be counted worthy when Christ
appears.**

God has claimed us as his own.
**He called us from our darkness into the light of
his day.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Gloria (sung)

(music: Mass of Christ the Savior Dan Schutte Oregon: Catholic Press 2009 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.

Let us pray,

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

A reading from the book of Acts.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

*"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will
not be shaken;*

therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

*For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience
corruption.*

*You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with
your presence.”*

*‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you
confidently of our ancestor David that he both died
and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.
Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had
sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of
his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this,
David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah,
saying,*

*“He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”*

*This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us
are witnesses.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, ‘You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you.'

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their
sorrows;

**their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.**

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant
places;

I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me;

**because he is at my right hand, I shall not be
moved.**

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol,

or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from The First Letter of Peter

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a*

new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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Gospel Hymn CP 223 Christ Is Risen

(Text: Brian Wrin (1936-). adapted by Gail RodgerMusic: Melody Polish trad. Harm. David Hugh Jones (1900-1983).)

*Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder;
all creation is amazed.*

*In the desert all surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.*

*Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning,
see what love can do and dare.
Live the life of resurrection,
as a servant, and a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion;
joy and peace shall never end.*

*Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
never more shall be the same.
See the dawn of new creation
Even while the world's in pain.
Tell our brother and our sister
Christ is risen! Love has won!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing hosanna everyone!*

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out

your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Musical Moment for Reflection
Announcements

(please stand)

Apostles’ Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say

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

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.

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. Amen.

Prayers of the People
The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist
Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn: Refiners Fire (see insert)
(Music and Text: Brian Doerksen, 1990 Vineyards Songs license CCLI)

*Purify my heart, let me be as gold
And precious silver
Purify my heart, let me be as gold
Pure gold*

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for you Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will*

*Purify my heart, cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin
Deep within*

*Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for you Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will*

Prayer over the Gifts:

God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Our offering plate is not passed through the pews nor placed on the altar. Instead it symbolically resides by the font near the back of the church, a calling to all the baptized to be part of the kingdom in the practice of committed giving. If you would like to donate but missed the

offering plate on your way in, it remains available briefly after the service.)

Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*

(Eucharistic prayer #3 using musical setting CP 719- 721 The Great Thanksgiving 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; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we raise our joyful hymn of 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.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to
us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets; and
above all
in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made
us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and
death, a death he freely accepted,
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.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith
(sung)

Christ has died

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in

whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

(sung) **Amen. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

(Langdon VU960)

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 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

Lord we died with you on the cross,
Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.
Live in us, that we may live in you.

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 the following order: 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; station three: at the altar rail)

Instrumental musical selections are played during communion

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Let us pray,
Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen 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 and 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, Alleluia!

Postlude

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

In the world wide communion, we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies; for our Primate, Bishop Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Territory of the People Anglican Church, Bishop Clara Plamondon; for our own bishop, Anna Greenwood-Lee, and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our region, we pray for St. Philip Oak Bay, The Rev. Allan Doersken.

In our parish we pray for: Jean Smith, Rosemary Smith, Roland Stacey, Nathaniel Sukhdeo & Ann Desgagne, Lawrence Surges & Hilary Mackey, Frances Thomasset, Reilly Thorne, and Betty Ann Townsend.

In our community we pray for Neighbourhood House.

For the month of April, we pray for the Soapy Sundries Drive.

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

Welcome to all those visiting us at
St. Peter and St. Paul.

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 found in the hall, up the stairs, on the right.

Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of 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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