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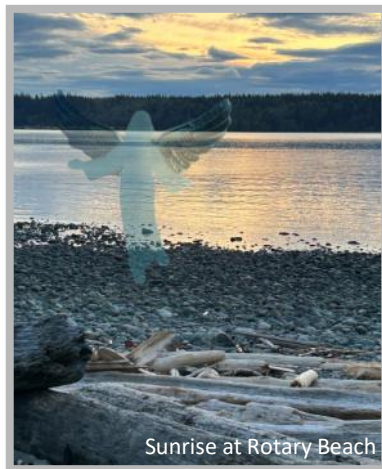
**Bishop**

The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee

Diocese of Islands and Inlets

May 25, 2025

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**



*It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'*

Revelation 22:16-17

*The parish of St Peter Anglican Church and St Saviour Anglican Church is located on the unceded, traditional territory of the Ligwi'da'xw people: the We Wai Kai, Wei Wai Kum, and Kwiakah First Nations; the unceded traditional territory of the Klahoose First Nation; the unceded traditional territory of the K'omoks First Nation and the unceded traditional territory of the Homalco First Nation. We seek a new relationship with the first peoples here; one based on honour and respect. We pray that we may live more deeply into the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.*

## **May 25, 2025—Sixth Sunday of Easter**

*CP=Common Praise Hymn book*

*SNC=Sing a New Creation Hymn book*

### **Processional Hymn: CP# 137 Called to Faith**

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**All: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

### **Welcome**

#### ***Land Acknowledgement***

### **Sentence:**

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you. *See John 14.23*

### **The Grace**

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**Gloria: Glory to God on high,  
And peace to all on earth.  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
our heavenly King.  
We give you praise,  
almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.**

### **Collect for Purity**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

**All: 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.**

*Silence is kept*

**Collect of the Day:**

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
riches beyond imagination.  
Pour into our hearts such love toward you,  
that we, loving you above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**The Proclamation of the Lord**

Celebrant: Let us listen for the Word of God in Holy Scripture.

**All: Our hearts and minds are open.**

**First Reading**     [Deuteronomy 34:1-12](#)     Jennifer Coolen

**Psalm**             [Psalm 109: 21-31](#) p.856     Pauline Woods

**Second Reading** [Revelations 21:10,22-25](#)     Jennifer Coolen

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, Lord and saviour; open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing, for the good news that you bring.**

**Gospel**     [John 14:23-29](#)

Celebrant: God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Sermon**

# **Celebration of Baptism**

## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidate**

*The celebrant says,*

The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Then the candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their parents and sponsors as follows:*

***Parents and sponsors,***

**I present Nathan Mieczyslaw Abraham to receive the sacrament of baptism.**

*When all have been presented the celebrant asks the parents and sponsors,*

Celebrant:

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child  
you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the  
Christian community?

***Parents and sponsors,***

**I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow  
into the full stature of Christ?

***Parents and sponsors,***

**I will, with God's help.**

*Then the celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and sponsors who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.*

**Question:** Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**Answer:** **I renounce them.**

**Question:** Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Answer:** **I renounce them.**

**Question:** Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**Answer:** **I renounce them.**

**Question:** Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

**Answer:** **I do.**

**Question:** Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**Answer:** **I do.**

**Question:** Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

**Answer:** **I do.**

**—LA Pauline Woods**

*The celebrant then says to the congregation,*

Let us now pray for Nathan who is to receive the sacrament of new birth.

*LA Pauline Woods leads the following litany.*

**Leader:** Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Open his heart to your grace and truth.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Send him into the world in witness to your love.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The leader concludes,*

Grant, O Lord,  
that all who are baptized  
into the death of Jesus Christ your Son  
may live in the power of his resurrection  
and look for him to come again in glory;  
who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for  
by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

*All:* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Celebrant:* We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea,  
you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the  
promised land.

*All:* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Celebrant:* We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he  
was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was  
anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the  
baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free  
from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the  
joy and freedom of everlasting life.

*All:* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Celebrant:* We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and  
leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might

proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks for you have called **Nathan** to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, that they may become inheritors of your glorious kingdom. We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**All: Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.**

## **The Baptism**

Nathan, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I sign you with the cross,  
and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Heavenly Father,  
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have bestowed upon him your servant  
the forgiveness of sin,  
and have raised him to the new life of grace.  
Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.  
Give him an inquiring and discerning heart,  
the courage to will and to persevere,  
a spirit to know and to love you,  
and the gift of joy and wonder  
In all your works. **Amen.**

## The Giving of the Light

*The minister gives the parents of the newly baptized a lighted candle, saying,*

Receive the light of Christ,  
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

*When the candle has been received, the **people** say,*

**Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**People: We receive you into the household of God.  
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,  
Proclaim his resurrection,  
And share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## Affirmation of Faith (Apostle's Creed)

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All: I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,**



**the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

#### **Offertory Hymn: CP# 100 Listen God is Calling**

Celebrant: Thanks be to you,

**All: Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given us,  
and all that you have borne for us.  
In our sharing in this Eucharist,  
in Church or at home,  
we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts.  
O most merciful redeemer,  
friend and brother,  
may we know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly,  
day by day. Amen.**

*St. John The Divine Anglican Church, Victoria B.C.,  
Alastair Singh- McCollum*

Let us pray.

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

God of glory,  
accept all we offer you this day,  
and bring us to that eternal city of love and light,  
where Christ is King.  
We ask this in his name.

## **Eucharistic Prayer 1**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is indeed right that we should praise you,  
gracious God,  
for you created all things.  
You formed us in your own image:  
In the diversity of creation, you made us.  
When we turned away from you in sin,  
you did not cease to care for us,  
but opened a path of salvation for all people.  
You made a covenant with Israel,  
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah  
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.  
Through Moses you led your people  
from bondage into freedom;  
through the prophets  
you renewed your promise of salvation.  
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints  
who have served you in every age,  
we give thanks and raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: (new tune—SNC#218)**  
**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.**

Celebrant: 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 all  
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.

**All: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: 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. Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All: Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

**All: Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

*(Communion: Music team immediately communicated after blessing of the elements)*

**Lamb of God:**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you broke the bonds of sin and death**

**Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**Distribution Hymns:**

**CP# 56 I am the Bread, the Bread of Life**

**CP# 57 Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist**

**CP# 59 Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him**

**Ablutions:**

**CP# 60 I Come With Joy**

**Prayer after Communion:**

Father,

you restored us to life

by raising your Son from death.

May we who receive this sacrament

always be strengthened to do your will,

in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Celebrant: Glory to God,

**All: 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.**

## **Blessing**

## **Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn: SNC# 168 May the God of Hope Go With Us**

## **Sending out**

Liturgical Assistant:

**“Go in peace to love and serve our living God.”**

**All: Thanks be to God**

## **Parish Happenings**

- **Office hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-1, closed on Fridays.
- **Coffee Hour:** Every Monday 10 am, St. Matthew's room. Also on Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting - Meeting ID: [812 0587 4273](#)
- **Prayer Chain** meeting is the first Wednesday of every month at 10:30.
- **Council Meeting:** every 3rd week of the month. Next meeting is June 17, 2025, 7pm in the Library.
- **Midweek Eucharists:** all are welcome, please join us:  
Wednesday—Midweek Eucharist 12:30  
Thursday – Meditative Eucharist 12:30
- **Chat & Chill Gathering (All are welcome)** Every Friday 10 am in the library
- **Mindfulness Group:** Every Wednesday in the library at 3:30.

## **Announcements**

- **Prayer Chain Requests?** Email the Prayer Chain if you have a prayer request [prayerchain@stpeterscampbellriver.com](mailto:prayerchain@stpeterscampbellriver.com). There is also box in the Narthex where you may leave a prayer message.
- **Time for Healing, support group:** Monthly meetings. Next session May 25 at 4 pm in the sanctuary.
- **Welcome to the Joy Club!** Monthly event. Games refreshments and lots of laughs. Something for everyone. The next meeting will be at Miracle Beach shelter on June 17, 2:15 pm. Scavenger hunt, socializing and refreshments. Bring pot luck refreshments.
- **Diocesan Women's Fall Retreat:** The theme is 'Keeping the Faith in the Turbulent 2020's'. It will be held at Camp Pringle, September 26-28, 2025. Registration forms are online, or at the admin office.

***We are the people inspired by God and the example of Jesus to go into our community offering love and acceptance to all."***

## Parish Staff and Leaders

Rector's Warden: Tony Smith  
 People's Warden: Pauline Woods  
 Deputy Warden: Lois Tirebuck  
 Deputy Warden: Rick Monchak  
 Treasurer: Holly Finn  
 Church Administrator/  
 Communications: Trina Soltys  
 Custodian: Janice Kozak  
 Prayer Chain: Sue Vickery  
 Envelope Secretary: Frank Maga  
 Healing Prayer Ministry: Sue Vickery  
 Lay Assistants & Readers: Pauline Woods  
 Spirit Editor: Jane Monchak  
 Spirit Design & Production: Trina Soltys  
 Mindfulness: Jane Jennings

Coffee Monday: Jennifer Coolen  
 Librarian: Jane Jennings  
 Safe Church: Andrea Charlton  
 Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF )  
 Representative: Barb Henshall  
 Building: & grounds: George Wagner  
 Chat & Chill (formerly ACW:  
 Frances Payne  
 Sides persons: Pam Hedderson  
 Zoom master : Tony Smith  
 Music Ministry: Kate Fitzsimmons,  
 Georgia Smith, Lori Gooldrup  
 Altar Guild: Kim Jarvis  
 Community Garden Liaison:  
 Rick Monchak

Zoom Sunday Service—It is always the same number. It is also noted in your weekly email. JOIN ZOOM MEETING (Point, control & click to open link)

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Budget to April 30, 2025	Actual	Budget	Budget
	Jan-Apr	Jan-Apr	2025
<b>Envelope - General</b>	45,421	50,000	150,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	53,041	64,260	192,582
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	71,760	71,400	\$214,253
<b>NET INCOME</b>	-18,719	-7,139	-21,671

### WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PETER

- During Sunday Worship: offering plate at each Sunday service. Cash or cheques are accepted.
- Automatic Withdrawal: 'PAR' can easily be set up. Contact the church treasurer.
- Give online: 'Donate' button located on the top right corner of the church



ALL IDENTIFIABLE FINANCIAL GIFTS ARE RECEIPTED ANNUALLY BY THE END OF FEBRUARY FOR THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR.