

The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Nourishing Faith and Community

# THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

(please stand as clergy enter)

## Opening Hymn: All Are Welcome

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*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live.  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of  
grace.*

*Here the love of Christ shall end divisions.*

***All are welcome, all are welcome***

***All are welcome in this place.***

*Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and  
true.*

*Where all God's children dare to seek, to dream God's reign anew  
Here the cross shall stand as witness, and a symbol of God's grace  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus*

***All are welcome, all are welcome***

***All are welcome in this place.***

*Let us build a house where love is found, in water, wine and wheat.  
A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us.*

***All are welcome, all are welcome***

***All are welcome in this place.***

*Let us build a house where hands will reach, beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.*

*Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger.*

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed, as words within the Word.*

*Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.*

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

### Gathering

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.**

Kyrie (sung)

**In peace, in peace, let us pray to the...**

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy**

**For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,**

**For the unity of all, let us pray to the....**

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy**

**For your people here who have come to give you praise,**

**For the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the....**

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy**

## **Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy**

Let us pray,

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow to the full stature of Christ, who is our life and our light. **Amen.** (please be seated)

## **THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

Reading One: 1 Samuel 17:57 – 18:5, 10-16

A reading from the Samuel

*On David's return from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand. Saul said to him, 'Whose son are you, young man?' And David answered, 'I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.'*

*When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armour, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved.*

*The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, 'I will pin David to the wall.' But David eluded him twice.*

*Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul. So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army. David had success in all his undertakings; for the Lord was with him. When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 133

#### **A Song of Ascents.**

**How very good and pleasant it is**

**when kindred live together in unity!**

**It is like the precious oil on the head,**

**running down upon the beard,**

**on the beard of Aaron,**

**running down over the collar of his robes.**

**It is like the dew of Hermon,**

**which falls on the mountains of Zion.**

**For there the Lord ordained his blessing,**

**life for evermore.**

## Reading Two: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

*As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,*

*'At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'*

*See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn: CP592 – Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

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*Where cross the crowded ways of life,*

*where cries of tribe and race resound,  
amid the noise of selfish strife,  
O Christ, your word of love is found.*

*In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed,  
we catch the vision of your tears.*

*From children's wounded helplessness,  
from men and women's grief and toil,  
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,  
your heart has never known recoil.*

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:35-41

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

*On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and*



*there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'*

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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*The cup of water given for you  
still holds the freshness of your grace;  
yet long the multitudes to view  
the strong compassion of your face.*

*O Jesus, from the mountainside  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain.  
Among these restless throngs abide;  
O tread the city's streets again,*

*till all the world shall learn your love,  
and follow where your feet have trod;  
till glorious from your heaven above  
shall come the city of our God.*

Sermon *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Musical Moments for reflection

## Announcements

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD** (please stand)

**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 (please be seated)

#### 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 of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you!**

Hymn CP 645 Come Down O Love Divine

(Text: Bianco de Siena (1350-1434) translated Richard Littledale (1833-1890) and music: Ralph Vaugh Williams (1872-1958) Oxford University Press, CCLI)

*Come down, O Love divine! seek out this soul of mine  
and visit it with your own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.*

*There let it freely burn till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let your glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
and make my pathway clear, by your illuming.*

*Let holy charity my outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become my inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart which takes the humbler part,  
and for its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.*

*And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long  
shall far surpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace till we become the place  
in which the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.*

**THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**

## Prayer over the Gifts

God of reconciliation and forgiveness, the saving work of Christ has made our peace with you. May that work grow toward its perfection in all we offer you this day. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

*(Our offering plate is not passed through the pews or placed on the altar. Instead it is placed symbolically in front of 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 have missed it and would like to donate, it does remain available briefly after service.)*

## The Great Thanksgiving (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 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 it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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.**

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 table is open to all who know Christ and all who seek Christ.  
The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Communion is offered while musical selections*

*(Communion is offered at three locations: 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)

Let us pray,

Great Creator, you have fed us with bread from heaven. Continue to renew us in your truth, to give light to our minds and strength to our bodies, and seal us with your Holy Spirit. We ask this in Christ's name. **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

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy

Spirit; and the blessing of the Almighty,  
God the unnameable Alpha and Omega, Jesus Christ, the love  
incarnate in the world, and the ever-present Holy Spirit be among  
you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending: Love Love Love Love (sung a capella)

(Tune: Rose, Rose Rose, public domain)

*Love Love Love Love*

*The gospel in a word is love*

*Love your neighbor as your brother (or sister)*

*For God is love*

*Peace Peace Peace Peace*

*The gospel in a word is peace*

*Peace that passes understanding*

*Go live in peace*

*Joy Joy Joy Joy*

*The gospel in a word is joy*

*Joy that fills to overflowing*

*Go share the joy*

**Dismissal:**

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

**Amen! We go in the name of Christ! Alleluia!**

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Summer is here! And with it the parish council would like to offer a friendly reminder that only by your committed giving can the parish pay the bills each and every month. When you are away this summer, please continue to give in a timely manner rather than a 'catch up' amount upon your return. Your Parish Council thanks you! Warmly, Judy Ingram Treasurer.

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

We pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies; for Linda Nicholls, our Primate; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Quebec, Bishop Bruce Myers; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese, we pray for our bishop, The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee and the upcoming regional and synod meetings.

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

In our parish we pray for: Karen Martin; Janet McDonald; Marge McIntosh; and Joseph Motuz.

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

For the month of June we pray for the ministry of SPSP to Selkirk Seniors Village.

You are invited to a TODAY!!

Parish Summer Lunch

Following the 10 am Sunday Service

In the Memorial Hall.

Enjoy a delicious lunch, and



get to know someone  
new in conversation.



Everyone is welcome.

(You do not need to be signed up to attend.)

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