

The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
May 31<sup>st</sup> 2026  
Trinity Sunday



“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: VU703 *In the Bulb There is a Flower* *(Text and music: Natalie Sleeth, 1986 CCLI)*

*In the bulb there is a flower,  
in the seed, an apple tree,  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning,  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing,  
in our life, eternity,  
in our death, a resurrection,  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.*

## 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,  
Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

A reading from the book of Genesis.

*In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.*

*And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.*

*And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it.*

*And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.*

*And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.*

*And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.*

*And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.'*

*And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.*

*Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'*

*So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.*

*God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.*

*Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.*

*These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign,

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Out of the mouths of babes and infants**

you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,

**to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

**the moon and the stars that you have established;**

what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

**mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
**and crowned them with glory and honour.**

You have given them dominion over the works of  
your hands;

**you have put all things under their feet,**  
all sheep and oxen,

**and also the beasts of the field,**

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

**whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O Lord, our Sovereign,

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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

*Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in  
order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another,  
live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be  
with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the  
saints greet you.*

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of  
you.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: CP307 When Long Before Time

*(Text and melody: Peter Davison (1936- )1995 The Singer and The Song  
Augsburg Fortress)*

*When long before time  
and the worlds were begun,  
when there was no earth  
and no sky and no sun,  
and all was deep silence  
and night reigned supreme,  
and even our Maker had only a dream...*

*...the silence was broken  
when God sang the Song,  
and light pierced the darkness  
and rhythm began,  
and with its first birth-cries  
creation was born,  
and creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.*

*The sounds of the creatures  
were one with their Lord's,  
their harmonies sweet  
and befitting the Word;  
the Singer was pleased  
as the earth sang the Song,  
the choir of the creatures re-echoed it long.*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according  
to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to  
the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.  
When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some  
doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All  
authority in heaven and on earth has been given to  
me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the  
Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to  
obey everything that I have commanded you. And  
remember, I am with you always, to the end of the  
age.'*

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

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*Though, down through the ages,  
the Song disappeared  
its harmonies broken*

*and almost unheard  
the Singer comes to us  
to sing it again:  
our God is with us in the world now as then.*

*The Light has returned  
as it came once before,  
The Song of the Lord  
is our own song once more;  
so let us all sing  
with one heart and one voice  
the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.*

*To you, God, the Singer,  
our voices we raise;  
to you, Song incarnate,  
we give all our praise;  
to you, Holy Spirit,  
our life and our breath,  
be glory, forever, through life and through death.*

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 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

### 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.**

### The Celebration of the Eucharist Preparation of the Gifts

### Hymn: CP 457 Alleluia! Glory to God

*(Text; Marty Haugen (1950-) Music:airs sur les hymns sacrez, odes and noels, 1623. GIA Publications Inc One License)*

**Refrain:**

*Alleluia alleluia, alleluia!*

*Glory to God who does wondrous things  
Let all the people God's praises now sing,  
All of creation in splendour shall ring:  
Alleluia! **Refrain***

*See how salvation for all has been won  
Up from the grave our new life has begun  
Life now perfected in Jesus, the Son:  
Alleluia! **Refrain***

*Now in our presence the Lord will appear,  
Shine in the faces of all of us here,  
Fill us with joy and cast out all our fear:  
Alleluia! **Refrain***

*Call us, Good Shepherd we listen for you  
Wanting to see you in all that we do,  
We would the gate of salvation pass through:  
Alleluia! **Refrain***

*Lord, we are open to all that you say,  
Ready to listen and follow your way,  
You are the potter and we are the clay:  
Alleluia! **Refrain***

*If we have love then we dwell in the Lord,*

*God will protect us from fire and sword  
Fill us with love and the peace of his word:  
Alleluia! **Refrain***

Prayer over the Gifts

Living God, receive all we offer you this day. Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit, we may share in your divine life. 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)*

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 because in the mystery you disclose to us, you reveal your

glory as the glory of your Son and the Holy Spirit;  
three persons equal in majesty, undivided in  
splendour, yet one Lord, One God, ever to be  
adored in your everlasting glory. Therefore with all  
the company of heaven, we raise our voices 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 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 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,  
Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this eucharist worship you in all we do, and proclaim the glory of your majesty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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: CP 602 Lift High the Cross

(Text George William Kitchin 1827-1912 Shirley Murray alt stanza 1-5 one license music: Sudney Hugo Nicholson 1875-1947 public domain)

#### **Refrain:**

***Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name!***

*Come Christian people,  
sing your praises, shout!  
If we are silent,  
even stones cry out. **Refrain***

*Jesus, you wept  
to see our human strife:  
teach us compassion  
for each human life. **Refrain**  
Peace was your plea,  
and peace your loving theme:  
let peace be our passport,  
peace a living dream. **Refrain***

*Great is the cost of  
the walking on this road,  
to follow and suffer*

*with the Son of God. **Refrain***

*Worlds to be born and  
children yet to be,  
come, take up this song  
into eternity. **Refrain***

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 Anglican Church of Burundi; for our Primate, Bishop Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Central Newfoundland, Bishop John Watton; for our own bishop, Anna Greenwood-Lee, and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

**In our region**, we pray for St John the Divine, The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum, The Rev. Dr. John Thatamanil.

**In our parish** we pray for: Mavis Pillar, Brian Poulsen, Don and The Rev. Gail Rodger, Peter Saunders, Pat Seilitz, Jean Smith, and Rosemary Smith.

**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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