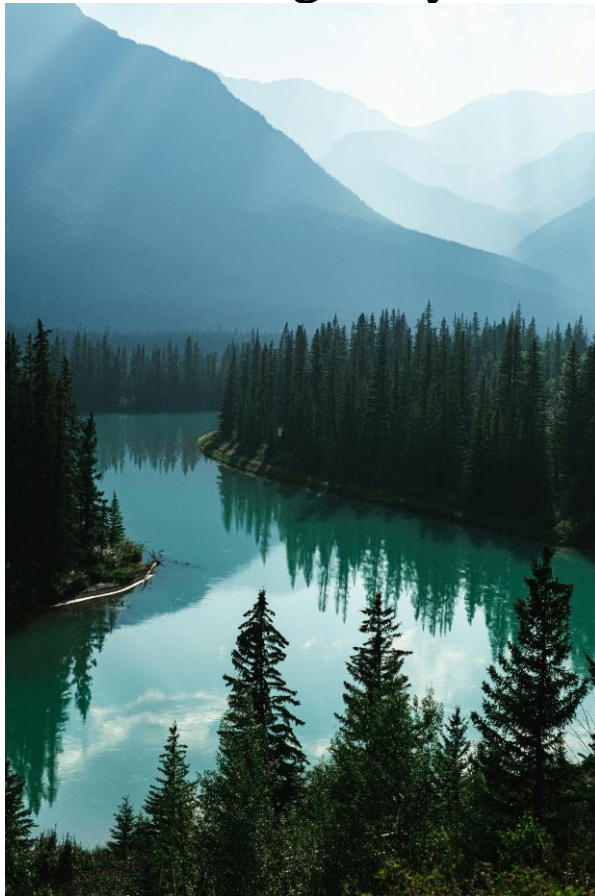


The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
July 14<sup>th</sup> 2024  
Home Church Connections.  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
Morning Prayer



Nourishing Faith and Community

## 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.**

**All 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.**

First Reading: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

*David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.*

*It was told King David, 'The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.' So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.*

*As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.*

*They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt-offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 24**

Of David. A Psalm.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;

**for he has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord,

and vindication from the God of their salvation.  
**Such is the company of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is the King of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
**As it was in the beginning and ever more shall be, world without  
end. Amen.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has  
blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly  
places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the  
world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for  
adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good  
pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely*

*bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.*

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**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:14-29

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

*King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said,*

*'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'*

*For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.*

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

Message read by Karen Hogg

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

The Collect

Let us pray,

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; 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.**

***Dismissal:***

**Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.  
Amen! We go in the name of Christ! 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

We pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; for Bishop Linda Nicholls, our Primate; Bishop Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Saskatoon, who are a discernment process for a Bishop; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese, we pray for our bishop, The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee; and Trinity Anglican and Lutheran, Port Alberni, and their lay leadership.

In our region, we pray for St Philip Oak Bay, The Rev. Allan Doersken.

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

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

For the month of July we pray for our coffee ministry.

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