

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
January 26th 2025
Third Sunday after Epiphany



“Nourishing faith and community”

Prelude

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

Musical opening CP317 Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

(Text Psalm 148 Music William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921; public domain)

*Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah, from the heavens praise God's name;
praise the Lord, our great Creator; all you angels, praise proclaim.
All you hosts, together praising, sun and moon and stars on high;
praise the Lord, O heavens of heavens, and the floods above the sky.*

Refrain:

***Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah, for God's name alone is high,
and God's glory is exalted, and God's glory is exalted,
and God's glory is exalted, far above the earth and sky.***

*Let them praise the Lord their maker: they were made at God's command,
who established them forever, whose decree shall ever stand.
Let the earth sing hallelujah, raging seas, you monsters all,
fire and hail and snow and vapours, stormy winds that hear God's call. **Refrain***

*All you fruitful trees and cedars, every hill and mountain high,
creeping things and beasts and cattle, birds that in the heavens fly,
kings of earth and all you people, princes great, earth's judges all:
praise God's name, young men and maidens, aged men, and children small. **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.

Collect

Let us pray,

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; 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: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

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

Psalm 19: 7-13

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.
Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Reading Two: 1 Corinthians 12:12-32

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing,

forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: We are One in the Spirit

(Text and music: Peter Scholtes 1966 One licence)_



*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*

Refrain

***And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.***

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.*

Refrain

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride:*

Refrain

*All praise to the Father, from who all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only son,*

And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one:

Refrain

Celtic Alleluia (sung)

(Fintan O'Carroll and Chris Walker OCP Publications One License)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

*'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'*

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat

down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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

Celtic Alleluia (sung)

(Fintan O'Carroll and Chris Walker OCP Publications One License)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Sermon: *The Reverend Gail Rodger*

Musical Moment for Reflection

Announcements

Hear O Israel (*please stand*)

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.

(*Please stand*)

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.

Hymn: CP 585 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

(Text Albert Frederick Bayly (1901-1984) Oxford University Press; Music Benjamin White 1800-1879; 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship)

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

*Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.*

*As we worship, grant us vision till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened
sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray,

Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*

(Book of Alternative Service EP #1; musical setting CP719 The Great Thanksgiving setting #1)

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; you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples. Therefore, with angels and archangels, we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name:

(sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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.”

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(sung)

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

(Musical setting VU960 R Langdon)

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

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 them that 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

We break the bread of life and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

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

(Communion is offered at three locations in turn: station one is at the back of the church near the candles for those who prefer to stand and/or are physically challenged by steps without railings; station two, brought to the pew. Please let the usher know if you would like it brought to the pew; station three: at the altar rail for all those who are able)

Instrumental musical selections during communion

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Let us pray,

Gracious God, we have been nourished by you through word and sacrament. May we be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this 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.

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.**

Musical Sending: CP 662 The Trees of the Field

(Text Isaiah 55:12 Music: Stuart Dauermann CCLI)



*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands.*

*And all the trees of the field will clap their hands
The trees of the field will clap their hands
The trees of the field will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.*

*(repeat entire song three times each time getting faster = the piano
will lead the tempo)*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines; for Anne Germond, our acting Primate; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Saskatchewan, Bishop of Missinipi, The Right Rev. Adam Halkett, Anna Greenwood-Lee and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our region, we pray for Two Saints, The Rev Heather Robinson.

In our parish we pray for Elaine & Al Hay; Betty Hendry; Karen Hogg & Ross Benton; Barbara Anne Holt; Barbara Hooper; Graham & Licette How; Judy Ingram; Aaron Isberg.

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.

Washrooms are found in the hall, up the stairs, on the right.

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.

AGM IS COMING SOON!

REPORTS ARE DUE BY THE END OF JANUARY.

PLEASE EMAIL YOURS TO THE OFFICE AT admin@stpeterandpaul.ca

Reports that are expected include:

Building Memorial Fund

Rector's Report

Wardens' Report

Nominating Committee Report (rec'd)

Treasurer's Report

Altar Guild

Cemetery Trustees (rec'd)

Church and Hall Maintenance

Gardening and Landscape

Knotty Club (rec'd)

Envelope Secretary

Pastoral Care (rec'd)

Safe Church

Mission, Ministry, and Outreach

A reminder that anything to be discussed at the AGM must first be cleared by Parish Council to be on the Agenda.

A message from Rev Gail.

***My previous telephone number of 250-665-6814 is NO LONGER IN SERVICE.
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phone number 250-507-9941.***

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