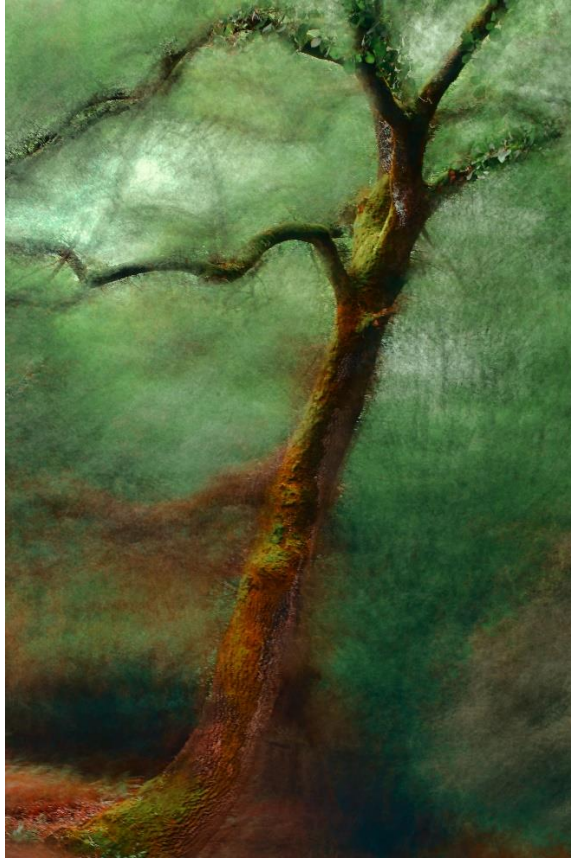


The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul

September 15<sup>th</sup> 2024

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

## Prelude

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

## Musical opening CP317 Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

(Text Psalm 148 Music William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921; public domain)



*Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah, from the heavens praise God's name;  
praise the Lord, our great Creator; all you angels, praise proclaim.  
All you hosts, together praising, sun and moon and stars on high;  
praise the Lord, O heavens of heavens, and the floods above the sky.*

### **Refrain:**

***Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah, for God's name alone is high,  
and God's glory is exalted, and God's glory is exalted,  
and God's glory is exalted, far above the earth and sky.***

*Let them praise the Lord their maker: they were made at God's command,  
who established them forever, whose decree shall ever stand.  
Let the earth sing hallelujah, raging seas, you monsters all,  
fire and hail and snow and vapours, stormy winds that hear God's call. **Refrain***

*All you fruitful trees and cedars, every hill and mountain high,  
creeping things and beasts and cattle, birds that in the heavens fly,  
kings of earth and all you people, princes great, earth's judges all:  
praise God's name, young men and maidens, aged men, and children small. **Refrain***

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,

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### Reading One: Proverbs 1:20-33

A reading from Proverbs

*Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;*

*they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

### A Canticle of the Wisdom of Solomon 7:26-8:1

Wisdom is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of God's goodness.

**Wisdom is an image of God's goodness; she orders all things well.**

Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets; for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.

**Wisdom is an image of God's goodness; she orders all things well.**

She is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail.

**She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well.**

## Reading Two: James 2:1-10

A reading from the letter of James

*Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.*

*How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: CP 656 She Comes Sailing on the Wind (*Please stand*)  
(Text and Melody): Gordon Light (1944- ) © 1987 One Licence)

*She comes sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in the sun,  
on a journey just begun, she flies on.  
And in the passage of her flight, her song rings out through the  
night;  
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.*

*Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,  
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled,  
and from the heart of God the Spirit moved upon the earth,  
like a mother breathing life into her child.*

*Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight  
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.  
Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight,  
and then down the ages still she flew on.*

*She comes sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in the sun,  
on a journey just begun, she flies on.  
And in the passage of her flight, her song rings out through the  
night;  
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.*

*To a gentle girl in Galilee a gentle breeze she came,  
a whisper softly calling in the dark  
the promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end,  
Mary sang the spirit song within her heart.*



*Flying to the river, she waited circling high  
above the child now grown so full of grace.  
As he rose up from the water, she swept down from the sky,  
and she carried him away in her embrace.*

***She comes sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in the sun,  
on a journey just begun, she flies on.  
And in the passage of her flight, her song rings out through the  
night;  
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.***

*Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,  
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,  
the spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,  
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on.*

***She comes sailing on the wind, her wings flashing in the sun,  
on a journey just begun, she flies on.  
And in the passage of her flight, her song rings out through the  
night;  
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.***

Gospel Reading: Mark:8:27-38

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.*

*Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'*

*He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, '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, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'*

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

Sermon: *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

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.**

A Musical Moment

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: 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.*

Prayer over the Gifts:

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*

*(Book of Alternative Services EP4 p201 Musical setting for the Sanctus thanksgiving setting 1 CP719)*

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,  
God of power and might  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes,  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. .  
Hosanaa 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 Gordon Light*)

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

Instrumental musical selections during communion

### Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Let us pray,

Creator, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory, 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 VU639 One More Step Along the World I Go

(Text and music Sydney Carter 1971 Hope Publishing One Licence)

*One more step along the world I go  
One more step along the world I go  
From the old things to the new  
Keep me traveling along with you  
And it's from the old I travel to the new  
Keep me traveling along with you*

*'Round the corners of the world I turn  
More and more about the world I learn  
And the new things that I see  
You'll be looking at along with me  
And it's from the old I travel to the new  
Keep me traveling along with you*

*As I travel through the bad and good  
Keep me traveling the way I should  
Where I see no way to go  
You'll be telling me the way, I know  
And it's from the old I travel to the new  
Keep me traveling along with you*

*Give me courage when the world is rough  
Keep me loving though the world is tough*

*Leap and sing in all I do  
Keep me traveling along with you  
And it's from the old I travel to the new  
Keep me traveling along with you*

*You are older than the world can be  
You are younger than the life in me  
Ever old and ever new  
Keep me traveling along with you  
And it's from the old I travel to the new  
Keep me traveling along with you.*

### Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Weekly Cycles of Prayer

**Worldwide and in Canada**, we pray for The Anglican Church of Chili; for Bishop Linda Nicholls, our Primate; Bishop Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Bishop Sam Rose; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

**In our diocese** we pray for our bishop, The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee and Christ Church on Gabriola.

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

**In our parish** we pray for: Doreen Langmeed, Nico Lohmann and Vanessa Wilson and Hypatia and Aurelia Lohmann.

**In our community** the Rainbow Kitchen, and those who are hungry in our society.

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

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