

The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
October 11<sup>th</sup> 2026  
Thanksgiving Sunday



Nourishing Faith  
and Community

# THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

## Opening Hymn CP 403 Let All Things Now Living

(Text: Katherine K Davis (189201980). Music: Melody Welsh trad.) )



*Let all things now living  
a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
Love's banners are o'er us;  
God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished  
and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into Light.*

*God's law still enforces  
the stars in their courses  
and causes the sun in its splendour to shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean in praises combine.  
We too should be voicing,  
our love and rejoicing;*

*with glad adoration a song let us raise  
till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
“To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”*

### 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**

### Gloria (sung)

*(Daniel Schutte Mass of Christ One licence)*

**Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest  
And on earth, peace on earth  
Peace to people of goodwill.**

**We praise you, we bless You  
We adore you, we glorify You  
We give you thanks,**

**For your great glory.  
Lord God heavenly King,  
O God Almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son.  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.  
You take away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy on us.  
You take away the sin of the world,  
Receive our prayer.  
You are seated at the right hand  
The right hand of the Father  
Have mercy on us.**

**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.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the highest  
And on earth, peace on earth  
Peace to people of good will.**

**Amen, Amen.**

Kyrie (sung)

**Lord have mercy**

**Christ have mercy**

**Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**Kyrie Eleison**

**Christie Eleison**

**Kyrie Eleison, eleison**

**Lord have mercy**

**Christ have mercy**

**Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.**

Let us pray,

Gracious One, you satisfy the need of every living creature. Fill us with gratitude for the abundance of the earth and for the bonds of love and care that unite all creation into one family. May our thanks be the soil in which dreams of justice grow and thrive; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.** *(alternative collect harvest thanksgiving 1)*  
*(please be seated)*

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

First Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

*When the people saw that Moses delayed to*

*come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.*

*The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"' The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may*

*consume them; and of you I will make a great nation. ’*

*But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, ‘O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth”? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, “I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.”’ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.*

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

Psalm 106:1-3

Praise the Lord!

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.**

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord,  
**or declare all his praise?**

Happy are those who observe justice,  
**who do righteousness at all times.**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9|12

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

*Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.*

*I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.*

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.*

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

*(please stand)*

Gospel Hymn: CP259 For the Fruit of All Creation

(Text: Fred Pratt Green (1903- ); Music: Welsh traditional; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.)

*For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
gifts bestowed on every nation,  
thanks be to God.*

*For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.*

*In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done.*

*In the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done.*

*In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing  
God's will is done.*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

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.**

*Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.*

*‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the*

*attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’*

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

Gospel Hymn: CP259 For the Fruit of All Creation  
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*For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.*

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

The Affirmation of Faith *(please stand)*  
(Taken from Season of Creation ecumenical service which was adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.**

**You have always been with us.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
God made flesh,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.**

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.

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.**

*(Please stand)*

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 of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### Preparation of the Gifts

### Offering Hymn: CP258 We Plough the Fields and Scatter

(Text: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815) tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878). Music: Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747-1800; ref. tpt. desc. Melva Treffinger Graham (1947-).)

*We plough the fields and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand;  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine,  
and soft refreshing rain.*

### ***Refrain***

***All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above  
Then thank the Lord,  
O thank the Lord  
for all his love.***

*He only is the maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star.  
The winds and waves obey him;  
by him the birds are fed.  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread. **Refrain***

*We thank thee then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good:  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer  
for all thy love imparts,  
and, what thou most desirest,  
our humble, thankful hearts. **Refrain***

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, receive  
the symbols of our labour and love  
which we offer you this day,

in the name of Jesus Christ our 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) (Book of Alternative Services EP3 p198 Musical setting for the Sanctus thanksgiving setting 2 CP722++)*

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; you are the source of light and life for all creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

(sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**Lord. God of power and might**

**heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes, comes in the name  
of the Lord.**

**Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna**

**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,  
**(sung)**

**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.

(sung)

**Amen. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *(Stand, Sit or kneel as your custom)*  
*(musical setting VU960 Langdon)*

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today 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

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

**So may your church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## *Musical selections accompany 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)*

### Prayer after Communion (please stand)

God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask 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.**

### Blessing

The blessing of the Holy Trinity; the loving Creator, who is the source of all being, of Jesus Christ who is the love incarnate in the world, and the ever present Holy Spirit, hold you, surround you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn: CP 453 Living Lord of Love's Dominion

(Text; David Robb (1932- ) co 1992 Hope Publishing : Music: Melody *The*



*Living Lord of love's dominion,  
sovereign Savior, bless your church;  
call us still as your disciples  
loving, serving, while we search.  
Gathered feed our deepest being  
prophet's truth and godly nerve;  
scattered: let our lives' fruition  
nourish others while we serve.*

*Visit towns and inner cities;  
penetrate our steel and stone  
with a love that melts our coldness,  
making mission here our own.  
We will seek you, love transfigured,  
in our neighbor's need until  
deep within our daily service  
love draws forth our utmost skill.*

*With your bread, your wine, your Spirit,  
nurture us for your intent;  
let your will be our vocation  
lived as song and sacrament.  
May compassion lead to service  
till we join the saints above;  
grant us hope for each tomorrow;  
fill our faith with vibrant love!*

## Dismissal

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

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## Weekly Cycles of Prayer

In the worldwide communion we pray for The Church of Pakistan (United); for our Primate the Right Reverend Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Territory of the People Anglican Church, Bishop Clara Plamondon; and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese we pray for our bishop, The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee and, in our region, for The Abbey Church, The Rev. Matthew W. Humphrey.

In our parish we pray for Doug Bowen, Keith and Keiko Brandsma, Jan Brister, Cathy Carphin, Wendy Clapp, Tom Daggett and Annie Kung, Judith Davidson, and Lynda and Michael Delaney.

In our community we pray for the Victoria Native Friendship Centre.

For the month of October we pray for the administration and finance ministries.



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