



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

July 27, 2025



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

The Prayer of Jesus

Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer has five imperatives, or steps, in communing with God. The first two acknowledge the holiness and sovereignty of God as the foundation on which our life of prayer is based. Derived from traditional Jewish prayer forms, the prayer opens with the simple address to God as 'Father'. Here, Jesus does not offer a new idea of God, but reveals his own familiarity with God in contrast to the more formal prayers of Palestinian Judaism. We are to approach God in prayer with the same intimacy that Jesus does.

Verse 2 goes on to say that God's name is holy, and this holiness sets God apart from all created things.

The second part of the prayer includes three petitions that move the focus from the 'nature' of God to God's 'relationship with humanity.' The first petition asks for our daily physical sustenance. The second asks for the forgiveness of our sins – a major theme in Luke's Gospel. The final petition requests that we not be brought to 'the time of trial.' Jesus himself faced temptation as he discerned how he was to fulfill his vocation. Here we ask for God's grace to withstand the trails and temptations that come to us. This, Jesus tells us, is the way to pray. (Synthesis, July 2019)

Faithfully,

Father Ron

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Voluntary: *'Prayer' – Jacques Lemmens*

Opening Hymn: *"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"*

Hymnal 518

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass

through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Genesis 18:20-32

Reader: A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 82 (7-13)

- 7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, *
and grant us your salvation.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Second Lesson

Colossians 2:6-15

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

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn:

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"



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The Gospel (*standing*)

Luke 11:1-13

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

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who

searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

'Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying'—Ken Medema

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing. _____

Lord, send your Spir - it in this place; _____

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, _____ send us

love, send us power, send us grace. _____

Refrain Lord, listen to your children praying,
 Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
 Lord, listen to your children praying,
 Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Something's gonna happen like the world has never known,
 when the people of the Lord get down to pray;
A door's gonna swing open, and the walls come a-tumbling down,
 when the people of the Lord get down to pray. (Refrain)

You're gonna know it when the Lord stretches out His hand,
 when the people of the Lord get down to pray;
There's gonna be a brand new song of vict'ry in this land,
 when the people of the Lord get down to pray. (Refrain)

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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.

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER ONE

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.

(The celebrant continues)

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**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.**

(the people may kneel or sit)

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life,
You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; We would not see your goodness in the world around us; And so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, And raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, Made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, Opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, And when he had given

thanks to you, He broke it, and gave it to his friend, and said: "Take eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By the Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit, and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, That with (_____ and) all your saints, Past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
To you be honor, glory, and praise,
For ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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.**

10:30am Service: **Cursillo Lord's Prayer** (see next page)

Cursillo Lord's Prayer

(CANTOR) (CONGREGATION)

Our Father (*Our Father*). Who art in heaven. (*Who art in heaven*) Hallowed be (*Hallowed be*) Your name (*Your name*). Thy kingdom come (*Thy kingdom come*) Thy will be done (*Thy will be done*) On earth (*on earth*) as in Heaven (*as in Heaven*) Please give us (*please give us*) All that we need (*All that we need*) and for-give us (*and for-give us*) All our sins (*All our sins*). As we for-give (*As we forgive*) Those who harm us (*Those who harm us*) And lead us not (*and lead us not*) a-way from You (*away from You*) For the King-dom (*for the Kingdom*) And the power (*and the power*) And the glory (*and the glory*) are Yours now (*are Yours now*) For ev-er (*for ever*) and ev-er (*and ever*) A-men (*Amen*) A-men (*Amen*).

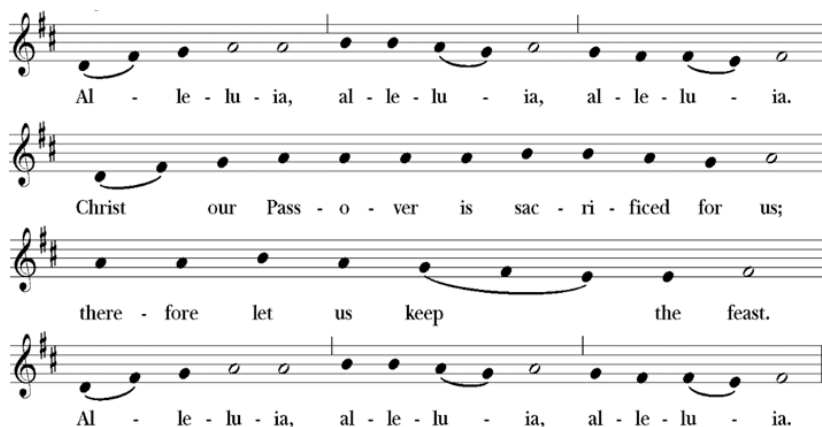
The Breaking of the Bread

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

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 154



Administration of the Sacrament

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn

'On Eagle's Wings'

Songbook 81

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:

'Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples'

Songbook 110

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Voluntary: *'Prayer of the Sicilian Mariners'* - arr. Richard Warner

The altar flowers are given by Josette Anzalone to the glory of God in memory of the love of my life. Happy Heavenly Anniversary, Joe. And in memory of our parents, Andrew & Rose Riso & Joe & Mary Anzalone & all family who have left this life.

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

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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.

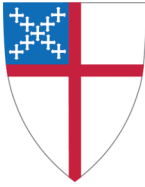
SUMMER CHOIR If you like to sing but can't make weekday rehearsals, this is for you. We will meet on Sunday mornings in the Nave at 10 a.m. for rehearsal continuing through the months of July and August! Hope to see you there! Contact David Wilcox at music@spbtl.com for more information.

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.

SUNDAY AUGUST 17th BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS, STUDENTS, AND SCHOOL STAFF

Join us at either service with your backback and Fr. Ron will bless you and your backpack before you begin the new school year.

FALL PARISH WORKDAY Saturday, August 23rd Mark your calendar and join us to beautify our parish grounds!



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Christian Formation Director: Ginia Edwards

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Director of Music Emeritus: Leigh Ann Johnston

Licensed Lay Reader: Cyndi Jarvis

Ushers: Chad Hamby, Gary Johnston, David Plyler

Chalice Bearers: Michele Moss, Michelle & John Stewart

Acolytes: Libby Motto, Ethan Graham,

Readers: Diane Johnson, Jenny Hunter

Altar Guild Team 4 – Beckye Smith, Karen Horne, Pamela Weed, Jenny Hunter, Chuck Hunter, Scott Major, Emily Gentry, Kathryn Graham, Patsy Roosa

Bread Guild Team 4: Karen Horne, Cynthia Martin, Pamela Weed

Livestream Tech: Andy Halasz, Phillip Russo

Coffee Hour:

THE VESTRY

Senior Warden – Jessica Gustis

Junior Warden – Stephanie Heil

Tracey Engel, Pat Higbie, Gary Jarvis,

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