

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
October 13th 2024
Home Church Connections Service
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



Nourishing Faith and Community

Words of Welcome

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

Collect

Let us pray,

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us to live in unity with all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading One: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

A reading from Job.

Then Job answered: 'Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is

heavy despite my groaning. O that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted for ever by my judge.

'If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:1-15

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

**O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.**

Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

To you they cried, and were saved;

in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

**But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.**

All who see me mock at me;

they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

**‘Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!’**

Yet it was you who took me from the womb;

you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

On you I was cast from my birth,

and since my mother bore me you have been my God.

Do not be far from me,

for trouble is near

and there is no one to help.

Reading Two: Hebrews 4:12-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach

the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-31

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

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone

who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’

Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’ Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon The Rev Gail Rodger

Stewardship Campaign

Prayers of Thanksgiving

adapted from by Joyce Rupp’s “Thanksgiving Prayer” from [*Out of the Ordinary*](#)

Teach us to have an abundance of gratitude burst forth as we reflect upon what we have received. Holy One.

We give you thanks.

May thanksgiving overflow in our hearts, and may we always proclaim our thanks to You in prayer and in action. Holy One.

We give you thanks.

As we gather our hearts together we hold concerns for people whom we have named and whom we love. Strengthen us, and through faithfulness, kindness, and goodness help us nourish and care for those relationships. Holy One.

We give you thanks.

Teach us to be the harvester of good actions bringing forth plentiful fruit each day. Holy One.

We give you thanks.

Help us discover a cache of hidden wisdom among the people and events that have caused us distress and sorrow. Teach us to see value in each person. Holy One.

We give you thanks.

May we be surprised by the basket of blessings You bring with its rich diversity of gifts and its opportunities for growth. Give us courage to accept the blessings and use them for good. Holy One.

We give you thanks,

Remind us again of all that nourishes and resources our life, bringing daily satisfaction and renewed hope. Holy One,

We give you thanks.

Remind us to take care and slow our hurried pace of life so we can be aware of, and enjoy, what is too easily take for granted. Holy One,

We give you thanks.

May we always be open, willing, and ready to share our blessings

with others. Holy One.

We give you thanks.

Thank you most Generous One for the love so lavishly and unconditionally given to each of us. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11. 28.*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3. 16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1. 15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2. 1, 2.*

Let us humble confess our sins to Almighty God. (*Silence is kept*)

Prayer of Confession

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.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father 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 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 the power and the glory forever and ever. 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.**

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 Ireland; for Bishop Linda Nicholls, our Primate; Bishop Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Kootenay, Bishop Lynne McNaughton; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese we pray for our bishop, the Right Rev Anna Greenwood-Lee; for St John the Divine, The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum, The Rev. Dr. John Thatamanil.

In our region we pray for Two Saints, The Rev Dr. Adela Torchia.

In our parish we pray for: Betty Ann and Lew Townsend; Ann Walker; Rosemary Wallace; Adora and Bob Waters; Sharon Wickware; Max Wideman.

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

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

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Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Lək̓ʷəŋən 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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