



The Episcopal Church of St. Peter by-the-Lake

July 20, 2025



The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite II: 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Time for every purpose

A couple of years ago, as I did lunch-mum duty, I noticed one of my little girls (around nine years old) sitting by herself on the playground. Her eyes were closed, her arms stretched out, her thumb and first finger held together, and she was whispering, “peace, peace, peace...” Pretty impressive, I thought. So I sat down and joined her. And when we stopped, I asked her if she did that a lot. “Oh, sometimes,” she replied, “when I want some quiet time.” Then she ran off to play with her classmates. Wouldn’t it be nice, I thought, if we all realized the importance of quiet time, peace, and contemplation in our busy lives?

I remember being quite impressed with Queen Elizabeth II’s Christmas message in 2013. She noted the importance of contemplation and reflection: “I once knew someone who spent a year in a plaster cast recovering from an operation on his back. He read a lot and thought a lot and felt miserable. Later he realized this time of forced retreat from the world had helped him to understand the world more clearly. We all need to get the balance right between action and reflection” the Queen continued. “With so many distractions, it is easy to forget to pause and take stock...For Christians, for all people of faith, reflection, meditation, and prayer help us to renew ourselves in God’s love as we strive daily to become better people.”

This, I believe, is what today’s Gospel teaches us. As the world turns increasingly faster, bringing change upon change in dizzying amounts, we need to turn away and seek silence to be able to hear God’s voice within. Mary knew it. Martha would be gently reminded of it. My little schoolgirl seemed to understand it. The Queen wasn’t afraid to make it the focus of her televised message to the United Kingdom. We all need to take time to sit at our God’s feet.

(The Rev. Dr. Suzanna Metz – Synthesis)

Faithfully, Father Ron

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Voluntary: *'Hymn of Promise' – arr. John Ferguson*

Opening Hymn: *"Immortal, invisible, God only wise"*

Hymnal 423

GENERAL ACCLAMATION

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

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

The Collect for Purity

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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

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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, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of

your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Ecclesiastes 3:1-7

Reader: A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 52

- 1** You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness *
against the godly all day long?
- 2** You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, *
O worker of deception.
- 3** You love evil more than good *
and lying more than speaking the truth.
- 4** You love all words that hurt, *
O you deceitful tongue.
- 5** Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, *
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,
and root you out of the land of the living!

- 6 The righteous shall see and tremble, *
and they shall laugh at him, saying,
- 7 "This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, *
but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness."
- 8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; *
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
- 9 I will give you thanks for what you have done *
and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

The Second Lesson

Colossians 1:15-28

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn: "Come and Find the Quiet Center"



1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd - ed life we lead,
2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's pain,



find the room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are freed:
God it is who speaks and names is, knows our be - ing, touch - es base,
let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain:



Clear the cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes that we can see
mak - ing space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun,
There's a place for deep - est dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care,



all the things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
rais - ing cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun
in the Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.

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The Gospel (*standing*)

Luke 10:38-42

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

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

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Ron Taylor

The Nicene Creed *(standing)*

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM VI

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(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.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

Confession and Absolution

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

Leader and People:

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
In your compassion forgive 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 *'To Everything There Is a Season' – Peter Seeger*

Chorus: To everything (Turn, Turn, Turn)
There is a season (Turn, Turn, Turn)
And a time to every purpose under heaven.

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| 1. A time to be born, a time to die;
A time to plant, a time to reap;
A time to kill, a time to heal;
A time to laugh, a time to weep. (Chorus) | 3. A time of love, a time of hate;
A time of war, a time of peace;
A time you may embrace,
A time to refrain from embracing. (Chorus) |
| 2. A time to build up, a time to break down;
A time to dance, a time to mourn;
A time to cast away stones,
A time to gather stones together. (Chorus) | 4. A time to gain, a time to lose;
A time to rend, a time to sew;
A time for love, a time for hate; A time for
peace, I swear it's not too late. (Chorus) |

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.

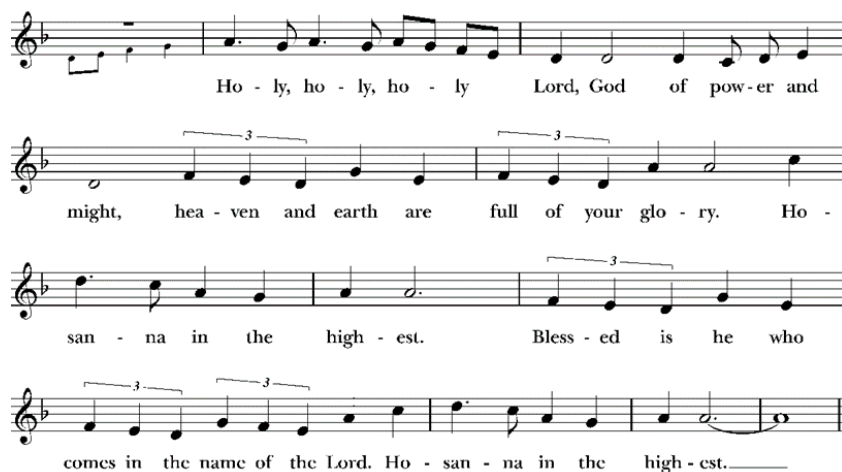
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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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. (Preface of the day.)

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: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you

these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

Danish 3-fold (10:30)

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Administration of the Sacrament

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn

'Be Thou My Vision'

Hymnal 488

Post Communion Prayer (Celebrant and People)

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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

Recessional Hymn:

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Hymnal 594

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Voluntary: *God of Grace and God of Glory* - arr. Paul Manz

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Beckye Smith in honor of Zoe Jarman on her birthday .*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS — Please check your calendars in advance so we don't have missing servants. We will see these Special Servants next week, 7/27/25:

8:30 AM

Chalice Bearer— Michele Moss

Usher— Chad Hamby

Acolyte - Libby Motto

Reader - Diane Johnson

10:30 AM

Chalice Bearer— John & Michelle Stewart

Usher— Gary Johnston, David Plyler

Acolyte - Ethan Graham, volunteer?

Reader - Jenny Hunter

LLR - Cyndi Jarvis

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

SPBTL NEWS AND EVENTS

CENTERING PRAYER 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!

VALLE CRUCIS REGISTRATION 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 10 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.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED— For many years, volunteers from St. Peters have helped the residents of the Lakewood Care Center at 7981 Optimist Club Road in Denver by distributing snacks, drinks and kind words to them. We are in need for someone to help out doing this. This happens the third Wednesday of every month, from 10:00 to 11:30am. You'd be working with another St Peters' volunteer. If you think this is something you might be willing to do, please text Marilyn Saunders at 704-589-1530 for more information.

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ST. PETER BY-THE-LAKE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name :

Email Address :

Phone Number :

Date of Birth : / /

Address :

City :

ZIP/Postal Code :

State/Province :

Pick up Person :

REGISTRATION OPTION

☐ Small Blessing Newborn-4yrs ☐ Pre-k-2nd grade ☐ 3rd-5th grade

☐ 6th-8th grade ☐ 9th-12th grade ☐ Adult

VBS T-SHIRT (\$15)

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ALLERGIES?

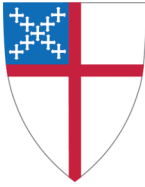
FOOD RESTRICTIONS?

☐ Gluten Free ☐ Vegan ☐ Peanut/Nuts ☐ None ☐ Other



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Director of Music: David Wilcox

Director of Music Emeritus: Leigh Ann Johnston

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Acolytes: Cathy Hiney, Jenny Hunter, Boone Russo

Readers: Karen Horne, John Stewart

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: Bill Reid, Phillip Russo

Coffee Hour: Gloria Reid

THE VESTRY

Senior Warden – Jessica Gustis

Junior Warden – Stephanie Heil

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