

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
September 20th 2026
Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost



Nourishing Faith
and Community

Prelude

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

Opening Hymn: CP 429 For the Beauty of the Earth

(Text: Folliott Sanford Pierpoint, (1835-1917); Music Alternate Tuen Dix
160)Konrad Kocher (1786-1872))

*For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

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.**

Let us pray,

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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 16:2-15

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning,

because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him - what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105; 1-6, 37-45

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvellous works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Search for the Lord and his strength;
continually seek his face.**

Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.

He led out his people with silver and gold; in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

Egypt was glad of their going, because they were afraid of them.

He spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to give light in the night season.

They asked, and quails appeared, and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

He opened the rock, and water flowed, so the river ran in the dry places.

For God remembered his holy word and Abraham his servant.

So he led forth his people with gladness, his chosen with shouts of joy.

**He gave his people the lands of the nations, and
they took the fruit of others' toil,**

That they might keep his statutes and observe his
laws. **Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

A reading from the letter to the Philippians .

*For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.
If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour
for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard
pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and
be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain
in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am
convinced of this, I know that I will remain and
continue with all of you for your progress and joy
in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your
boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.
Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the
Gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see
you or am absent and hear about you, I will know
that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving
side by side with one mind for the faith of the
gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your
opponents. For them this is evidence of their
destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's
doing. For he has graciously granted you the
privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of
suffering for him as well - since you are having the*

same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: CP500 Sister Let Me Be Your
Servant (Text and Music Richard Gillard CCLI license)

*Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travelers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.*

*I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

God be with you.
And also with you.

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

Jesus said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying,

'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn: CP500 Sister Let Me Be Your
Servant (Text and Music Richard Gillard CCLI license)

*When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.*

*Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.*

Sermon Bishop Logan Mcmenamie (retired)
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 482 Come and Journey with a Savior

*(Text: Herbert O'Driscoll; Music Melody of the Sacred Harp Mason 1844;
attributed to Franklin White. (1800-1879), public domain)*

*Come and journey with a Saviour
who has called us from our birth,
who has washed us in the waters,
and who loved us on the earth.*

Refrain

***Come and Journey, come and journey
with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and daughters;***

in the Spirit we are one.

*Come and journey, journey inward,
come and seek him deep within,
where he meets us in our living,
in our striving and our sin. **Refrain***

*Come and journey, journey outward,
telling others of his name,
telling others of his glory,
of his cross and of the shame. **Refrain***

*Come and journey, journey outward,
where that cross calls us to care,
where injustice and where hunger
and the poor call us to share. **Refrain***

*Come and journey, journey upward.
Sing his praises, offer prayer.
In the storm and in the stillness
find his presence everywhere. **Refrain***

*Come and journey, journey onward;
all our gifts we now shall bring
to the building of a city
that is holy, Christ its King. **Refrain***

(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

God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake 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

And now as our Saviour Christ hath 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

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.**

Invitation to table

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)*

Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same 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:

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.*

Blessing and Dismissal

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 Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma), for our Primate, Bishop Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Rupert's Land, Bishop Geoffrey Woodcroft,; for our own bishop, Anna Greenwood-Lee, and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our region, we pray for Two Saints, The Rev Heather Robinson.

In our parish we pray for: Pat Seidlitz; Jean Smith; Rosemany Smith; Roland Stacey; Nathaniel and Anne and Eloise Sukhdeo; Lawrence Surges and Hilary Mackey; Frances Thomasset.

In our community we pray for Neighbourhood House.

For the month of September we pray for the upcoming Food Drive.

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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