

The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul

October 6<sup>th</sup> 2024

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



Feast of St Francis (October 4<sup>th</sup>)

## Prelude

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

## Musical opening: All God's Creatures Got a Place in the Choir

(William Russell Staines, public domain)

### **Refrain**

*All God's creatures got a place in the choir  
Some sing low and some sing higher,  
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,  
Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they've got now*



*Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom  
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus  
Moans and groans with a big t'do  
And the old cow just goes moo. **Refrain***

*Listen to the top where the little bird sings  
On the melodies and the high notes ringing,  
And the hoot owl cries over everything  
And the blackbird disagrees. **Refrain***

*Singing in the night time, singing in the day,  
The little duck quacks, and he's on his way  
And the otter hasn't got much to say  
And the porcupine talks to himself. **Refrain***

*It's a simple song that's sung everywhere  
By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear,  
The dopey alligator and the hawk above,*

*The sly old weasel and the turtle dove. **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.**

Let us pray,

Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable 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: Job 1:1, 2:1-10

A reading from Job.

*There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.*

*One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?'*

*Satan answered the Lord, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.' The Lord said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.' Then Satan answered the Lord, 'Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he*

*will curse you to your face.’ The Lord said to Satan, ‘Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.’*

*So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.*

*Then his wife said to him, ‘Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.’ But he said to her, ‘You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?’ In all this Job did not sin with his lips.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 26

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

**Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.**

**For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.**

I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;

**I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.**

I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord,  
**singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where

your glory abides.

**Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with the  
bloodthirsty,  
those in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are  
full of bribes.**

But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious  
to me.

**My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will  
bless the Lord.**

Reading Two: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various  
ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a  
Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also  
created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact  
imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his  
powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down  
at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much  
superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent  
than theirs.*

*Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we  
are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,*

*'What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?*

*You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honour,  
subjecting all things under their feet.'*

*Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.*

*It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,*

*‘I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.’*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: Gospel Hymn: Ten Thousand Reasons *(Please stand)*  
(Music and Text: Matt Redman; One license)

***Refrain:***

***Bless the Lord oh my soul***

***Oh my soul***

***Worship God’s Holy name***

***Sing like never before***

***Oh my soul***

***I’ll worship Your Holy name***



*The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning.  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes. **Refrain***

*You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing.  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find: **Refrain***

Gospel Reading: Mark:2:10-16

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**

*Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'*

*Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries*

*another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.'*

*People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.'* And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Hymn Ten Thousand Reasons

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***Refrain:***

***Bless the Lord oh my soul***

***Oh my soul***

***Worship God's Holy name***

***Sing like never before***

***Oh my soul***

***I'll worship Your Holy name***

*And on that day when my strength is failing.*

*The end draws near and my time has come.*

*Still my soul will sing Your praise unending*

*Ten thousand years and then forevermore: **Refrain***

Guest Speaker: Doug Bowen for The Esquimalt Seniors Community Centre Society

A Musical Moment

Stewardship Campaign

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.**

### Passing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

#### Hymn Before the World Began CP 621 (insert provided)

(Text and music: John Bell (1949-), 1987 The Iona Community, used by permission of G.I.A. Publications. One license 10476)

*Before the world began one Word was there;  
grounded in God he was, rooted in care;  
by him all things were made;  
in him was love displayed;  
through him God spoke and said, 'I am for you.'*

*Life found in him its source; death found its end;  
light found in him its course, darkness its friend,  
for neither death nor doubt  
nor darkness can put out  
the glow of God, the shout: 'I am for you.'*

*The Word was in the world which from him came;  
unrecognized he was, unknown by name;  
one with all humankind,  
with the unloved aligned,  
convincing sight and mind: 'I am for you.'*

*All who received the Word by God were blessed;  
sisters and brothers they of earth's fond guest.  
So did the Word of Grace  
proclaim in time and space  
and with a human face, 'I am for you.'*

Prayer over the Gifts:

God of truth, receive all we offer you this day. Make us worthy servants, strong to follow in the pattern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*

*(Book of Alternative Services EP3 p198 with saint preface p224; musical setting great thanksgiving #2, CP 722++, Picardy))*

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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, because in the fellowship of your saints you have given us a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling. Therefore we join our voices with theirs as earth and heaven unite to proclaim the glory of your name.

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

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all  
in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand  
before you.  
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he  
freely accepted,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to  
you,

he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**(sung)**

**we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

(sung)

**Amen. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *(Stand, Sit or kneel as your custom)*

*(musical setting VU960 Langdon)*

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 in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

I am the vine, you are the branches.

**May we dwell in God, as God lives in us.**

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

Instrumental musical selections during communion

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Let us pray,



Almighty God, may we who have been strengthened today remain in your steadfast love, and show in our lives the saving mystery that we celebrate. This we ask 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.**

### Announcements

#### 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 SGP 128 Let There Be Peace on Earth

(Music and text; Sy Miller and Jill Jackson, 1955, Publisher Jann-Lee Music One license 50630)

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;  
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be  
With God our creator, children all are we  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take let this be my solemn vow*

*To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

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 Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean; 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 Church of the Advent, The Rev. Sister Ingrid Andersen.

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

**In our parish** we pray for: Andrew Sebo; Pat Seidlitz; Jean Smith; Rosemary Smith; Lawrence Surges and Hilary Mackey; and Frances Thomasset.

**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 October** we pray for those doing the ministry of finance and administration within our parish.

### Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Lək<sup>w</sup>əŋən 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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