

The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024  
Home Church Connections Service  
Celebrating All Saints and All Souls



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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,

Almighty God, recognizing that all people are one within the mystical Body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith, commitment, and love, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared; we pray through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### The Proclamation of the Word

#### Reading One: Wisdom 3:1-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,*

*and no torment will ever touch them.*

*In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,  
and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.*

*For though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.*

*Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;  
like gold in the furnace he tried them,  
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.*

*In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,  
and will run like sparks through the stubble.*

*They will govern nations and rule over peoples,  
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.*

*Those who trust in him will understand truth,  
and the faithful will abide with him in love,  
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,  
and he watches over his elect.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24: 3-6

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.**

Reading Two: Revelation 21:1-6a

A reading from the book of Revelation

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,*

*‘See, the home of God is among mortals.*

*He will dwell with them;*

*they will be his peoples,*

*and God himself will be with them;*

*he will wipe every tear from their eyes.*

*Death will be no more;*

*mourning and crying and pain will be no more,*

*for the first things have passed away.’*

*And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.*

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**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: John

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

*When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'*

*Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'*

The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon: *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Announcements

Candle Lighting For All Saints and All Souls Day

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.**

### 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!**

### 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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