

The Anglican Parish of  
St. Peter and St. Paul  
January 19 2025  
Home Church Connections Service  
Second Sunday of Epiphany



“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, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and his divine love shine to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### The Proclamation of the Word

#### Reading One: Isaiah 62:1-5

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

*For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.*

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

Psalm 36:5-10

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
**your faithfulness to the clouds.**  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,

**your judgements are like the great deep;  
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

**All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**  
They feast on the abundance of your house,  
**and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**  
For with you is the fountain of life;  
**in your light we see light.**

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  
**and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

Reading Two: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

*Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.*

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to*

*another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11

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**

*On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first,*

*and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.*

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

Sermon *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Announcements

Hear O Israel

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment.**

**The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship Communion setting 6 prayer of confession 2 p388)

Dear friends in Christ, let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence is kept*)

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.**

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art 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 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.**

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 blessing of the Holy Trinity; the loving Creator, who is the  
source of all being, of Jesus Christ who is the love incarnate in the  
world, and the ever present Holy Spirit, hold you, surround 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

We pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; for Anne Germond, our acting Primate; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Rupert's Land, Bishop Geoffrey Woodcroft; for our bishop, Anna Greenwood-Lee and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

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

In our parish we pray for Ann and Ned Easton; Victor Flett Sr.; Victor (Buddy) Flett Jr; Sandra Flynn; Pat Fraser; Gail Gill; Christel Glincker.

In our community we pray for St John the Divine Food Bank.

For the month of January, we pray for our Pastoral Care Team.

Welcome to all those visiting us at St. Peter and St. Paul.

We welcome saints, seekers and sinners as we live into a life in Christ, learning about and from one another as we worship God together. Christ binds us together in love through our diversity. If you are comfortable, please give us your name and address so we can add you to our weekly prayer list. We are looking forward to getting to know you better.

Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of 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.

*A message from Rev Gail.*

*My previous telephone number of 250-665-6814 is NO LONGER IN SERVICE. Please check your listing or address book to ensure you have my cell phone!! Cell phone number 250-507-9941.*

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