

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
August 30th 2026
Fourteenth Sunday after
Pentecost



Nourishing Faith
and Community

Prelude

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

Opening Hymn: CP355 All Creatures of our God

and King (Text: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) translation William Henry Draper (1855-1933) Music: Geistliche Kirchengesdunge, Koln. 1623)

*All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!*

*Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia, alleluia!*

*Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O sing now, alleluia!*

*Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice;
stars nightly shining, find a voice,
alleluia, alleluia!*

*Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!*

*Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
alleluia, alleluia!*

*Earth ever fertile, day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,*

*O sing now, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
God's glory let them also show:
alleluia, alleluia!*

*All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
alleluia, alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear,
sing praise and cast on God your care:
alleluia, alleluia!*

*And even you, most gentle death,
waiting to hush our final breath,
O sing now, alleluia!
You lead back home the child of God,
for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
alleluia, alleluia!*

*Let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
alleluia, alleluia!*

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,

Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our
hearts the love of your name, increase in us true
religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your
great mercy keep us in the same; 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: Exodus 3:1-15

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them

up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.’ But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’ He said, ‘I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.’

But Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the Israelites and say to them, “The God of your ancestors has sent me to you”, and they ask me, “What is his name?” what shall I say to them?’ God said to Moses, ‘I am who I am.’ He said further, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “I am has sent me to you.”’ God also said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you”:

*This is my name for ever,
and this my title for all generations.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.
Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,
O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

Then Israel came to Egypt;
Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.
And the Lord made his people very fruitful,
and made them stronger than their foes,
whose hearts he then turned to hate his people,
to deal craftily with his servants.

He sent his servant Moses,
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
Praise the Lord!

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold

fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: CP619 Fairest Lord Jesus

Text: Münster Gesangbuch, 1677; tr. Church Chorals and Choir Studies, 1850:

Music: Melody Silesian traditional 1842, (public domain).

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,

*O thou the Godhead's human son:
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the troubled heart to sing.*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

God be with you.
And also with you.

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

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a

stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things. '

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?'

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn: CP619 Fairest Lord Jesus

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*Fair is the sunshine, firer still the moonlight,
and fair the twinkling, starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.*

*All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
none can be nearer, fairer, or dearer
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.*

Sermon *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Silent 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: VU 374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre
(Tune CP585) (please be seated for this hymn)**

(Text: Shirley Erena Murray 1989; music: Benjamin Franklin White 1844: Hope Publishing 1992: CCLI)

Come and find the quiet centre

*in the crowded life we lead;
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.*

*Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.*

*In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fear unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!*

(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

Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day.
Give us grace to love one another that your love
may be made perfect in us. 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)*

Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the

bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this 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: VU639 One More Step Along the World I Go (Text and music Sydney Carter 1971 Hope Publishing One Licence)

*One more step along the world I go
One more step along the world I go
From the old things to the new
Keep me traveling along with you
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

*'Round the corners of the world I turn
More and more about the world I learn
And the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

*As I travel through the bad and good
Keep me traveling the way I should*

*Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way, I know
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

*Give me courage when the world is rough
Keep me loving though the world is tough
Leap and sing in all I do
Keep me traveling along with you
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you*

*You are older than the world can be
You are younger than the life in me
Ever old and ever new
Keep me traveling along with you
And it's from the old I travel to the new
Keep me traveling along with you.*

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 Anglican Church of Korea; for our Primate and bishop for the Diocese of Ottawa, Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; for our own bishop, Anna Greenwood-Lee, and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our region, we pray for St Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay, The Rev. Craig Hiebert and The Rev. Dyan Davison.

In our parish we pray for: Judy Ingram, Faye and Roy Johnson, Fred King, Rhonda Koch, Rob Bagley and Teresa Krause, Leatrice Lam, Doreen Langmeed, Nico Lohmann, Vanessa Wilson, Hapatia, and Aurelia.

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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