

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
May 24th 2026
The Day of Pentecost



“Nourishing faith and community”

Prelude

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

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 also with you.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Musical opening CP415 All Things Bright and

Beautiful *(Text: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895) Music: William Henry Monk (1823-1889), public domain).*

Refrain:

***All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.***

*Each radiant flower that opens,
each vibrant bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their lively wings. **Refrain***

*The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruit in the garden,
God made them every one. **Refrain***

*The rocky mountain splendour,
the loon's wild, haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall. **Refrain***

*God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is the Creator,
who has made all things well. **Refrain***

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest
And peace to his people on earth

**Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.**

**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.
Amen.**

Let us pray,
Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the
promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation the way of life
eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that
every tongue may tell of your glory; 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: Acts 2:1-21

A reading from the book of Acts.

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they
were all together in one place. And suddenly from
heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent
wind, and it filled the entire house where they were*

sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the

morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
**creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**
There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;

when you give to them, they gather it up;
**when you open your hand, they are filled with
good things.**

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
**when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**

When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works—
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.

Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Praise the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the
Corinthians.

*. . . [N]o one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except
by the Holy Spirit.*

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn:

CP 645 Come Down O Love Divine

*(Text: Bianco de Siena (1350-1434) translated Richard Littledale (1833-1890)
and music: Ralph Vaugh Williams (1872-1958) Oxford University Press, CCLI)*

*Come down, O Love divine!
seek out this soul of mine
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.*

*There let it freely burn
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and make my pathway clear, by your illuming.*

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

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 authorities, 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.'

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

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*Let holy charity
my outward vesture be,
and lowliness become my inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart
which takes the humbler part,
and for its own shortcomings
weeps with loathing.*

*And so the yearning strong
with which the soul will long
shall far surpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace*

*till we become the place
in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.*

Sermon *The Venerable Penelope Kingham*

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 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

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming of sinners and inviting us to table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,
**We confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

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

Celebration of the Eucharist Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn: CP 585 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

(Text Albert Frederick Bayly (1901-1984) Oxford University Press; Music Benjamin White 1800-1879; 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship)

*Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.*

*Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.*

*As we worship, grant us vision
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 said with Pentecost preface)

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 through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of your promise you pour forth your Spirit upon us, filling us with the gifts and leading us into all truth. You give us power to proclaim the gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood. Therefore, we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with those in whom the Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

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, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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 break this bread to share in the body of Christ
We, being many, are one body, for we all share the one bread.

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, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may

show forth his gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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

Musical Sending: VU 296 This is God's
Wonderous World *(Text Malthie Davenport Babcock 1901 Eng. traditional; adapt Stanley Oliver 1929 public domain)*

*This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.*

*This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.
This is God's wondrous world,
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,*

declare their Maker's praise.

*This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks to me everywhere.*

*This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.*

*This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad!
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!*

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 Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; for our Primate, Bishop Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Calgary, Bishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson; for our own bishop, Anna Greenwood-Lee, and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our region, we pray for St Georges Cadboro Bay, The Rev. Christine Conkin.

In our parish we pray for: Leatrice Lam, Doreen Langmeed, Nico, Vannessa Wilson, and Hapatia Lohmann, Marge McIntosh, Lynda Miller, Joseph R. A. Montuz, Judy Parker, and Doreen Peets.

In our community we pray for the Victoria Native Friendship Centre.

For the month of May, we pray for the ministry of St. Peter & St. Paul to Selkirk Seniors Village.

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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