ST. PETER'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH

Serving All for the Glory of God

The Greatest Gift

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2026, at 10:00 AM

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. John 14.23



Holy Eucharist

Liturgy: Book of Alternative Services
Hymns and Sung Responses: Common Praise

The Venerable Bonnie Luft, Incumbent Priest, Archdeacon of Bow Valley
The Reverend Rob Petkau, Associate Priest

Welcome, friend! We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
To learn more about our faith community, please fill out the welcome card in the pew.
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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Call to Holy Silence..... Peter L.

Prelude: Here I am to Worship - Tim Hughes

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Welcome

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THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 ..... Lawrence B.

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Bethpeor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader. The word of the Lord. People. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 ..... Led by Lawrence B.

Congregational refrain… ***From age to age you are God.*** *(congregation repeats)*

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God. ***R***

You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth." For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night. ***R***

You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered. ***R***

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? be gracious to your servants. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life. Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us and the years in which we suffered adversity. ***R***

Show your servants your works and your splendour to their children. May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork. ***R***

Together…

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.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8..... Lawrence B.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader. The word of the Lord. People. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: Open the Eyes of My Heart

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-46 .....The Venerable Bonnie Luft

Reader. The Lord be with you. **People.** **And also with you.**
Reader. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Gospeller. This is the Gospel of Christ. People. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON .....The Venerable Bonnie Luft

A silence for reflection may follow.

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RECEIVING COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. If you prefer intinction please let the priest know. If you are gluten intolerant, please request a rice wafer from the priest. Those not receiving communion today are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.

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Deacon Go forth in the name of Christ. People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: In Christ Alone - Getty and Townend

Flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration and thanksgiving in memory of Lawrence Luft.

You are invited to the Cormack Hall for refreshments.

Remembering our loved ones November 1 & 8.

On November 1, St. Peter's will remember and celebrate the legacy of our departed loved ones, in our All Saints'/All Souls' Service – and parishioners are invited to join in this holy movement through a special flower dedication.

To participate, provide the name of the loved one(s) you want to commemorate. Their names will be printed in a bulletin insert and read during our service. For those who would like to contribute to the cost of the flowers, flower donation envelopes can be found at the rear of the church. We hope to preserve the flowers long enough so we can display them again on Remembrance Sunday (November 8). Parishioners are also welcome to dedicate additional arrangements for that Sunday in memory of loved ones who served in the military or as first responders. Please join us as we give thanks for the departed.

Assisting Today: Director of Music: Patricia Yuen Sparrow; Music Group: Evangeline Mably, Madeline Cliff, Rev. Rob Petkau; Administrants: ChiChi Ezeaka, Liam Getty; Reader: Lawrence Boyce; Intercessor: Margaret Cull; Sound Tech: Adam Delday; Chancel Guild: Lilian Ah Wee, Sudsy Paget; Sidespersons: Ravindra Nair, Tunde Olutogun; Warden on Duty: Peter Leigh. Licensing for Music Rights: OneLicense No. 727664-A

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