

The Episcopal Church of St. Peter by-the-Lake June 29, 2025



The Feast Day of St. Peter & St. Paul (transferred)
Holy Eucharist Rite II: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

The Feast Day of St. Peter & St. Paul

They are an unlikely duo, Peter and Paul; their paths often separate one from the other and their opinions more than once divided themselves and the church. One of the things that Peter and Paul held in common, however, was the difficulty of their ministry. I do not mean the darkness of their times, the oppression that occasioned their struggles, but a greater difficulty: the battle of competing lights. This is what Paul tried to convey to Timothy and Jesus to Peter.

Paul's ministry was conducted in a world of dazzling brilliance. The Roman Empire was near its apex. Learning was alive and exciting. World trade and communication brought people into vibrant contact. The religion of Athens and Rome was long and well founded. Set against all this, Christianity was a small potato. How could a gospel of self-denial and service to others survive in a world of military might and creature comforts? Christianity was in danger of being eclipsed by the overwhelming vigor of its competition.

That, at least in part, seems to be Jesus' message to Peter as well. Their interchange about feeding sheep as an expression of love and service is set within the context of Jesus and Peter having just eaten breakfast. Jesus instructs Peter to feed the sheep when both of them had just satisfied their own appetites. Is Jesus reminding Peter, and us, that ministry is always more difficult when we are satisfied?

A single star hovering above Bethlehem does not stand a chance in the galaxy of twinkling competitors; the hardest work of ministry is not in that obvious place of deepest, darkest contrast, but in that dazzling arena of power that threatens to charm us out of our convictions. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it, but lost among the many other lights, the star can be hard to see. Those who follow must look with care, or be lost. (Sam Portaro – 'Brightest and Best')

Faithfully,

Father Ron

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Voluntary: Built on a Rock (arr: G. Winston Cassler)

Opening Hymn: "By all your saints still striving" Hymnal 232

Insert Stanza 2 (Saint Peter and Saint Paul):

We praise you for Saint Peter; we praise you for Saint Paul. They taught both Jew and Gentile that Christ is all in all.

To cross and sword they yielded and saw your kingdom come:

O God, your two apostles, won life through martyrdom.

GENERAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

The Collect for Purity

BCP pg. 355

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Celebrant:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

8:30 am: Celebrant: Lord have mercy BCP Pg. 356

People: Christ have mercy Celebrant: Lord have mercy

The Gloria (10:30 am)

Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest, 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 of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Ezekiel 34:11-16

Reader: A reading from the book of Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 87

- On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; * the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
- 2 Glorious things are spoken of you, * O city of our God.
- 3 I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; * behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born.
- 4 Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was born in her, * and the Most High himself shall sustain her."
- 5 The Lord will record as he enrolls the peoples, *
 "These also were born there."
- 6 The singers and the dancers will say, * "All my fresh springs are in you."

The Second Lesson 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Reader: A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn: "O Master, let me walk with thee" Hymnal 659

The Gospel (standing)

John 21:15-19

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Dr. Ron Taylor

The Nicene Creed (standing)

BCP pg. 358

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

The Prayers of the People Form VI

BCP pg. 392

(said responsively by celebrant and congregation)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and José, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Confession and Absolution

BCP pg. 393

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People:

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; In your orgive us our sins, Known and unknown, Things done and left undone; And so uphold us by your Spirit That we may live and serve you in newness of life, To the honor and glory of your Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory 'Rock of Ages' – James Ward

At the Presentation

Doxology Hymnal 380

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly hosts,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Bidding Prayer

Celebrant: This is the table of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is made ready for all.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little,

You who have been here often and you who have not been here long, You who have tried to follow and those who struggle to find the path.

Come, because it is God who invites you.

It is God's will that those who desire to do so should meet God here.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer B)

BCP 367

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

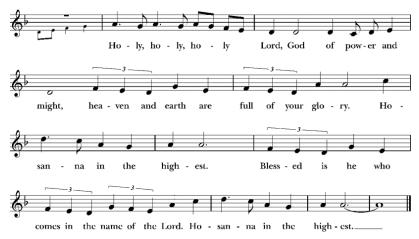
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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The people kneel or sit.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People: 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, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [______ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: AMEN. (Danish 3-fold)

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

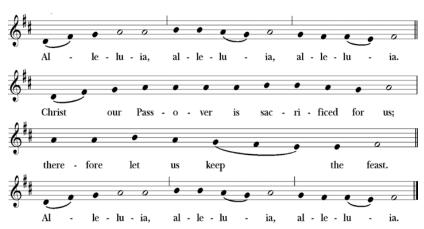
The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 154



'Here I am Lord'

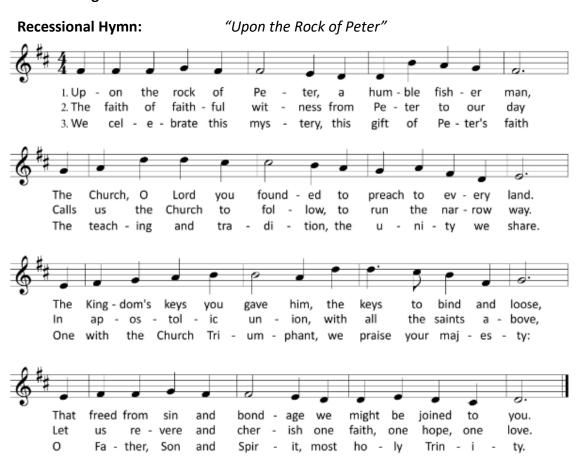
Songbook 36

Post Communion Prayer (Celebrant and People)

BCP pg. 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing



The Dismissal BCP pg. 366

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary: Foundation - John Ness Beck

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Helen Lungwitz in loving memory of her parents on their anniversary.

SPBTL NEWS AND EVENTS

<u>CENTERING PRAYER</u> 10AM, Meets downstairs every Wed. Please join us! COFFEE HOUR Sign up in Fotinos Hall or call the office.

LAST GAME NIGHT OF THE SUMMER: Join the fun July 14th in Fotinos Hall for St. Peter's Game night! Bring a snack to share and a favorite game to play. Fun for all ages!

<u>VBS Registration is now open!</u> Look for the loose flyer in the bulletin. VBS will be July 21-24, 6-8PM, with dinner provided. Join in the fun to Discover the BIGNESS OF GOD!

<u>VALLE CRUCIS REGISTRATION</u> Is now open! Annual Parish Retreat will be October 17th–19th, 2025 See our website or Fotinos Hall for more info and a registration form.

SUMMER CHOIR If you like to sing but can't make weekday rehearsals, this is for you. We will meet on Sunday mornings in the Nave at 9:45 a.m. for rehearsal continuing through the months of July and August! Hope to see you there! Contact David Wilcox at music@spbtl.com for more information.

<u>HIGH NOON TEA</u>—July 13th from Noon—2pm. RSVP—Ginia at gedwards@spbtl.com Join us for an elegant gathering featuring delightful tea and a selection of three-course finger foods. Dress to impress in your Sunday best and don your finest high noon tea hats as we engage in conversation, partake in sophisticated games, and enjoy the experience of creating something new together.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS — Please check your calendars in advance so we don't have missing servants. We will see these Special Servants next week, 7/6/25:

8:30 AM

Chalice Bearer— Cathy Melesh
Usher— Mike/Angela Matousek
Acolyte - Cathy Hiney
Reader - Susan Schuman

10:30 AM

Chalice Bearer— Patrick & Patty Duggan
Usher— Duane Rinkus, Jim Racz
Acolyte - Madison Ireland, John Stewart
Reader - Elaine Jacobs
LLR - Jim Bowden

SPECIAL SERVANT SCHEDULE July August 2025

DATE	7/6/2025	7/13/2025	7/20/2025	7/27/2025		
8:30	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE		
Chalice Bearer	Cathy Melesh	Jennifer Baker	Kathleen Wiley	Michele Moss		
Usher	Mike/Angela Matousek	Cathy Melesh	Ronnie Rudd	Chad Hamby		
Acolyte	Cathy Hiney	Tracey Engel	Cathy Melesh	Libby Motto		
Reader	Susan Schuman	Sherree Brady	Karen Horne	Diane Johnson		
Coffee HOUR						
10:30	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE		
Chalice Bearer	Patty & Patrick Duggan	Hope Paaasch, Elaine Jacobs	Jim/Stephanie Heil	John/Michelle Stewart		
Usher	Duane Rinkus, Jim Racz	Claire/Bob Tracy	Walter/Frances Smith	Gary Johnston, David Plyler		
		Bonnie Grant, Zachary				
Acolyte	Madison Ireland, John Stewart	Ireland	Jenny Hunter, Beckett Rinkus	Ethan Graham, Lillian Finch		
Reader	Elaine Jacobs	Hope Paaasch	John Stewart	Jenny Hunter		
Livestream Tech	Bill Reid, Beth Lunney	Beth Lunney, Walter Smith	Beill Reid, Phillip Russo	Phillip Russo, Andy Halasz		
Lay Reader	Jim Bowden	Libby Motto	Matt Gustis	Cyndi Jarvis		
Coffee HOUR	Brittany & Jacob Seminara					
Altar Guild	A. Bowden	J. McPeak	C. Hatley	B. Smith		
Flower	Tom & Cathy Grace	Beth & Dick Lunney	Beckye Smith	Josette Anzalone		
Bread Guild	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4		
DATE	8/3/2025	8/10/2025	8/17/2025	8/24/2025	8/31/2025	
8:30	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	FIRST SERVICE	
Chalice Bearer	Sherree Brady	Cathy Melesh	Kathleen Wiley	Jennifer Baker	Michele Moss	
Usher	Emily Gentry	Helen Lungwitz	Steve/Cathy Hiney	Tracey Engel	Jennifer Baker	
Acolyte	Michele Moss	Cathy Hiney	Tracey Engel	Cathy Melesh	Libby Motto	
Reader	Libby Willis	Jennifer Baker	Libby Motto	Cathy Melesh	Michele Moss	
Coffee Hour						
10:30	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	SECOND SERVICE	
Chalice Bearer	Diane Davis, Frances Smith	Scott Major, Beckye Smith	Mary Sansbury, Diana Mushill	Patty & Patrick Duggan	Hope Paasch, Elaine Jacob	
Usher	Mary Sansbury, Joe Anzalone	Diana Mushill, Kathy Campbell	Roger Simpson, Gra Wagner	Dick Lunney, Duane Rinkus	Jim Racz, Mary Sansbury	
Acolyte	Michelle Stewart, Boone Russo	Greta & Freya Gustis	Isabelle Dalton, Audrey Prouty	Madison Ireland, Ava Prouty	Bonnie Grant, Jack Dwye	
Reader	Bonnie Grant	Priscilla Foley	Georgia Rummage	Diana Mushill	Cyndi Jarvis	
Livestream Tech	Beth Lunney, Phillip Russo	Walter Smith, Bill Reid	Bill Reid, Andy Halasz	Phillip Russo, Walter Smith	th Lunney, Cha Wuerden	
Lay Reader	Jim Bowden	Sherree Brady	Matt Gustis	Stephanie Heil	Libby Motto	
Coffee Hour						
	A. Bowden	J. McPeak	C. Hatley	B. Smith	B. Smith	
Altar Guild						
Altar Guild Flower	Jim Heil	Cyndi Jarvis	Josette Anzalone	Betsy Clements	Libby Motto	

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of 5/31/2025)

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance YTD
Total Revenues	\$236,731	\$219,878	\$16,852
Total Expenses	\$223,690	\$219,648	(\$4,042)
Net Total	\$13,041	\$230	\$12,811



ST. PETER BY-THE-LAKE EPISCOPAL CHURCH MAGNIFIED VBS 2025

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Jesus Christ, Head of the Church

Ministers: All members of the Church The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, Bishop

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Ron Taylor

Christian Formation Director: Ginia Edwards

Director of Music: David Wilcox

Director of Music Emeritus: Leigh Ann Johnston

Licensed Lay Reader: Zoe Jarman

Ushers: Ron & Karen Horne, Roger Simpson, Dick Lunney
Chalice Bearers: Libby Motto, Mary Sansbury, Michelle Stewart
Acolytes: Jacob Hamby, Madison Ireland, Diana Mushill

Readers: Diane Johnson, Daphne Wagner

Altar Guild Team 3 — Carmen Hatley, Cathy and Tom Grace, Jean Hatley, Jeanne Hawkins, Cyndi Jarvis, Nancy Pittinaro, Brandy Rudd, Daphne Wagner, Mary Sansbury

Bread Guild Team 3: Mary Sansbury, Jeanne Hawkins, Cathy Maslow

Livestream Tech: Beth Lunney, Phillip Russo

Coffee Hour: Cynthia Marton

THE VESTRY

Senior Warden – Jessica Gustis Junior Warden – Stephanie Heil

Tracy Engel, Pat Higbie, Gary Jarvis, Connie Mathis, Bill Reid, Mary Sansbury, Pamela Weed

Clerk of the Vestry: Daphne Wagner

MISSION STATEMENT:



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