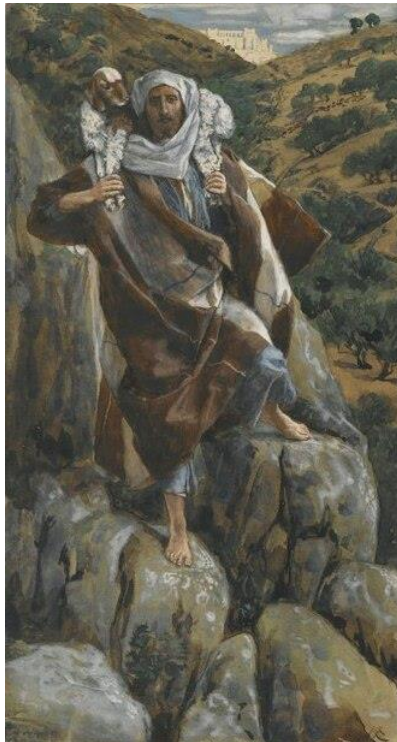


The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
September 27th 2026
Eighteenth Sunday after
Pentecost
Morning Prayer



Nourishing Faith and
Community

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Gathering

Lord, open our lips,

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia!

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth.

O come let us worship

Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his for he made it,

and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his
pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice.

Opening Hymn: VU 296 This is God's Wonderful
World (Text Malthie Davenport Babcock 1901 Eng. traditional; adapt Stanley Oliver 1929
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*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!*
(please be seated)

Reading One: Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from The Book of Exodus

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb.

Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.’ Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, ‘Is the Lord among us or not?’

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

Psalm 78:1-4

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable;

I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their children;

we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

Hymn: CP 505 Be Thou My Vision (remain seated)

*(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.*

*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.*

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

A reading from Philippians

*If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any
consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any
compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete:
be of the same mind, having the same love, being in
full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from
selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard
others as better than yourselves. Let each of you
look not to your own interests, but to the interests of
others. Let the same mind be in you that was in
Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God*

*as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.*

*Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.*

*Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always
obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more
now in my absence, work out your own salvation
with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at
work in you, enabling you both to will and to work
for his good pleasure.*

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

Hymn: Ancient Words *(please stand)*

(Written by Lynn DeShazo)

*Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart
Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home*

*Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-32

God be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.

*When he entered the temple, the chief priests and
the elders of the people came to him as he was
teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you
doing these things, and who gave you this
authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you
one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will*

also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn: Ancient Words
(Written by Lynn DeShazo)

*Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ
Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart*

*Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart*

Message: *Read by Lynda Delaney*

Hymn: CP 430 Will You Come and

Follow Me *(Text: John L. Bell (1949-). © 1987 WGRG The Iona
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*Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?*

Will you leave yourself behind

*if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you
and you in me?*

*Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you
and you in me?*

*Will you love the “you” you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found
to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you
and you in me?*

*Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.*

*In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you
and you in me.*

Announcements

Hear O Israel (please stand)

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People (please be seated)

The Collect

Let us pray,

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one 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.
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
forever and ever. Amen.**

Musical Sending: CP 565 Guide Me O Thou

Great Jehovah (*Text: William Williams (1717-1791); Music: John Hughes (1873-1932), public domain*)

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar*

*lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.
praise the Lord everywhere in every way.*

Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of
the Spirit

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Lək̓ʷəŋən speaking peoples, 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.

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 Nigeria; for our Primate, Bishop Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Saskatchewan, Bishop of Missinipi, The Right Rev. Adam Halkett; for our own bishop, The Right Reverend Anna Greenwood-Lee, and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our region we pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross, Pastor Lyndon Sayers.

In our parish we pray for: Betty Ann Townsend; J. Ann Walker; Rosemay Wallace; Adora and Bob Waters; Sharon Wickware; Julie Williams.

In our community we pray for Neighbourhood House.

For the month of September we pray for all our Food Drive.

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