

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
August 16th 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



Nourishing Faith
and Community

Prelude

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

Opening Hymn: CP 3 Morning Has Broken (tune CP 445)

(Text: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965). Music Gaelic traditional, The Iona Community, One License)

*Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!*

The Gathering of the Community

In this time and place we gather on the ancestral
lands the Lekwungen speaking people, of our
Esquimalt, Songhees and Coast Salish First
Nation companions.

**From many places and peoples we come to this
house in prayer.**

In this time and place we gather in the name of the living God.

We meet in the presence of Jesus Christ, risen and alive.

In this time and in this space we gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages.

In this time and space heaven and earth are one.

In this time and space we are not alone, but one in Christ.

Knit together in the unity of the Spirit.

In this time and place, we are hallowed, expectant, one people in God.

In the name of the Holy and Blessed One, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gloria (sung)

**Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, glory to God on high,
Gloria, Gloria, Gloria, glory to God on high,
and on earth, peace to God's people,
glory to God,
and on earth, peace to God's people,
glory to God.**

Kyrie (sung)

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the...

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,

For the unity of all,

let us pray to the....

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,

Lord have mercy

For your people here who have come to give you praise,

For the strength to live your Word,

let us pray to the....

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,

Lord have mercy

Let us pray,

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(please be seated)

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me,

do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.’ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,

life for evermore.

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

[...] for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: CP 505 Be Thou My Vision

(Text tr Elisabeth Byrne (1880-1931) version Eleanor Hull Music Irish traditional Oxford University Press; CCLI)

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art –
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,*

thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus according to Matthew.
Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.

(Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft,

false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.')

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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*Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,*

high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

*High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Sermon *The Rev. Gail Rodger*
Musical Moment for reflection
Announcements

(please stand)

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe and trust in God the Father
Almighty.**

We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his Son.

We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.

We believe and trust in the Three in One.

(from Creating Uncommon Worship by Richard Giles)

Prayers of the People

Prayers of Confession and Assurance

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.

Holy and gracious One: forgive our sins.

The ones we can remember, and those we have

forgotten.

**Forgive the wrong actions we have committed,
and the right actions we have avoided.**

**Forgive the times we have been weak, unkind or
judgmental and failed to live out your kingdom
call to justice and love.**

**Forgive the lies we have told, the truths we have
avoided and the pain we have caused others.
Creator of all, have mercy on us, and make us
whole.**

(Early Irish (adapted from A Celtic Primer p. 95))

**May Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that
cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open
our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do
God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(from New Patterns for Worship Church of England)

The Peace

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

The Celebration of the Eucharist
Preparation of the Gifts

(please be seated for this hymn)

**Hymn: CP 354: Come Thou Fount of Every
Blessing**

(Text: Robert Robinson (1735-1790) Nettleton Public Domain)

*Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure,
sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
of my God's unchanging love.*

*Here I make faith's affirmation:
thus far by thy help I've come,
and I hope, by thy compassion,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm
constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.*

*Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
take my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.*

*(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.)

Prayer over the Gifts

Loving God and Father, you have adopted us to be your heirs. Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful children. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Open your hearts.

We open to the fullness of God.

Feast at the banquet prepared from the foundations of the world.

We come, O Christ, in thanks and praise.

Holy and eternal One in whom we live and move and have our being our origin and our fulfillment we praise and thank you for drawing us to this sacred meal. From the ocean of your primal love you fashioned the marvel of creation and beauty of human life. From this land of towering forests, mist laden coastlines, the rhythms of the tidal seas, storm and stillness you humble us to affirm the sacred gift of all creation and our stewardship for

everything given and received.

Praise be to you, source of all life!

From the earliest days the peoples of these islands learned their dependence on your provision salmon and whale, elk and bear, and through song and ceremony, dance and painted cedar, hallowed these sacred relationships with all life.

Praise be to you, source of all life!

In Jesus Christ, you came into our world to reveal your glory, reconcile all peoples to yourself and make all things new in him. Now, gathered from many places, with a heart set on the pilgrim way we bring this bread and wine yearning for the nourishment of your Spirit and the fullness you promise in Jesus evermore praising you and saying

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.

Blessed are you, most holy One: for on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, gave it to all gathered and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks and

gave it to them saying: “Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

“Behold, I am with you to the end of the age.”

Therefore, God of all creation, we offer this bread of life, and this cup of salvation. Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts and upon us, that we may know Jesus in the breaking of the bread and follow him in lives of selfless service and courageous love.

Praise be to you, source of all life.

In the fullness of time reconcile all things in Christ, and bring us to that heavenly table, where every tear will be wiped away and we will feast anew.

Blessing, praise and thanksgiving be to you, Holy and Eternal One, Undivided Trinity, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

(musical setting: Jamie Brown; Worthily Magnify Music, 2022. Used with permission)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth,
as it is in heav’n. Give us this day our daily
bread and forgive our sins; As we forgive those
who sin against us. And lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is**

the kingdom and thine is the power and the glory forever, the glory forever, the glory forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The One who defeated death and injustice is now present in this bread.

The One who offers our life promise and hope is now present in this wine.

Breaking into our lives and community we ask God for new life in Christ.

The table of bread and wine is now ready. It is the table of company instituted by Christ, and Christ who invites us to the feast. 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)*

Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

Musical Sending: Love Love Love Love

(Tune: Rose, Rose Rose, public domain)

Love Love Love Love

The gospel in a word is love

Love your neighbor as your brother (or sister)

For God is love

Peace Peace Peace Peace

The gospel in a word is peace

Peace that passes understanding

Go live in peace

Joy Joy Joy Joy

The gospel in a word is joy

Joy that fills to overflowing

Go share the joy

Blessing and Dismissal

The grace of God uphold you, the peace of God surround you, the love of God flow from you and be your strength as you go into the world to love and serve;

The blessing of God be upon you today and forever.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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.

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

In the world wide communion, we pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; for our Primate, Bishop Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Bishop Sandra Fyfe; 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: Tom Daggett and Annie Kung, Judith Davidson, Lynda and Michael Delaney, John and Bridget Ducker, Patrick Dunae, and Ann and Ned Easton.

In our community we pray for the Esquimalt Seniors Community Centre Society.

For the month of August, we pray for Building maintenance and repair.

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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