

The Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle



THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2026

HOLY EUCHARIST AT 9.00 A.M.

Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess
The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.
For the readings please see 10:30 am.

CHORAL EUCHARIST AT 10:30 A.M. BAS P. 185

Celebrant & Preacher	The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess
Servers	Ferdinand Galingan, Betty Scantlebury, Celine Wong, Fen Nanton, Vincent Wong
Communion Minister	Russell Smith
Musicians	Mervin Fick - Director of Music Parish Choristers
Mass Settings	Sanctus and Agnus Dei – Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena H WILLAN 

We acknowledge that in gathering to worship Almighty God, we are in the traditional territory of many First Nations peoples including the Mississaugas of the New Credit, the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat.

"The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is, the world and all who dwell therein." Psalm 24.1.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude Three Chorale Preludes on “Christ is my life”

J G WALTHER, J PACHELBEL

Processional Hymn 527 How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Greeting

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All **And also with you.**

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.**

Gloria CP 686

D HURD

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,
All **and peace to his people on earth.**
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Celebrant Almighty God,
You have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson

Read by Marc Côté

Reader

A reading from Exodus 1:8 - 2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse

the child for you?’ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Yes.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.’ So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, ‘because’, she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’

Reader The word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 124

If the LORD himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say; / if the LORD himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us;
They had swallowed us up alive, / when they were so wrathfully displeased at us;
Then the waters had drowned us, / and the torrent had gone over our soul;
Yea, then the raging waters / had gone even over our soul.
But praised be the LORD, / who hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.
Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler: / the snare is broken, and we are delivered.
Our help standeth in the Name of the LORD, / who hath made heaven and earth.

Epistle Romans 12:1-8

Read by Jen Crawford

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Romans

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.
For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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Gradual Hymn 601 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BLAENWERN

The Holy Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily *Please be seated*

Choir Behold , the Beauty of the Lord

W H ANDERSON

Nicene Creed *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us confess 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

Led by Glenna Sims-Bonk

Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant invites the confession of sin. Then is said:

Celebrant Most merciful God,

All **We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Absolution is pronounced.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We invite you to share a sign of peace with those near you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 384 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **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 Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the holy people who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Choir **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 We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant

Creator of all,
You gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All

So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Celebrant

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All

Thanks be to God.

Choir Agnus Dei

H WILLAN 

Holy Communion

- All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not receiving communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when at the altar.
- Communion is administered at the High Altar, and standing at the St Peter's Altar in the south

aisle

- Please do not dip the consecrated bread into the wine - Drinking from the chalice is considered safe from the point of view of public health.
- You are also welcome to receive only the bread, if you prefer. Indicate this by holding your arms crossed over your chest as the chalice passes; this is also a way to receive a blessing rather than communion.
- Gluten-free communion wafers are available – please let the administering priest know.
- Anointing and Laying on of Hands for Healing will be administered in the north and south aisles.

Communion Anthem Agnus Dei

H L HASSLER

Communion Hymn 300 Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Prayer after Communion *Please stand.*

Celebrant Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Doxology

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

Recessional Hymn 444 Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

THORNBURY

Dismissal

Celebrant Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
serve the world God loves.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Allegro Moderato

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In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of West Africa

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Our Companion Diocese of Brasilia – Bishop Mauricio Andrade

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer: Pray for St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff, its weekly community lunch, its men's cooking and support group, its participation in a community Christmas dinner program, support of the Bluffs Food Bank and Dr. Roz's Healing Place; for St. Olave, Swansea, its weekly mobile soup kitchen, Romanian orphanage mission, its seniors' meals program and partnerships with various community outreach organizations; and for St. Paul on-the-Hill, Pickering, its food bank, scholarship program, shelter clothing program, and support of the Durham Region HIV/AIDS ministry and other local community initiatives.

Parish Cycle: Peggy Needham, Ann Nelis, Karl Nicholson

Home Bound Parishioners: Marie Adams, Evelyn Baird, Glenna Charles, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lawrine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Ivaline Jonas, Marian McPherson, Denise Orieux, Everton Morris, Rex Southgate, Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Vashti White.

Hymn Notes for Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (CP # 384)

Joachim Neander (1650-80), principal poet of the Reformed Church in Germany, taught at the Latin School at Dusseldorf. His preaching garnered so much opposition that he was forced to move to Bremen. Most of his hymns were written while he was at Dusseldorf. He loved nature and liked to walk in a valley near the town. This valley became known as Neanderthal. His 60 hymns with tunes were published in 1680. This Thanksgiving hymn is based on Psalm 103:1-6 and Psalm 150. It was published in his *Alpha und Omega* (1680). Catherine Winkworth translated it in 1863.

LOBR DEN HERREN first appeared in *Stralsund Erneuerlen Gesangbuch* (1665). Neander adapted the tune to this text in 1680.

Submitted by Diane Way

Announcements

Kitchen Crew meeting | There will be a short meeting of all those who work with coffee hour and other kitchen events, after church today, *Sunday, August 23rd*, in the sitting room. Please come if you can for a brief time. Thanks, Fran

Calendars 2027 | The Ontario Anglican calendars are available end of August. For 10 to 15 cost is \$12.00 each. For 16-20 cost is \$10.00 each. To order please send me an e-mail (sthomas-38@sympatico.co) or phone (416-921-2593) by Friday, August 28. These calendars are photographs of churches on shiny paper. Information on PEI calendars, will be available end of August - middle of September. These are paintings of churches on matte paper. Last year they cost \$15.00 each.

Meal Kit Assembly | SPSS' second Meal Kit Assembly is on the books! We will assemble 3 different meal kits on the morning of *September 14th from 9:45 AM to 12 PM* in the Parish Hall. Your response last time was great and we are in need of 20 to 25 volunteers again this time. Please email Laurie Sanderson at ljsanderson@rogers.com if you are able to help out.

Isabelle's Garden Tour | Isabelle and Ted invite you to tour their exquisite fall garden in support of AURA and refugee sponsorship. 47 St. Leonard's Ave., Saturday, September 12th, 2026, 10 am to 3pm. Donate in person or through AURA's website, www.aura-walk-n-roll-2026, click on Donate at the top of the site and look for Isabelle's Garden Tour.

Save the Date | Caribbean Night will be held here at SPSS on Saturday September 26th at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$45/person. For tickets call Fen at 416-493-2805, or the office at 416-923-8714.



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Church Office Hours	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.



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