

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
February 2nd 2025
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



“Nourishing faith and community”

Prelude

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

Musical opening CP363 My Soul Proclaims Your Glory Lord

(Text Song of Mary (Luke 1:46-56) para Paul Gibson (1932-) Music John Hatton copyright Paul Bibson)

*My soul proclaims your glory, Lord,
my spirit sings with thankful voice,
for you my lowly prayer have heard:
in you, my Saviour, I rejoice.*

*Nations unborn will bless your name,
giver of boundless grace to me,
in every age you are the same:
you make the humble whole and free.*

*You have made bare your mighty arm
to break the yoke of selfish power,
and lift your broken ones from harm,
bursting the gates of greed's proud tower.*

*You fill the hungry mouths with food,
and show the poverty of wealth.
Your ancient vow you have made good,
and raised your children to new health.*

*Glory to God, all being's Spring,
to God the Word, salvation's voice,*

*to God the Spirit, praise we sing:
with all the ages we rejoice.*

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,

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading One: Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from the book of Malachi

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

**The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

**The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory.**

Reading Two: Hebrew 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: CP312 Sing a New Song unto the Lord

(Text and Music Daniel Schutte, 1979 New Dawn Music One License)

Refrain

***Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.***



*Yahweh's people dance for joy. O come before the Lord
And play for him on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound.*

Refrain

*Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song.*

Refrain

*Glad my soul, for I have seen the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Saviour
lives.*

Refrain

Celtic Alleluia (sung)

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40

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**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God

and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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 340 I Will Praise You Lord

(Text and Music Claude Frayssé (1941- Eng Translation Ken Morse(1913-

*Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,*

and glorify your name.

Praise, I will praise you Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.

*O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.*

Love, I will love you Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.

*O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.*

Serve, I will serve you Lord, with all my heart.

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray,

Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that your Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every place on earth. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our 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,

God for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon, who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom; for he is Lord 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.**

Musical Sending: RHB I Feel the Winds of God Today (tune CP508)

Text: Jessie Adams 1863-1954, English Melody traditional Public Domain)

*I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray and torn with many a rift;
if hope but light the waters crest, and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest and brave another cruise.*

*It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts arise, the purer brighter years;
if cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be,
Lord let me feel your freshening breeze and I'll put back to sea.*

*If ever I forget your love and how that love was shown,
lift high the blood-red flag above, it bears your name alone.
Great pilot of my onward way, you will not let me drift
I feel the winds of God today, today my sail I lift.*

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 Rwanda; for Anne Germond, our acting Primate; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Saskatoon and their discernment to call a Bishop, our Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our region, we pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross, Pastor Lyle McKenzie and Pastor Lyndon Sayers.

In our parish we pray for Faye & Roy Johnson; Fred King; Rhonda Koch; Rob Bagley & Teresa Krause; Leatrice Lam; Doreen Langmeed; Nico, Vanessa Wilson, and Hapatia Lohmann.

In our community we pray for the Rainbow Kitchen.

For the month of February, we pray for gifts of leadership in music.

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 (YESTERDAY!).

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

Reports that are expected include:

Building Memorial Fund (rec'd)

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 (rec'd)

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. Please check your listing or address book to ensure you have my cell phone!! Cell phone number 250-507-9941.

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