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Meeting held on February 23, 2025**

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**Nourishing Faith and Community**

St. Peter and St. Paul Anglican Church  
Worship and Work of the Church  
Annual General Meeting  
Feb 23, 2025

Territorial Acknowledgement

Gathering Together

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.**

Opening Hymn: All Are Welcome

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*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live.  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace.  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions.  
All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true.  
Where all God's children dare to seek, to dream God's reign anew  
Here the cross shall stand as witness, and a symbol of God's grace  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus  
All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where love is found, in water, wine and wheat.  
A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us.  
All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where hands will reach, beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed, as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

### Reading Luke 6:27-38

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**

But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children

of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

‘Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.’

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Prayers of the people.

The Ministry and Mission of the Church – the AGM is held.

Hymn CP425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

(Text Henry van Dyke (1852-1933) Music Ludwig Van Beethoven (1770-1827; arr. Ed Hodges (1796-1867) public domain)

*Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee, centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father and our Mother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

Eucharist:

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, God calls us to faithful service by the proclamation of the word, and sustains us with the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ. Having heard God's word and considered the building up of God's kingdom receive this holy food from the Lord's table.

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.**

The table of bread and wine is now ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The gifts of God for the people of God:  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

Instrumental musical selections during communion

Doxology

**Glory to God whose power working in us can be more than we can ask or imagine. Glory To God from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

Musical Sending Shalom (sung a cappella)  
(Israeli round public domain)

*Shalom my friend. Shalom my friend.*

*Shalom Shalom.*

*God's peace be with you. God's peace be with you.*

*Shalom Shalom*

*Shalom my friend. Shalom my friend.*

*Shalom Shalom.*

*Till we meet again. Till we meet again.*

*Shalom Shalom.*

## Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**