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

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 25, 2026

The flowers at the altar are given to the praise and glory of Almighty God,
by Peggy Needham for all the church members who volunteer
to support the life of our beloved church

HOLY EUCHARIST AT 9.00 A.M.

Celebrant	The Reverend James Liu
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	The Reverend James Liu
Preacher	The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess
Servers	Paul Davenport, Elijah Hughes, Ashrey Beyongyera
	Fen Nanton, Gary Toneguzzo
Communion Minister	Russell Smith
Musicians	Mervin Fick - Director of Music
	Parish Choristers
Mass Settings	Kyrie, Sanctus and Agnus Dei - Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena
	H WILLAN

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"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 Song, Interlude and Allegro Moderato — F PEETERS

Processional Hymn **498** How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place — BROTHER JAMES' AIR

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.**

Kyrie — H WILLAN

Gloria — CP 686

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 Let us pray.
Lord God our redeemer,
who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses
to lead them out of slavery,
free us from the tyranny of sin and death,
and by the leading of your Spirit
bring us to our promised land;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson Read by Larry Krotz

Reader A reading from **Deuteronomy 34:1-12**

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, 'This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, "I will give it to your descendants"; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.' Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

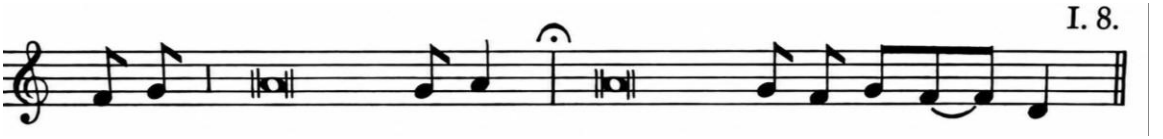
Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 CHANT I.8.



Lord, thou hast been our refuge, / from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, / thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.
Thou turnest man back to the dust, / and thou sayest, 'Return, ye children of men.'
For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, / and as a watch in the night.
Thou carriest them away as with a flood, and they are even as a sleep; / in the morning they are like grass that groweth up.
In the morning it is green and groweth up, / but in the evening it is cut down and withered.
So teach us to number our days, / that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
Turn thee again, O LORD, at the last, / and be gracious unto thy servants.
O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon: / so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
Comfort us again according to the time that thou hast afflicted us, / and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.
Show thy servants thy work, / and their children thy glory.

Second Lesson Read by Stephanie Woodside

Reader A reading from **1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation CP 715

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
The Word of the Lord is alive,
the Word of God is active it can judge our thoughts,
bring us closer to the Father.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

A reading from **Matthew 22:34-46**

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.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, '"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord,
'Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet'"?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily *Please be seated*

Choir Day by Day M How

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 Mark Garbutt

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 584 The Church of Christ in Every Age HERONGATE

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of constant love,
you have guided your people
in all times and ages.
May we who offer you our praise today
always be ready to follow where you lead;
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.

Sanctus H WILLAN

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 for ever. **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 for ever. 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.**

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.

Choir Like as the Hart H Willan

Communion Hymn 507 Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS

Prayer after Communion *Please stand.*

Celebrant God our guide,
you have fed us with bread from heaven
as you fed the people of Israel.
May we who have been inwardly nourished
be ready to follow you all our days;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

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 318 Rejoice Today with One Accord EIN' FESTE BURG

Dismissal

Celebrant Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
serve the world God loves.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Allegro Vivace W HINE

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In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of Central Africa
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: North Peel Deanery
Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer: Pray for St. Thomas, Shanty Bay, its support of Barrie Out of the Cold, the Busby Street outreach van, its community garden, and education for reconciliation; for St. Timothy, Agincourt, its involvement with weekly hot lunch and breakfast programs and an Out of the Cold program, and its support of the Agincourt Community Services Association, Stephen Lewis Foundation, and other local, national and international outreach programs; and for St. Timothy, North Toronto, its Little Free Pantry, monthly dinners at St. George House, support of community services at St. Stephen in-the-Fields, Moorelands Community Services, The Stop Community Food Centre, the Advent Water Conspiracy, and Able Kids Rehab, a school and rehabilitation centre in Malawi.
Parish Cycle: David Rounthwaite & Leith Adair Hunter, Brooke Sales-Lee, Laurie Sanderson
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.

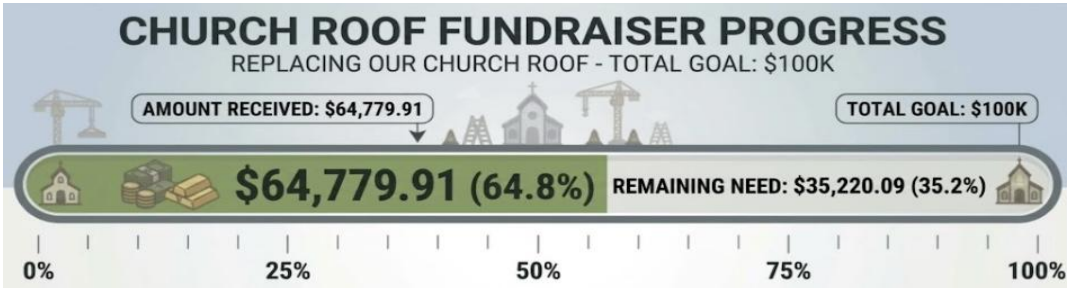
Announcements

SPSS 10th Anniversary Celebration | October 30, 2026 marks the 10th Anniversary of The Parish of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle. In joyful recognition of this occasion there will be a luncheon after the 10:30 Service on November 1st. Please come to the Service and stay to share in good company and food! A donation towards the cost would be appreciated on the day. Thank you.

Caribbean Night | A big THANK YOU to all who supported the September 26, 2026 Caribbean Night by attending and/or donating. It was a very lovely evening. $4,015.00 has been given to the church to be contributed towards the After School Program and Codrington Theological College in Barbados.

TRUE NORTH QUILT RAFFLE 2026 CA | Support the vital ministries and community outreach programs of St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle Anglican Church by entering our 2026 Quilt Raffle! Up for raffle is the "True North" Quilt—a stunning, handcrafted masterpiece featuring an intricate Canadian Maple Leaf design. Thanks to Jen Crawford, fellow parishioner and chorister, for crafting and donating this quilt!!
Ticket Prices: 1 for $10.00 | 3 for $25.00
How to Purchase: Buy in person after Sunday services, scan the QR code below, or use the following link to purchase online:
https://stpeterstsimon.rafflenexus.com/
Deadline: Ticket sales close *Midnight, December 12th, 2026.*
The Draw: Sunday, *December 13th, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.*

Roof Fundraiser Update | Thank you to all those who have generously contributed towards this phase of the roof repairs.



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