



# Peter G. Harris

*November 18, 1937 - February 11, 2026*

*February 21, 2026 at 10am*

*The Cathedral Church of St. James  
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# Welcome to St. James Cathedral

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*Peter planned today's service including his favourite hymns.*

## Order of Service

### Prelude

### Burial Sentences

*William Croft*

### Greeting

*Presider* 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.**

### Tributes

### Hymn

Tune: Lobe Den Herren

*All*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
all ye who hear,  
brothers and sisters draw near,  
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen  
how thy entreaties have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him.

Text: Joachim Neander; tr. Catherine Winkworth, alt.; Music: *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Stralsund, 1665, alt.; desc. Craig Sellar Lang;

## The Collect

*Presider* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### Reading

*Philippians 4:4-8*

*Reader* Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn

Tune: Crimond

*All* The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

Text: Ps. 23; para. Scottish Psalter, 1650; Music: Melody  
Jessie Seymour Irvine; harm. Thomas C.I. Pritchard;

## Reading

*Matthew 5:1-12a*

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

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

*Reader* 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.

*Reader* The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Homily

## The Apostles' Creed

*Presider* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

*All* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor* Let us pray.

God of grace and glory, we thank you for Peter, who was so near and dear to us, and who has now been taken from us.

We thank you for the friendship he gave and for the strength and peace he brought.

We thank you for the love he offered and received while he was with us on earth.

We pray that nothing good in this man's life will be lost, but will be of benefit to the world; that all that was important to him will be respected by those who follow; and that everything in which he was great will continue to mean much to us now that he is dead.

We ask you that he may go on living in his children, his family and his friends; in their hearts and minds, in their courage and their consciences.

We ask you that we who were close to him may now, because of his death, be even closer to each other, and that we may, in peace and friendship here on earth, always be deeply conscious of your promise to be faithful to us in death.

We pray for ourselves, who are severely tested by this death, that we do not try to minimize this loss, or seek refuge from it in words alone, and also that we do not brood over it so that it overwhelms us and isolates us from others.

May God grant us courage and confidence in the new life of Christ. We ask this in the name of the risen Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*We offer each other a sign of peace.*

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Hymn

Tune: Crusaders' Hymn

*All* Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O thou the God-head's human son:  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,  
thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring,  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
who makes the troubled heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
and fair the twinkling, starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,  
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;  
none can be nearer, fairer,  
or dearer than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Presider* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Presider* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Presider* But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Presider* Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### **Sanctus & Benedictus**

*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.**

*Presider* Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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."

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Presider* Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

**People**      **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Presider*    Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

**People**      **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider*    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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Presider*    This is the bread which has come down from heaven.

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

### **The Communion**

*Presider*    The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Agnus Dei**

*Choir*        Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.*

*If you choose not to receive communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Simply cross your hands over your chest to indicate this to the priest.*

### **Communion Hymn**

Tune: Rockingham

**All**            When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the cross of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts; Music: Melody Psalmody in Miniature, Second Supplement, 1780?; harm. Edward Miller; desc. David R. Riley

### **Communion Hymn**

Tune: Maryton

*All* O Master, let me walk with thee  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me thy secret; help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move  
By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee  
In closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong:

In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broadening way;  
In peace that only thou canst give,  
With thee, O Master, let me live.

Author: Washington Gladden (1879)

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Presider* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

## **The Kontakion**

*Choir* Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints:  
Where sorrow and pain are no more;  
Neither sighing but life everlasting.  
Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of man:  
And we are mortal formed from the dust of the earth,  
And unto earth shall we return:  
For so thou didst ordain,  
When thou created me saying:  
“Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return.”  
All we go down to the dust;  
And weeping o’er the grave we make our song:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## **Prayer of Commendation**

*Vicar* 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 sinner 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.

*All* **Amen.**

*Vicar* Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord.

*People* **And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

*Vicar* May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest  
in peace.

*People* **Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*Vicar* May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the  
great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you  
with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is  
pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

Tune: Maccabaeus

*All* Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son: endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

### *Refrain*

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son: endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life: life is nought without thee;  
aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

## Postlude

*All are welcome to a reception at Snell Hall  
immediately following the service.*

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Peter Harris passed away peacefully on February 11, 2026, at the age of 88.

Beloved father of Carolyn (Raymond McDougall) and Douglas, and loving grandfather of Shailyn (Tomas Martinez). Peter is now reunited with his late wife Vivien and his parents, Gladys and Ernest.

Born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, in 1937, he moved to Vancouver with his mother and brother, Perry, in 1944. Peter completed his Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designation in 1964 and his Masters of Business Administration degree in 1972. Peter and Vivien were married in 1966 and moved to Toronto with their young family in 1974.

Peter cared deeply about others, and he dedicated himself to helping people through many of his life's pursuits. He was the Executive Director of Christian Children's Fund of Canada (now Children Believe) from 1980 to 2000, and he said that after Vivien, Carolyn, Douglas and Shailyn, his work there was the greatest joy of his life. Peter was a champion of social justice, and his many other volunteering roles in the service of others included work on the Campaign 2000 End Child Poverty in Canada and at All Saints Church-Community Centre. He was a Lay Pastoral Visitor of the Anglican Church of Canada, Diocese of Toronto.

Peter greatly enjoyed community involvement and engaging with people. Together with Vivien, he was actively involved in the community of the Church of the Holy Trinity in Guildwood, and they enjoyed many years of neighbourhood life with friends on Old Trillium Lane. Peter loved being part of the community at the Cathedral Church of St. James, including as a choir member, and he participated actively in events and social life when he lived at Briton House. In those years, he loved talking with shopkeepers on Mount Pleasant Avenue and bought many unique gifts for those he loved.

Peter talked with people wherever he went – in Toronto and on his extensive travels around the world, both in the context of his work and together with Vivien. He also truly loved all of our family pets over the years, including the family beagle, Shetland Sheepdogs and his cat of recent years, Gong.

Peter was an incredibly kind person – his kindness and caring will continue on, inspiring those who knew him. He lived a life of helping people less fortunate than he was and reaching out to anyone experiencing hardship. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by his family and friends.

Our heartfelt thanks to all at the Briton House and Easy Access Health Care Services who helped Peter through his retirement and care journey with kindness and extraordinary care.

As expressions of sympathy in lieu of flowers, Peter invited donations to the St. James Drop-In program, providing food and support for people experiencing homelessness.

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