

The Anglican Parish of St Peter and St Paul
March 9th 2025
First Sunday of Lent



“Nourishing Faith and Community”

Prelude

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

Opening Hymn VU 296 This is God's Wonderful World

(Text Malthie Davenport Babcock 1901 Eng. traditional; adapt Stanley Oliver 1929 public domain)

*This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and
trees,
of skies and seas, God's hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is God's wondrous world, the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world: God shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass or mountain pass, God's voice speaks to me
everywhere.*

*This is God's wondrous world: O let me ne'er forget that though the
wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world: why should my heart be sad!
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring: God reigns, let earth be glad!*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Almighty God,
**unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom
no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee,**

**and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

CP 553 Ubi Caritas et Amor

*Ubi Caritas et amor,
ubi caritas Deus ibi est.*

*Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity; God will dwell with you.*

*Ubi Caritas et amor,
ubi caritas Deus ibi est.*

Let us pray,
Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; 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: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A reading from the Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Here ends the reading.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.’

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling-place,
no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honour them.

With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

Reading Two: Romans 10:8-13

A reading from the Epistle to the Romans .

‘The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart’

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Here ends the reading.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn CP 175 Forty Days and Forty Nights *(please stand)*

(Text: George Hund Smyttan 1872-1870 1982 Hope Publishing; music Marin Herbst public domain)

*Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled:*

*burning heat throughout the day, bitter cold when light had fled,
prowling beasts around your way, stones your pillow, earth your
bed.*

*Shall not we your trials share, learn your discipline of will,
and with you by fast and prayer wrestle with the powers of hell?*

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory be to thee O Lord.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." ' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." '

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and

"On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Gospel Hymn: CP 175 Forty Days and Forty Nights

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*So if Satan, pressing hard, soul and body would destroy,
Christ who conquered, be our guard; give to us the victor's joy.*

*Saviour, may we hear your voice – keep us constant at your side;
and with you we shall rejoice at the eternal Eastertide.*

Sermon: *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Musical Moment for Reflection

Announcements

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall

**come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead:
Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11. 28.*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3. 16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1. 15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins: not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2. 1, 2*

Let us humble confess our sins to Almighty God. (*Silence is kept*)
Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*Please stand*)

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts (please be seated for this hymn)

Hymn: Ten Thousand Reasons

(Music and Text: Matt Redman; One license)

Refrain:

*Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship God's Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name*

*The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes. **Refrain***

*You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing.
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find: **Refrain***

*And on that day when my strength is failing.
The end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore: **Refrain***

Prayer over the Gifts

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine.

All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things. Who has bidden us they faithful people to cleanse our hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed by your gift of forgiving love and the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in works of love.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is the one that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded

We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.

And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and

heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now as our Saviour Christ hath 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 Breaking of the Bread

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

The table of love is offered for all people. It is Christ who invites us to meet love incarnate here, and all are welcome.

Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.

The Communion

Instrumental musical selections during communion

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; Assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; And that we are living members of his mystical Body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; And are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: CP 179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

(Text and music: Marty Haugen (1950-) 1984 GIA Publications One License)

Tree of life and awesome mystery, in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of history, still you rise with every morn,
still you rise with every morn.

Seed that dies to rise in glory, may we see ourselves in you;
if we learn to live your story we may die to rise anew,
we may die to rise anew.

We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and
word;
every person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit, come inflame our hearts anew.
we may all your joy inherit if we bear the cross with you,
if we bear the cross with you.

Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may
be;
one with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

(no alleluias during Lent)

Postlude

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. We leave the hall unlocked for the entire service and our greeter would be happy to walk over with you.

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.

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

In the Worldwide Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of South Africa; for Linda Nicholls, our Primate; Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Yukon, Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame.; and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese, we pray for our bishop, The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee.

In our region, we pray for St Georges Cadboro Bay, The Rev. Christine Conkin.

In our parish we pray for: J. Ann Walker; Rosemary Wallace; Adora and Bob Waters; Sharon Wickware; MaxWideman

In our community we pray for the Esquimalt Seniors Community Centre Society

For the month of March, we pray for the Altar Guild.

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