

The Anglican Church of St. Peter, Quamichan
Service of the Word, The Season of Pentecost

People of God in this place and in all places, once again, we give thanks that you are worshiping with this community and we welcome you to the Anglican church of St. Peter, Quamichan as part of our virtual church family. Once again, today, with many churches across this country and around the world we will share our service of the Liturgy of the Word.

Opening Acknowledgment:

In this time and place, we gather on the unceded ancestral territories of the Coast Salish people and the Cowichan Tribes.

In this time and place we gather in the name of the living God.

In this time and place we gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages

In this time and place we are not alone, but on in Christ

In this time and place Hallowed, expectant, one people in God

In this time and place heaven and earth are one. In the name of the Holy and Blessed one, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen

Hymn: We now raise our hearts and voices in song as Barry leads us in song...

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

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray. Almighty God,

People 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.

The Collect of the Day:

Officiant Let us pray: Almighty and Everlasting God,

All Whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, no divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant: I invite you to settle your hearts and minds and be attentive as we hear the words of Scripture for today.

The Scriptures of the Day

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Psalm 100:

Let us say together the appointed verses of Psalm 100 Alternately by the Half Verse

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Together, let us pray,
Loving God, help us to love what is truly perfect, so that we may neither speak what is evil nor do what is wrong. Then bring us to stand in your presence, to sing of your mercy and justice in the company of all your saints, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Homily – Kirsten Evenden AST Seminary Student

Music for reflection

Affirmation of Faith:

Deacon Let us affirm our faith as we say,
All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord our God, who seeks the lost sheep, binds up the injured, and strengthens the weak. As I offer this bidding, Lord in your mercy, please respond: **Hear our prayer.**

Confession and Absolution:

Deacon Dear friends in Christ, Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness

**All: Jesus, forgive my sins.
Forgive the sins I can remember, and also the sins I have forgotten. Forgive the wrong actions I have committed, and the right actions I have omitted. Forgive the times I have been weak in the face of temptation, and those when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and those when I have failed to boast of your works. Forgive the harsh judgements I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown to myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others, and the indulgences I have shown to myself. Jesus have pity on me and make me whole. Amen**

Officiant: May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of God's Son, the word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you

Hymn: We now raise our hearts and voices in song as we Barry leads us in song...

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
**All 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.**

Officiant: Give thanks for all God's goodness

All: Gods love shall last for ever.

Officiant: Generous and faithful God,

All **May the nourishment we have received during our time together, enable us to enrich the lives of others wherever we may go. Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether we our cares e light or heavy, our song be strong or weak, keep our hearts warm and our hands open, our lives ever embracing and ever embraced by your love. Amen**

On this Sunday we mark the last Sunday in the Christian year. In other words, next Sunday we begin a new Christian year with the season of Advent! It is time to locate last year's advent wreath frame and find imaginative ways to spruce it up. Or place a ring of 4 candles in a circle somewhere in your home. More than ever this year, it is important we anticipate and celebrate the light of the coming of Christ into our world.

Blessing

My Friends this we know all too well, Life is short. And we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So... be swift to love and make haste to be kind.

And the blessing of God, who created us, Christ our brother, and the Holy Spirit, who travels with us be with you now and forever. AMEN

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia - Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia**