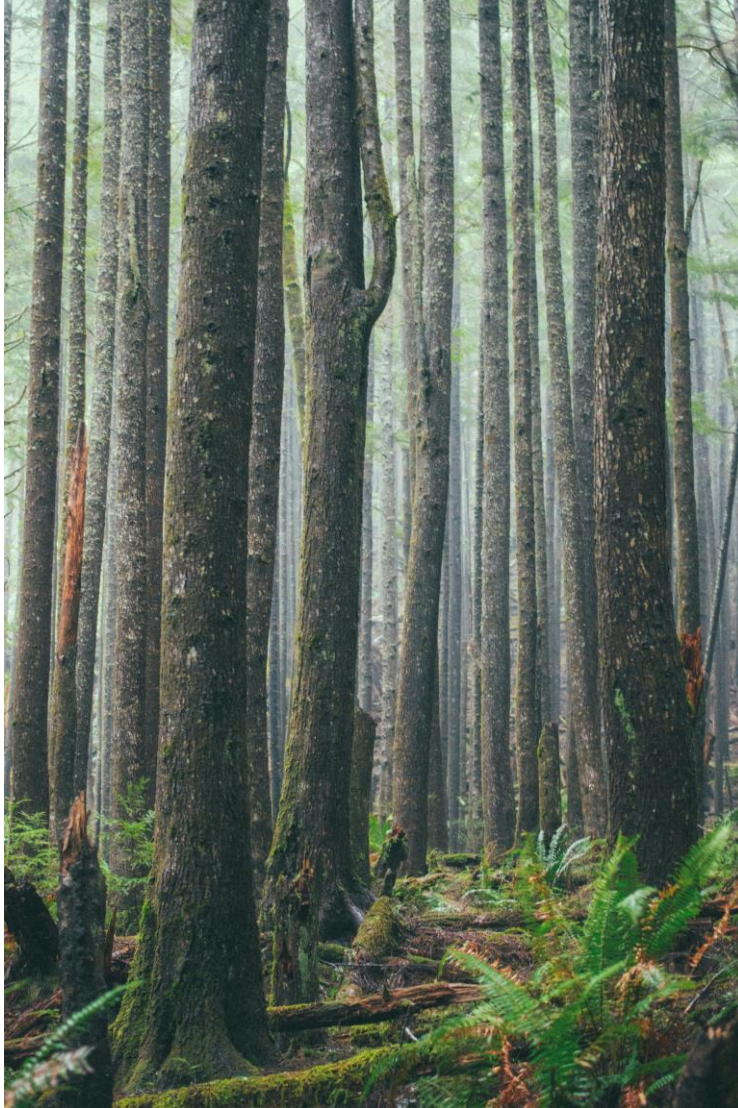


The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
August 18<sup>th</sup> 2024  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Nourishing Faith and Community

# THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

(please stand as clergy enter)

## Opening Hymn CP 418 Draw the Circle Wide

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### *Refrain:*

*Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.*

*Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

*God the still-point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;  
nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms. **Refrain***

*Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call. **Refrain***

*Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door. **Refrain***

## 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,

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** (please be seated)

**THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

Reading One: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

A reading from the first book of Kings

*Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.*

*Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-*

*offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'*

*It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 111

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who delight in them.**

Full of honour and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

**He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

He provides food for those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

**They are established for ever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant for ever.  
Holy and awesome is his name.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practise it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures for ever.**

Reading Two: Ephesians 4:1-16

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

*Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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

Gospel Hymn SNC 67 Be Unto Your Name *(Please stand)*

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*We are a moment, you are forever. Lord of the ages, God before time.  
We are a vapor, you are eternal, love everlasting, reigning on high.  
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty worthy is the lamb who was slain  
Highest praises, honor and glory be unto your name, be unto your name.*

*We are the broken, you are the healer, Jesus, redeemer, mighty to save  
You are the love song we'll sing forever, bowing before you, blessing your name  
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty worthy is the lamb who was slain  
Highest praises, honor and glory be unto your name, be unto your name.*

*Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, worthy is the lamb who was slain  
Highest praises, honor and glory be unto your name, be unto your name.*

Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58

God be with you.



**And also with you.**

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

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'*

*The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'*

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

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Sermon *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

A Musical Moment  
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 306 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (alt tune CP 230Azmon)

(Text Charles Wesley (1707-1778), alt. Music: Carl Gotthelf Glaser (1784-1829) arr Lowell Mason (1792-1872) CCLI)

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.*

*Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.*

*He speaks, and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,  
the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.*

*Hear him, ye deaf, ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Saviour come, and leap, ye lame, for joy!*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honours of thy name.*

## **SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**

### Prayer over the Gifts

God our sustainer, accept all we offer you this day, and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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. To set up your committed giving please speak with Judy Ingram, Treasurer.)*

### 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 (sung) – Please see insert for music

(musical setting: Jamie Brown; Worthily Magnify Music, 2022. Used with permission)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive our sins; As we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and thine is the power and the glory forever, the glory forever, the glory forever. 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

Come to the banquet for all is now ready and all are welcome.

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,

Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, 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

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!**

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.

## Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Lək'wəŋən speaking peoples, including 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.

## Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for The Anglican Church of Canada; for Linda Nicholls, our Primate; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces, The Right Rev. Scott McCaig; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese, we pray for our bishop, The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee; Anna, Saint Matthais, Victoria, The Rev Colleen Lassimer.

In our region, we pray St Barnabas, The Rev. Dr. Travis O'Brian.

In our parish we pray for: Victor Flett Senior; Victor Flett Junior; Sandra Flynn; Pat Fraser; Gail Gill; Elaine and Al Hay; Deb Hayes.

In our community we pray for the Rainbow Kitchen, and those who are hungry in our society.

For the month of August we pray for the ministry of building maintenance and repair.



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