

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
November 24th 2024
Home Church Connections Service
Reign of Christ



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, train our eyes to discern your righteous rule, so that, standing firmly in hope before the powers of this world, we may heed your voice and be constant in your truth; through Jesus of Nazareth, David's heir. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading One: 2 Samuel 1:1-7

A reading from the second book of Samuel

Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,

the oracle of the man whom God exalted,

the anointed of the God of Jacob,

the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:

*The spirit of the Lord speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.
The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:
One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,
is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.*

*Is not my house like this with God?
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.
Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?
But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;
to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.
And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.*

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

Psalm 132:1-12

A Song of Ascents.

O Lord, remember in David's favour all the hardships he endured; **how he swore to the Lord and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob**,
'I will not enter my house or get into my bed; I will not give sleep to

my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, **until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling-place for the Mighty One of Jacob.**'

We heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar.
'Let us go to his dwelling-place; let us worship at his footstool.'

Rise up, O Lord, and go to your resting-place, you and the ark of your might. **Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.** For your servant David's sake
do not turn away the face of your anointed one.

The Lord swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back:
'One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne. If your sons keep my covenant and my decrees that I shall teach them, **their sons also, for evermore, shall sit on your throne.'**

Reading Two: Revelations 1:4-8

A reading from the Revelation to John

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

*Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,*

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 18:33-37

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

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Announcements

Prayers of the People

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified. She has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We

acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sharing the Peace

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 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.

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

Worldwide and in Canada, we pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia; for Bishop Linda Nicholls, our Primate; Bishop Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Niagara, Bishop Susan Bell; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese we pray for our bishop, The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee; and Anna, our bishop; Saint Philip, Cedar, The Rev. Leslie Flynn.

In our region for St Dunstan Interim The Rev. Heather Robinson.

In our parish we pray for Graham and Licette How; Judy Ingram; Faye and Roy Johnson; Fred King; Rhonda Koch; Rob Bagley and Teresa Krause; Leatrice Lam; Doreen Langmead; Nico and Vanessa Lohnmann and Hapatia and Aurilia.

In our community we pray for Our Place Society, The Mustard Seed and those experiencing homelessness in our society.

For the month of November we pray for Christmas Gift Card Program.

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