

The Anglican Parish of
St. Peter and St. Paul
February 16th 2025
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



“Nourishing faith and community”

Prelude

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

Musical opening SGP 38 Come, Christians Join to Sing

(Text Christian Batteman 1843 Music Anon, 1824 Eerdmans Publishing Co Grand Rapids MI.)

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia.
Praise to our servant king, Alleluia.
Let all with heart and voice
Saved by God's gracious choice,
Now in this place rejoice, Alleluia.

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia.
Let praises fill the sky, Alleluia.
Christ calls his people friends,
The helpless he defends.
a love that never ends, Alleluia.

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia.
Riase high the joyous strain, Alleluia.
The whole creation o're
Let all God's love adore
Singing forever more, Alleluia.

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 and everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life, look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; 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: Jeremiah

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord:

*Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.*

*They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.*

*They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.*

*Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.*

*They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.*

*It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.*

The heart is devious above all else;

*it is perverse—
who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.*

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

Psalm 1

Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
**or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;**
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
**They are like trees
planted by streams of water,**
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
**Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Reading Two: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: Ancient Words (Please stand)

(Lynn DeShazo 2001 Integrity's Hosanna! Music CCLI license)

*Holy Words, long preserved for our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart oh let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope. Give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where e'er we roam ancient words will guide us home.
Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts oh let the ancient words impart.*

*Holy words of our faith handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice oh heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy Words, long preserved for our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart oh let the ancient words impart.
Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts oh let the ancient words impart.*

Celtic Alleluia (sung)

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Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17-26

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

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you,
revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on
that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven;
for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their
ancestors did to the false prophets.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Celtic Alleluia (sung)

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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 354: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

(Text: Robert Robinson (1735-1790) Nettleton Public Domain)

*Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure, sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure of my God's unchanging love.*

*Here I make faith's affirmation: thus far by thy help I've come,
and I hope, by thy compassion, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
take my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

Prayer over the Gifts

Let us pray,

Eternal God, you are the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, receive all we offer you this day; turn our sickness into health and our sorrow into joy. 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,

God of tender care, we celebrate your love for us and for all people.

May we show your love in our lives and know fulfilment in your

presence. 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: Christ, Be Our Light

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Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

*Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.*

Refrain

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church sent out today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

*Make us your living voice. **Refrain***

*Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. **Refrain***

*Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. **Refrain***

*Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. **Refrain***

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for The Church of South East Asia; for Anne Germond, our acting Primate; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Toronto, Bishop Andrew Asbil, our Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our region, we pray for The Abbey Church, The Rev. Matthew W. Humphrey.

In our parish we pray for Mavis Pillar; Brian Poulsen; Don Rodger; Peter Saunders; Lynn Scott; Andrew Sebo; Pat Seidlitz; Jean Smith; Rosemary Smith.

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.

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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