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Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost—Holy Cross Day

September 14, 2025



Peace With Creation—Season of Creation 2025

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 Kwikah First Nations; the unceded traditional territory of the Klahoose First Nation; the unceded traditional territory of the Komoks 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.

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CP=Common Praise Hymn book

SNC=Sing a New Creation Hymn book

Processional Hymn: SNC #25 From the Waters of Creation

From the waters of creation to the shores of Galilee
in each river sweeping onward there's a promise we can see.
All who search for life in fullness, all who long for dignity
come and drink now—don't be thirsty.
God's grace ever will flow free.

From the parting of the waters to the Jordan's ancient tide,
in the font, forever rising, there's a love that will abide.
All who yearn for gentle mercy, all who seek community:
come and wash now—don't be lonely.
God's grace ever will flow free.

From the streams that Amos visioned to the pool where Jesus healed,
in the wells we build together there's a dream that is revealed:
we will work for hope and justice; we will live in unity.
Come and share now—don't be fearful.
God's grace ever will flow free.

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Sentence:

Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Galatians 6.14*

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: CP 365 v. 1

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.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant:

Dear friends in Christ,

As we hear the stories of the impacts of climate change
on our siblings around the world,
we become aware of their need, and of our complicity in accepting
and maintaining unjust economic
and social structures; of the blindness of privilege in this world.
God is a God of generous love for us, of infinite mercy,
who welcomes all sinners to this holy table.
Let us confess our sins to almighty God.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Holy God,

All: earth and air and water are your creation,
and every living thing belongs to you:
have mercy on us as climate change confronts us.
Give us the will and the courage to simplify the way we live,
to reduce the energy we use,
to share the resources you provide,
and to bear the cost of change.
Forgive our past mistakes and send us your Spirit,
with wisdom in present controversies
and vision for the future to which you call us
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Creation Care

Celebrant:

God of our Salvation,

**All: Your bow in the clouds proclaims your covenant
with every living creature.**

**Teach us your paths and lead us in your truth,
so that by your Holy Spirit,
we may remember our baptismal vows
and be keepers of your trust with the earth and its inhabitants.
Amen**

Silence is kept.

Collect of the Day:

Celebrant:

Almighty God,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
was lifted high upon the cross
that he might draw the whole world to himself,
may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption,
have grace to take up our cross and follow him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

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

All: Our hearts and minds are open.

First Reading [Numbers 21:4-9](#) Rick Monchak

Psalm [Psalm 98: 1-6 P.834](#) Jane Jennings

1Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
2 The Lord has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
3 He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

4 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;

5 make music to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,

6 with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

Second Reading [1 Corinthians 1:18-24](#) Rick Monchak

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 3:13-17](#)

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.

Alleluia (sung)

Sermon—Rev. Stephanie Wood

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

All: We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating, who works in others
and us through the Spirit.**

We trust in the Creator.

**We are called to be, to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and to resist injustice,
to seek out models for hope and peace.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone.**

The Prayers of the People

Leader: It was decided by our Creator that whenever we join together for any reason, we should give thanks. So let us put our minds together and think on all of the creation and the Creator's gifts.

Response: **Loving God. We give our thanks.**

Reader: Let us think of the reason why we are gathered. For this place, for all of the things that bring us here.

Response: **Loving God. We give our thanks.**

Reader: Let us think of all the people of the world, the men, women and children, with a special thought for the children who are our future.

Response: **Loving God. We give our thanks.**

Reader: Let us think of our Mother, the Earth, upon whom we walk and who supports us. We pray we can learn to walk on her with more respect.

Response: **Loving God. We give our thanks.**

Reader: Let us turn our minds to the waters of the world, the great oceans, lakes, rivers and streams, and the life that lives in the waters that gives itself up to be our food.

Response: **Loving God. We give our thanks.**

Reader: Let us now turn our thoughts to the plant life of the Creator's world. That which is below ground; the roots and vegetables. That which puts just its head above the ground: the grasses, medicines, plants and bushes. All of the many kinds of good fruit the Creator has given us. And finally, the great trees of the forest that we know of as the "Standing Ones."

Response: **Loving God. We give our thanks.**

Reader: Let us think of all the animals in the world. We give thanks for those that provide food for us and those that provide beauty.

Response: **Loving God. We give our thanks.**

Reader: Let us think of the "Three Sisters," corn, beans and squash.

They are gifts from the Creator and our sustenance.

Response: **Loving God. We give our thanks.**

Reader: Let us think of the birds of the air. The feathered ones that are the messengers between us and the Creator.

Response: **Loving God. We give our thanks.**

Reader: Now let us turn our thoughts to that which is above our world; those helpers placed there by the Creator to ensure our world continues.

Response: **Loving God. We give our thanks.**

Reader: Let's turn our thoughts to the four winds, or the four directions, they that blow from a place we cannot see.

Response: **Loving God. We give our thanks.**

Reader: Let us think of our Grandfathers, the Thunderers, they that bring the rain to replenish the world's waters.

Response: **Loving God. We give our thanks.**

Reader: Let us think of our Elder Brother, the Sun, for his light and warmth.

Response: **Loving God. We give our thanks.**

Reader: Let us have a special thought for our Grandmother, the Moon. She who regulates the passing of time and the coming of children.

Response: **Loving God. We give our thanks.**

Reader: Let us turn our thoughts even higher, to our Brothers and Sisters the Stars. They that shine above us at night and give us beauty and direction.

Response: **Loving God. We give our thanks.**

Reader: And finally we take all that we have spoken of, all that we do, and roll them all together and send it to the Creator with thanks.

Response: **Loving God. We give our thanks.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

The people greet one another in the name of Christ.

Offertory Hymn: CP #423 How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

Refrain

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, My God, how great thou art!

Let us pray

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant:

Merciful God,
through the death of your beloved Son
you transformed an instrument of shame

into a sign of hope and glory.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and renew in us the mystery of his love;
through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

People: Amen.

Supplemental Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant:

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you,

Celebrant:

Eternal God, Source of all being,
we give you thanks and praise
for your faithful love.

You call us into friendship
with you and one another
to be your holy people,
a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us,
unfailingly you remain with us.

When we injure others,
you confront us in your love
and call us to the paths of righteousness.

You stand with the weak,
and those, broken and alone,
whom you have always welcomed home,
making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore we raise our voices
with angels and archangels,
forever praising you and saying (singing):

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord
God , of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant:

Blessed are you, O Holy One:
When Hagar was driven into the wilderness
you followed her and gave her hope.
When Joseph was sold into bondage,
you turned malice to your people's good.
When you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness
into the promised land.
When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the river of Babylon
and carried them home

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Celebrant:

At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor,
the outcast and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria
and offered her the water of new life
the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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”.

Loving and Holy One
recalling Christ’s death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come.
Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**All: Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Celebrant:

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us
in our hunger for your peace.
We hold before you
all whose lives are marked by suffering,
our sisters and brothers.
When we are broken and cast aside,
embrace us in your love.

People: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Celebrant:

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
All honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life,
Now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant:

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**All: 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:

Great Big Creator God
Baker of loaves of bread
Maker of cups of wine
Setter of tables for feasts
Choose to come to our little table
And set a meal here for us.

People:

**Here with grain that comes from the ground
And grape that is grown on the vine**

**Here among us of all ages who gather
And in the middle of your vast and wild creation
May you come to a meal with us.**

(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 are the God who gave form to all:

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:

SNC# 67 Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever

Lord of the ages, God before time

We are a vapor, You are eternal

Love everlasting, reigning on high

Refrain

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Highest praises, honor and glory

Be unto Your name

Be unto Your name

We are the broken, You are the healer

Jesus, redeemer, mighty to save

You are the love song we'll sing forever

Bowing before You, blessing Your name

Refrain

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Highest praises, honor and glory

Be unto Your name

Be unto Your name

SNC# 151 Jesus Before Me

Jesus before me, Jesus beside me,
Jesus behind me, Jesus surround me.

Refrain

*Circle me, Lord, circle me, Lord
Circle me, Lord, circle me, Lord
All of my days, circle me, Lord.*

Jesus above me, Jesus below me,
Jesus within me, Jesus enfold me.

Refrain

Jesus for our time, Jesus for all time,
Jesus eternal, Jesus immortal

Refrain

SNC# 93 Lord, Your Hands have Formed This World

Lord, your hands have formed this world, every part is
shaped by you—water rumbling over rocks, air and
sunlight: each day's signs that you make all things new.

Yours the soil that holds the seed, you give warmth and
moisture too—sprouting blossoms, crops and buds, trees and
plants: the season's signs that you make all things new.

Like a mat you roll out land—space to build, for
us and you, earthly homes and, better still, homes for
Christ: the truest sign that you make all things new.

Ablutions:

SNC# 19 Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

Joyous light of heav'nly glory
Loving glow of God's own face
You who sing creation's story
Shine on ev'ry land and race
Now as evening falls around us

We shall raise our songs to you
God of daybreak, God of shadows
Come and light our hearts anew.
In the stars that grace the darkness
In the blazing sun of dawn
In the light of peace and wisdom
We can hear your quiet song
Love that fills the night with wonder
Love that warms the weary soul
Love that bursts all chains asunder
Set us free and make us whole.

You who made the heaven's splendor
Ev'ry dancing star of night
Make us shine with gentle justice
Let us each reflect your light
Mighty God of all creation
Gentle Christ who lights our way
Loving Spirit of salvation
Lead us on to endless day.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant:

Let us pray.

Gracious God, your amazing love extends through all time and space,
to all parts of your creation,
which you created and called good.

You made a covenant with Noah and his family,
putting a rainbow in the sky
to symbolize your promise of love and blessing
to every living creature,
and to all successive generations....

In Jesus,
you invite us to enter into a new covenant,

in communion with all who seek to be faithful to you.
As people of faith,
we are called into covenant.
Your covenant of faithfulness and love
extends to the whole creation.

We pray for the healing of the earth,
that present and future generations
may enjoy the fruits of creation,
and continue to glorify and praise you.

People: Amen.

Celebrant:

Glory to God

People:

**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
or ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing:

Celebrant:

As we prepare to leave
and embrace the challenges
of our lives and our world,
let us ask for God's blessing.
May God bless us with wisdom
to care for our earth.

People: Amen!

Celebrant:

May God bless us with love to bring forth new life.

People: Amen!

Celebrant:

In the name of God,
the Maker of the whole world,

of Jesus, our new covenant,
and of the Holy Spirit, who opens eyes and hearts.

People: Amen!

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: CP# 408 Wind Upon the Waters

Wind upon the waters,
voice upon the deep;
rouse your sons and daughters,
wake us from our sleep.
Breathing life into all flesh,
breathing love into all hearts,
Living wind upon the waters of my soul.

Showers from the heaven,
water from the earth;
Gift so wholly given,
source of every birth.
Joy of every living thing,
making all creation sing,
Shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.

Rock and hill and garden,
wood and desert sand;
Prairie, field and meadow,
shaped by Love's own hand.
Love that fills the world around,
springing up from barren ground,
Grow your love within the garden of my soul.

Blazing light of wonder,
flame that pierces night;
Burst the dark asunder,
fill our souls with light.
Lord of glory, fill the skies,
make an end to hatred's cries,
Be the blazing Sun of justice in our lives.

Wind upon the waters,
rains upon the sand,
Grace your sons and daughters,
newborn by your hand.
Come, O Spirit and renew
all the life that comes from you,
Send your winds upon the waters of my soul.

Composer: [Marty Haugen](#) (1986)

Sending Out

LA: Go in peace and be witnesses to hope.

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Parish Happenings

Office **hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-1, closed on Fridays.

- **Coffee Hour:** Every Monday 10 am, St. Matthew's room (or outside in good weather (no Zoom if outdoors). 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. No meeting in July. Next meeting date is Sept. 16, 2025 at 7 pm in the library.
- **Midweek Eucharists:** all are welcome, please join us:
Wednesday—Midweek Eucharist 12:30
Thursday – Meditative Eucharist 12:30
- Chat & Chill Gathering Every Friday 10 am in the library
- Mindfulness Group: Gatherings are weekly on Wednesdays in our Library from 3:30 to 4:15 pm.
- **Every Monday—Evening Eucharist:** from September 15 to the 2nd. Week in December at 6:30 pm.

Announcements

- Prayer Chain Requests? Email the Prayer Chain if you have a prayer request 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 service is Sunday, September 28 at 4 pm.**
- **Are you available to do parish wellness checks via telephone?**

The goal is to ensure the person is safe and secure. Telephone wellness checks are a form of outreach that aims to provide support and ensure the safety of individuals, particularly those who may be isolated or vulnerable. If you want to help, please contact the church office or Lois Tirebuck.

- **Regional Meeting here on October 4.**
- **Advance Care Planning October 21** (see sign up sheet)
- **Salmon Supper - October 18, \$40 per person for a fabulous dinner and...a fantastic table of auction items to bid for. Tickets available soon!**
- Are you interested in volunteering at the Food Bank? Anyone wanting to volunteer would be given a tour of the facility and the volunteer positions available. Contact: <https://crfoodbank.ca/> or call 250-286-3226.
- Bring your signs, voices and community spirit for a gathering at Spirit Square, Campbell River, Saturday, **Sept. 20 at 2 pm.** Together we will 'draw the line' for social, economic and climate justice. This is a cross-Canada demonstration organized by Seniors for Climate, Council of Canadians, Greenpeace and a number of other peace, justice and climate organizations to pressure governments not to sacrifice the well-being of people and planet for the sake of unchecked resource mega-projects. All ages are invited but especially seniors who are suffering the most from worsening air quality and global warming. Show up & show you care!
- **Funeral Service for Rosemary Alexander:** Thursday, September 25 at 10:30 am with reception to follow in the hall.



SPACE FOR SHORT NOTES...DOODLES...PRAYERS



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

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 Community Garden Liaison: Rick Monchak

Budget to Aug, 2025	Actual Jan-Aug	Budget Jan-Aug	Budget 2025
Envelope - General	86,194	100,000	150,000
TOTAL REVENUE	111,978	127,954	191,732
TOTAL EXPENSE	148,590	142,800	\$214,253
NET INCOME	-34,420	-14,279	-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 website at stpeterscampbellriver.com. Or use the QR code below:



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

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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