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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2026

† Holy Eucharist at 9.00 am †

The service begins on page 67 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Celebrant	The Reverend James Liu
Homilist	The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess

† Choral Eucharist at 10.30 am † *Traditional Rite BAS p. 230.*

Celebrant	The Reverend James Liu
Preacher	The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess
Music Director	Mervin Fick
Choir	Parish Choristers
Servers	Paul Mitchell, Paul Davenport, Betty Scantlebury, Gary Toneguzzo
Communion Minister	Marina Caytap
Mass Setting	MERBECKE, CP 678, 679, 683, 685

We invite you to join us for refreshments after the service.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude Adagio A minor — J JAMES
Allegro C major — T ARNE

Processional Hymn CP 350 Stand Up and Bless the Lord — ST. THOMAS

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 with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord;
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.
This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it:
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

All **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Kyrie Eleison — CP 678

All **Lord, have mercy upon us.**
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria — CP 679

Celebrant Glory be to God on high,

All **and in earth peace, good will towards all.**
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty, O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences;
that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the
bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed.
Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour;
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson Read by Isabelle Robinson

Reader A reading from the Book of Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123 E. J. HOPKINS

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes, / O thou that dwellest in the heavens.
Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, / and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress,

Even so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, / until he have mercy upon us.
HAVE mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us; / for we are utterly despised.
Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy, / and with the despitefulness of the proud.

Second Reading Read by Ted Robinson

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Gospel Acclamation CP 715
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
God brings the world to himself, now through his Christ reconciling;
he has trusted us with the news of redeeming love.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:14-30
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew
All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Homily

Choir Lead Me, Lord SS WESLEY

Nicene Creed

Celebrant I believe in one God

All **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,**
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God;
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father;

through whom all things were made:
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge
both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People Led by Spencer Higgins

Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant invites the Confession of Sin. Silence is kept. Please kneel.

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.
Almighty God,

All **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**
maker of all things and judge of all people:
we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty.
We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee
in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The absolution is pronounced.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And with thy spirit.**

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

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn CP 529 God, My Hope on You Is Founded MICHAEL

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.
All **Amen.**

Prayer of Consecration – Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
All **It is meet and right so to do.**
Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on this first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:
All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,** CP 683
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."
Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son,
his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

All **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee,**
and we pray to thee, Lord our God.

Celebrant And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; and we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say, Our Father,

All **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.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Prayer of Humble Access
Celebrant We do not presume
All **to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Agnus Dei CP 685
All **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Holy Communion

- All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.
- Communion is administered at the High Altar and 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 indicate this to the priest.

Motet Here, O My Lord E DALEY

Hymn CP 352 Amazing Grace NEW BRITAIN

Thanksgiving After Communion

Celebrant Gracious God, in this sacrament
we have shared the body and blood of Christ.
May we who have been nourished by holy things

bear witness to his light,
and share in his eternal priesthood;
for he is Lord for ever and ever.

All **Amen**.

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 CP 629 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness FULDA (WALTON)

Dismissal

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Allegro W HINE

Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall.

The service is taken from the *Book of Common Prayer, 1962 and the Book of Alternative Services, 1985*.

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In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Synod Office Staff
Outreach & Advocacy Cycle: Pray for Trinity, Streetsville, its monthly free Community Meals, ESL program, Camp Trinity, growing online congregation, LIFE groups, refugee sponsorship and its support of The Dam, the Open Door, Indwell, and World Vision Canada; for Trinity-St. Paul, Port Credit, its weekly food hamper collection and financial support of The Compass ecumenical food bank and Mississauga Community Living; and for the Parish of Washago-Price's Corners, its support of Camp Couchiching, Orillia Out of the Cold, Orillia Pregnancy Centre, Lighthouse, Sharing Place, and Mariposa House Hospice, and other local, diocesan and national initiatives.
Parish Cycle: Eugene Sendelwick, Safi Shirsai, Doug Shorthouse and David Willans
Homebound 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.

Updated Schedule of Advent and Christmas Services

Christmas Carols: Sunday, December 20 @ 4 pm
Blue Christmas: Wednesday, December 23 @ 11 am
Family Christmas Service: Thursday, December 24 @ 5 pm
Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist: Thursday, December 24 @ 10 pm
Christmas Day Choral Eucharist: Friday, December 25 @ 10:30 am
First Sunday after Christmas: Sunday, December 27 @ 10:30 am

Announcements

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.*

Mistletoe Advent Tea and Sale | Come and join fellow parishioners at a wonderful Advent Tea and Sale on Saturday November 28th, 10 am - 2 pm in the Parish Hall.
We are looking for volunteers, bakers and crafters!
Please let Stephanie Woodside or Jane Rajantie know if you can help out. You can speak to one of us after the 10:30 church service, or, you can email us:
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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 Credit First Nation,
the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee, 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.

To make a contribution to the Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle you may send an e-transfer to office@stpeterstsimon.ca. Please be sure to include your mailing address in the memo field to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year.