

A Memorial Service of Holy Communion
to the Glory of God: In Loving Memory of
The Rev. Canon Peter Stewart MacDonald



*Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord,
and may light perpetual shine upon him.*

Christ Church, Dartmouth
Anglican Church of Canada
Diocese of Nova Scotia and PEI
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Order of Service

A Prelude of Song

Celebrant 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.**

Welcome *The Rev. Dr. Kyle Wagner, Rector*

Opening Hymn: Come to the River (p. 21)

In the midst of life we are in death;
from whom can we seek help?
From you alone, O Lord,
who by our sins are justly angered.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

Lord you know the secrets of our hearts;
shut not your ears to our prayers,
but spare us, O Lord.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

O worthy and eternal Judge,
do not let the pains of death
turn us away from you at our last hour.

**Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

The Collect

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the maker and redeemer of all,
grant us, with your servant Peter
and all the faithful departed,
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion
and glorious resurrection;
that in the last day,
when you gather up all things in Christ,
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Micah 6:6-8 *read by Noel MacDonald*

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself
before God on high? Shall I come before him with
burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord
be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of
oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my
body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord
require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk
humbly with your God?

**I praise you for I am wonderfully made,
I praise you for I am fearfully made.**

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

**I praise you for I am wonderfully made,
I praise you for I am fearfully made.**

Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

**I praise you for I am wonderfully made,
I praise you for I am fearfully made.**

For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end —I am still with you.

**I praise you for I am wonderfully made,
I praise you for I am fearfully made.**

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

**Antiphon: I praise you for I am wonderfully made,
I praise you for I am fearfully made.**

I John 4:7-18 *read by Maria Clarke*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is
love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his
only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this
is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his

Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.

This is the word of the Lord,
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: This is My Father's World (p. 21)

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 (*stand as able*)
read by Eve MacDonald

Before the Gospel the reader shall say,

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of Christ

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

Words of Remembrance

The Rev. Canon Dr. Jody Clarke & Peter MacDonald

The Prayers of the People *led by Emma MacDonald*

The response to each prayer petition is

“God is Love and they who abide in love, abide in God, and God in them.

The Peace

All stand as able, and the presiding celebrant addresses the people.

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Celebrant God of mercy,
accept the worship we offer you this day.
Increase, we pray, our faith, deepen our hope, and
confirm us in your eternal love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
whose victorious rising from the dead
has given to us the hope of resurrection
and the promise of eternal life.
Therefore with angels and archangels
and all who have served you in every age,
we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

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

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.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant 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.**

Silence This is the bread which has come down from
heaven.

All **Those who eat this bread will live for ever.**

People The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Hymns During Communion: By our Love (p. 22) I am the Bread (p. 24)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of love,
you have fed us at the table of your kingdom.
Teach us to trust, without fear,
in your eternal goodness and mercy.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Commendation

**Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.
You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all; and
we are mortal, formed of the earth,
and to earth shall we return.
For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, “You
are dust, and to dust you shall return.” All of us go down
to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song:**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

The celebrant, facing the body, says,

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour,
we commend your servant Peter.

Acknowledge, we pray, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock,
a child of your own redeeming.

Receive him into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

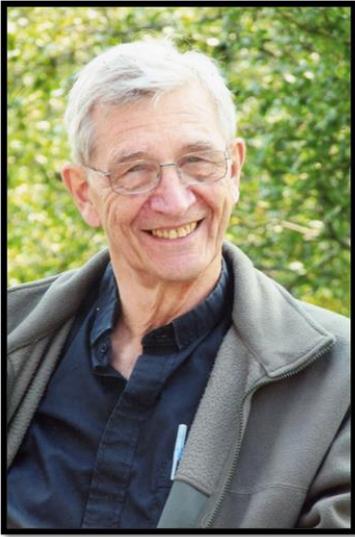
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn: Joyful Joyful (p. 25)

*Following the service the family will gather for the internment in the
Christ Church Memorial Gardens*

*Please join the family after the service in the Lower Hall for a time
refreshment and fellowship.*



The Reverend Canon Peter S. MacDonald began the next phase of his mystical journey by entering into the cosmos on October 6, 2020. Born in Halifax on November 23, 1930 he was one of six brothers, children of the late Fred and Kathleen (Neville). Peter was predeceased by his wife, Betty (Cousins) and his brothers Donald (in infancy), Kirk, Michael and John. He is survived by his children John (Judith), Beth (Jody), Greg (Marianne), Peter (Ronalda) and Kathleen (Paul) as well as his

brother Robert (Eleanor) sisters-in-law, Ruth, Rosemary and Anita. He enjoyed following the many adventure of his eleven grandchildren; Miranda, Noel, Peter, Emma, Maria, Emily, Conor, Peter, Eve, Nicholas and Chloe and one great-grandchild, Mcaleigh. Peter was in the possession of a profound and curious spirituality. As a priest he served in the parishes of Seaforth, Port Dufferin, Shelburne, Charlottetown and concluded his active ministry as Rector of Christ Church, Dartmouth. Peter brought his contemplative and gentle spiritual temperament to countless church committees and organizations. For many years he served as the Archdeacon of the Dartmouth and the Eastern Shore.

Peter's spirituality was wonderfully eclectic, he had an appreciation for all spiritual paths. For Peter, God was the pure embodiment of love, and purpose of life's journey is to increase our capacity to love and care for others. Along with Betty, Peter consistently entered into the life of the various parishes he served with a sense of joy, possibility and a profound understanding of the importance of music. The musical expertise belonged largely to Betty, but Peter unequivocally supported Betty's various choirs. When asked about why his ministry was so successful, Peter

replied by saying, “I would find people with gifts and then empower them to use them!”

The encouragement of others was the hallmark of Peter’s ministry. A product of the Cathedral Church of All Saints in Halifax, Pete and his brothers grew up in Halifax where they played baseball, football and rugby. As he grew older Peter remained physically active taking up palates, yoga, running, walking and finally cane dancing. The five MacDonalDs, along with their brothers in arms, the Nichols and MacQuarrie boys brought a unique zest to their city. From his days attending Tower Road School through to Queen Elizabeth High, Peter thoroughly enjoyed the many adventures that the burgeoning city of Halifax could offer. Peter and his brothers grew up to be extremely active and deeply conscientious citizens of every city in which they lived. Each recognized the grace of life that comes when people roll up their sleeves and get involved.

The family is comforted in knowing the extent to which Peter touched the lives of so many. From a family standpoint, we have lost a dear father, friend, spiritual north star, inspiration and the embodiment of humility.

For those who would like to make an offering in memory of Peter, please consider the Foodbank at Christ Church. Canada Helps link for Christ Church online:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/parish-of-christ-church-dartmouth/> directed towards “Food bank.” Or the general fund at Christ Church, Dartmouth by contacting the parish office 902.466.4270, email: christchurch@christchurchdartmouth.com.

Lyrics for Songs and Hymns

Prelude Sing- A -Long

Give us Hope

Give us hope, Lord, for each day,
Give us hope, Lord, for each day.
Guide our footsteps on the way,
Give us hope, Lord, for each day.

Give us strength, Lord, for each day...
Give us peace, Lord, for each day...
Give us love, Lord, for each day...
Give us joy, Lord, for each day...

It's a Long Road to Freedom

Refrain:

It's a long road to freedom,
a winding steep and high
But when you walk in love
with the wind on your wing
And cover the earth with the songs you sing
The miles fly by

I walked one morning by the sea
And all the waves reached out to me
I took their tears, then let them be

Refrain

I walked one morning at the dawn
When bits of night still lingered on
I sought my star, but it was gone

Refrain

I walked one morning with a friend
And prayed the day would never end

The years have flown so why pretend

Refrain

I walked one morning with my King
And all my winters turned to spring
Yet every moment held its sting

Refrain

Here I am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here am I, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide,
'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

There is a Longing

Refrain

There is a longing in our hearts,
O Lord for you to reveal yourself to us
There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our
God

For justice, for freedom, for mercy, hear our prayer
In sorrow, in grief, be near, hear our prayer, o God

Refrain

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort, hear our prayer
In weakness, in fear, be near, hear our prayer, o God

Refrain

For Healing, For Wholeness,
For New Life, Hear Our Prayer.
In Sickness, In Death,
Be Near, Hear Our Prayer, O God.

Refrain

Lord, save us, take pity, light in our darkness
We call you, we wait.
Be near, hear our prayer, O God

Refrain

My Love Colours Outside the Lines

My love colours outside the lines,
Exploring paths that few could ever find;
And takes me into places where I've never been before,
And opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines,
Turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
And takes me into places where I've never been before
And opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

We'll never walk on water if we're not prepared to drown,
Body and soul need a soaking from time to time.
And we'll never move the gravestones if we're not prepared to
die, And realize there are worlds outside the lines.

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
Tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;
I want to walk beyond the boundaries
where I've never been before,
Throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

Shine Jesus Shine

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the World shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me

Refrain

Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word
Lord and let there be light

Lord I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me shine on me

Refrain

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me shine on me

Refrain

Service Music

Opening: Come to the River

Refrain

Come, O come, Come to the River
Flowing from the body of Christ.
We'll go down, deep in the water,
But in the Lord we shall arise.

Washed in the waters of rebirth,
We have put on Christ Jesus.

Refrain

Blest are those who thirst
For the reign of God's justice.
Refrain

Let us walk in the light
Of God's holy promise.

Refrain

Psalm Response:

**I praise you for I am wonderfully made,
I praise you for I am fearfully made.**

Gradual: This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought

Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

Prayers of the People Response:

**God is love and they who abide in love,
abide in God and God in them.**

Communion: By our Love

Refrain

By our love, by our love,
they will know we are Christians by our love.
Not by words, but how we live,
yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love.

When we feed the hungry,
they will know by our love,

lifting up the lowly,
by our love, by our love.
We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity
may one day be restored.

Refrain

Welcome to the stranger,
they will know by our love,
shelter for the homeless,
by our love, by our love.
We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land.

Refrain

Freedom to the captive,
They will know by our love,
Comfort to the broken,
by our love, by our love.
We will work with each other,
We will work side by side,
And we'll guard each one's dignity
And save each other's pride.

Refrain

We sing praise to the Father,
from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one,
they will know we are Christians

by our love, by our love.

Refrain

Communion Hymn: I am the Bread of Life

I Am The Bread Of Life,
They Who Come To Me
Shall Not Hunger,
They Who Believe In Me
Shall Not Thirst
No One Can Come To Me
Unless The Father draw them.

Refrain

And I Will Raise You Up,
And I Will Raise You Up
And I Will Raise You Up
On The Last Day

The Bread That I Will Give
Is My Flesh For The Life Of The World
And they Who Eat Of This Bread
They Shall Live Forever
They Shall Live Forever.

Refrain

Unless You Eat
Of The Flesh Of The Son Of Man
And Drink Of His Blood,
And Drink Of His Blood
You Shall Not Have Life Within You.

Refrain

I Am The Resurrection,
I Am The Life,
If You Believe In Me,

Even Though You Die,
You Shall Live Forever.

Refrain

Yes, Lord, We Believe
That You Are The Christ,
The Son Of God,
Who Has Come
Into The World.

Refrain

Sending: Joyful, Joyful

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Postlude: Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,

At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain:

"Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.
"I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
I will lead you all in the Dance," said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and for John;
They came with me and the dance went on. Refrain
I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
The holy people, they said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And they left me there on a cross to die.

Refrain

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on.

Refrain

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die,
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
"I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.



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