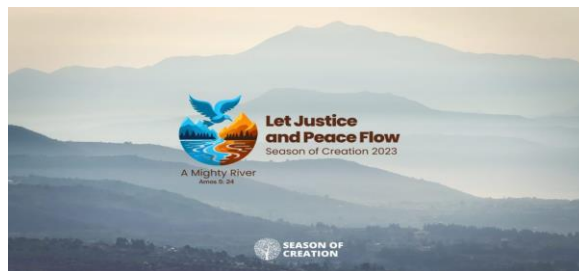


The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul
September 3rd 2023
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Prelude

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

Musical opening Musical CP 403 Let All Things Now Living

((Text: Katherine K. Davis (1892-1980), melody Welsh Traditional. C 1939 E.C. Schirmer Music Co. CCLI)



*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 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.**

Renewing our commitment

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?"

I will, with God's help.

Let us pray,

Blessed are you Creator of all, to you be praise and glory forever. As your dawn renews the face of the earth, bringing light and life to all creation, bring hope to your people. May we rejoice in this day you have made, open our eyes to behold your presence, and strengthen our hands to work for justice for all creation, that the world may rejoice together and give you praise.

Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading One: 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 105:1-6, 23-26, 45

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.

Praise the Lord!

Reading Two: 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn Be Still for the Presence of the Lord {our God}

(David Evans 1986 Thankyou Music CCLI license adapted for inclusive language)

*Be still, for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now with reverence and fear.*

In him no sin is found.

We stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One, is here.

*Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
She burns with holy fire, with splendour she is crowned:
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant light of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ 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 Be Still for the Presence of the Lord {our God}
(David Evans 1986 Thankyou Music CCLI license adapted for inclusive language)

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place:

*They come to cleanse and heal, to minister their grace –
No work too hard for them.
In faith receive from them.
Be still, for the power of the Lord Is moving in this place.*

Sermon: *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Musical Moment

Thanksgiving and Remembrance for the Merchant Navy

Let us pray

Almighty Lord, God, the Protector of all who trust in you, we commend to your keeping all those in the Merchant Navy who gave their lives on our behalf. And we pray that out of the fruits of their sacrifice, Canada may have a righteous and abiding peace. They performed their duty with bravery, confident that in their life or in their death you were their refuge, and we know you hold them in your ever loving arms. We entreat you, O Lord God so to turn the hearts of the people of this land to do good, trusting in your goodness, so that we are renewed to do your service, learning and honouring from the past and evermore moving into the future and giving you praise, from one generation to another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.**

Announcements

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

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. (*Silence is kept*)

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.

Hymn: VU509 I, The Lord of Sea and Sky *(please be seated for this hymn)*
(Words and Music Daniel L. Schutte c Daniel L. Schutte (CCLI #522161))

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people's cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

Refrain

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.***

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send? **Refrain***

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send? **Refrain***

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)*

(Book of Alternative Services EP4 p201 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.

It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of
interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this
fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and
have their being.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and
blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards
of creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against
one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the

prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

(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, who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna hosanna, hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, “Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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.”
Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (*Stand, Sit or kneel as your custom*)
(*musical setting VU 960 Langdon*)

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from

evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

So may your faithful be gathered from the ends of the earth in your kingdom.

The table of love is offered for all people. It is Christ who invites us to meet love incarnate here, and all are welcome.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thank be to God.

The Communion

(Communion will be offered from a standing position in front of the choir pews. It is the belief within the Anglican Church that receiving in one kind is considered full communion. The chalice may be taken, the base touched in acknowledgement or passed by (one element taken) however intinction – dipping of the wafer into the cup - is not permitted).

Instrumental musical selections during communion

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Let us pray,

Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in your love, be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

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.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator-Father, Redeemer-Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Musical Sending: CP 662 The Trees of the Field

(Text Isaiah 55:12 Music: Stuart Dauermann CCLI)



*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands.*

*And all the trees of the field will clap their hands
The trees of the field will clap their hands
The trees of the field will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.*

(repeat entire song three times each time getting faster = the piano will lead the tempo)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

Worldwide and in Canada, we pray for The Anglican Church of Bangladesh; for Bishop Linda Nicholls, our Primate; Bishop Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Huron, Bishop Todd Townshend; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese we pray for our bishop, The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee and Lutheran Church of the Cross, Victoria, Pastor Lyle McKenzie and Pastor Lyndon Sayers.

In our region we pray for St Luke Cedar Hill, The Rev. Daniel Fournier.

In our parish we pray for: Betty Ann and Lew Townsend; Joan Vazina; Ann Walker; Rosemary Wallace; John and Miriam Wankiewicz.

In our community St. John the Divine Food Bank and those whose illness is addiction in our society.

For the month of September we pray for our upcoming autumn food drive.

This week we hold special prayers for the Merchant Navy and all they sacrificed so we may have freedom.

Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Lək^wəŋən speaking peoples, who are 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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