



ST. PETER'S
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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:30 am | October 4, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to St. Peter's! From the moment you walk through these doors, you are part of our 137-year story. Many like you have come here before. Some seeking solace. Some seeking community. Some who are young. Some who are old. Some with deep faith. Some with deep doubt. Some who are here for a short time. Some who are here for their whole lives. Together, we are the saints of St. Peter's, and we share the story of this place.

In the Episcopal tradition, our worship is guided by *The Book of Common Prayer*, which can be found in the pews, along with the *Hymnal 1982*, but everything for today's service can also be found in this leaflet.

Restrooms are available in Bender Hall, through the north doors and down the ramp. There you will find individual restrooms on the left and men's and women's restrooms with changing tables through the second door and to your far right.

This service is live streamed on YouTube. Please be aware you may be seen or heard by those worshipping with us online.



St. Peter's is equipped with a hearing loop for those using hearing aids.

If you would like to learn more about St. Peter's or to have a prayerful conversation, please don't hesitate to reach out! You can find my contact information on the back of this leaflet. And again, welcome!

The Rev. Derek Larson, TSSF

The congregation, both children and adults, is invited to worship through art, if desired, by drawing a picture of one of the Scripture readings for the day. At the offertory the art will be brought forth to adorn the altar for Communion. Clipboards and coloring utensils may be found at each entrance.

HYMNS can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982

Hymn: Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word (H1982 #530)

The Word of God

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

All *see pew card for music*

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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7 *(Please be seated)*

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter: Psalm 80:7-14 (*people respond singing bold text*)

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we *shall* be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *

you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; *

it took root and *filled* the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *

and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *

and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *

so that all who pass by pluck *off* its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *

and the beasts of the field have *grazed* upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

behold and tend this vine; *

preserve what your right *hand* has planted.

The Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and

the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness (H1982 #381)

The Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46 *(Please stand)*

Gospeller The ✠ Holy Gospel of our ✠ Lord Jesus ✠ Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Homily: The Rev. Derek Larson *(Please be seated)*

A moment of quiet reflection will follow the homily.

The Nicene Creed *(standing)*

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 *Written by Daughters of the King*

Deacon's invitation to prayer

Almighty God, help us to pray so faithfully that we may draw near to you and learn your will.

Silence

Prayer Leader Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
that we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name, especially our presiding bishop, Sean, our diocesan bishop, Doug, and our clergy. We pray especially for the Diocese of Southwest Florida and our companion dioceses: Dominican Republic, Georgia, South Carolina, and Western Louisiana; and for those named in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. On the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the School for Ministry, St. Anselm's Chapel; University of South Florida Chapel Center; Florida Gulf Coast University, Ft. Myers; Episcopal College Chaplaincies: College of Florida Chaplaincy, Bradenton.

Give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.

Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief, or trouble, (pause), and especially those named on our parish prayer list.

In your presence may they find strength.

We remember those who have died, especially Buck Williams. (pause)
Lord, into your hands we commend them.

May we also come to share your heavenly kingdom.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Look with your kindness on our homes and families.

Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. (pause) We pray especially for St. Peter's parish family and all things necessary for our common life.

Inspire us to pray and labor diligently for the extension of your Kingdom.

Make us alive to the needs of our community.

Christ has no body now on earth, but ours.

We thank you for your redeeming love.

May your word and sacraments strengthen us to love as you love us.

Praise to you for your unfailing grace.

God never changes.

Celebrant

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. The congregation may kneel.

All

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways. To the glory of your Name. 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.**

Special Prayers for Families and Individuals

Families and individuals are invited to come forward for special prayers and blessings for various occasions, including birthdays, anniversaries, milestones, travel, births, pregnancies, surgeries, etc.

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace *(Please stand)*

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Offertory



The congregation is invited to offer gifts to God through the mission of St. Peter's. Our ushers will pass an offering basin for your gifts, or you may give online using the QR code to your left or on our website. Thank you for your ministry of giving.

Today, and every first Sunday of the month, any loose cash in the offering plate is designated to our discretionary fund, which the clergy of our parish use to offer financial assistance to those in need in our community.

Offertory Sentence: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalms 50:14*

Offertory Hymn: O All Ye Works of God (H1982 #428)

Doxology *(please stand)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (*Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p.361 – standing*)

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 God 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Celebrant and People **(H1982 S-124)**

**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 stand or kneel, as able

Then the Celebrant continues

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. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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 S-154 All singing together

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant ✠ The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are invited to receive communion this morning, an ancient practice intended for all baptized Christians, no matter your tradition. You may receive just the bread (which is full participation in the sacrament), or both the bread and the wine by sipping directly from the chalice. You may also receive by intinction, in which case the minister will dip the bread in the chalice for you. You may receive the bread in your hand or on your tongue.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

If you would prefer not to receive communion, you may also come forward and cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.

Communion Hymn: Here, O My Lord (H1982 #318)

Prayer after Communion

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Invitation to Mission

Some brief announcements for the mission of the church are offered.

Our Parish Mission (*Please stand*)

We, at St. Peter's, strive to be a welcoming Christian community of all ages that embodies God's word and sacraments, invites spiritual curiosity, celebrates children and youth, and embraces the world with God's Love.

The Priest blesses the people

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (H1982 #518)

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Ministers Serving Today:

Celebrant: The Rev. Derek Larson

Deacon: The Rev. Denise Healy

Organist: Helen Jones

Altar Guild

Lectors: Christy Wilson, Jeff Lake

Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Ham, Jim Jeffries

Ushers: Sally Fuhrman, Diana Weeks

By the Numbers:

Attendance Last Week: 99 (including 15 online)

Average Sunday Attendance: 113

Readings for next Sunday, October 11:

Isaiah 25:1-9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

Are you on our email list? More announcements can be found in our weekly “This Week at St. Peter’s” email. Remember that you can also check <https://www.stpetersplantcity.com/calendar> for up-to-date calendar listings.

Take note:

- Today at 9:15am - Youth and Children’s Sunday School with classes for toddlers, elementary schoolers, and teenagers!
 - Pathfinder’s Series for our Adults: Join our Pathfinders Adult Sunday School each week in October at 9:15am for a series called “The Sacramental Life.” Why do we call our pastors priests? Why do we share communion every Sunday? Why do we call it an altar instead of table? Because we are part of the sacramental tradition! What does that mean, and why does it matter? Join us to find out!
 - Next Week: The youth and children of St. Peter’s, their families, and their leaders have a very special announcement for you! Join us during Sunday School in Bender Hall next week, October 11, 2026 at 9:15am to hear all about it. Trust us, you don’t want to miss it!
 - Bible Study with the Rector Wednesday at 10:30 in the Guild Room.
 - Engage Café Wednesday at 5:30pm in Bender Hall. RSVP by noon Monday.
 - Help us update our parishioner list! We ask everyone at St. Peter’s, newcomer or longtimer, to fill out the form at this QR code. You can also submit prayer requests and/or ask questions with the same link. Thank you!
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- Be sure to see the TW@SP weekly email for our many Outreach opportunities.

Please Pray For:

- Alyssa, Amanda, Anthony, Bernice, Bernie, Beth & Tim, Betty, Billy, Bruce, Bud, Carol, Carolyn, Chad, Charley, Chris, D.J., Daryll, David, Don, Donna, Dorothy, Drex, Eda, Eddie, Ellie, Evelyn, Evon & Jason, Frank, Fred, Glenn, Glenn, Gregg, Jack, Erika & Nate; Jackie, James, Janet, Janice, Jeff, Jenna, John & Dianne, John & Jane, Jonathan & Leslie, Julynn, June & Don, Katherine, Linda, Luke, Marcie, Marilyn & Jim, Mary, Mary, Mary, Nora, Odin & the Sepe Family, Ollie, Paulette, Priscilla & Robert, Richard, Rosemary, Sally, Sandra, Sarah, Sarah, Shirley, Shirley & Johnny, Stephanie, Steve & Jennifer, Su, Sue, Susan, Susan, Terry, Thomas, Tim, Tim, Tracey
- Our Neighbors at Laundry Love and Friends in the Park
- For wisdom and discernment as we seek to expand our campus with the purchase of 1205 W Baker Street.
- The victims of violence and injustice in our own country and around the world.
- People of the Middle East
- The recently departed: Buck Williams
- Those celebrating birthdays: LauraAnn Larson 10/04, Stephanie Holmquist 10/04, Chelsea Tanner 10/04, John Williams 10/07, Mark Hamilton 10/07, Betty Roney 10/08, Linda Fuhrman 10/10
- Those celebrating anniversaries: Susan & Scott Collins 10/09
- Those expecting a child and their families: Isis Jones (12/26), Miranda Wilson (01/27), Sara Larson (01/27)
- Our School of Ministry Lay Preaching Students: Patty Linder and Meredith Prokuski
- St. Peter's Vestry: Brian, Chris, Christy, Diana, Eda, Lindsay, Mark, Ron, Sandy
- Members of our community serving in the armed forces: Aden, Andrew, Austin, Brantley, Brendan, Conor, Forrest, Matt, Sarah, Trace

Parish Administration:

Rector: The Rev. Derek Larson, TSSF

Parish Administrator: Sarah Dean

Director of Music Ministries: Helen Jones

**Vestry: Sandy Black, Mark Conner, Ron Everett (Junior Warden),
Lindsay Hunt, Diana Johnson, Christy Lyle (Senior Warden),
Brian Reid, Eda Snyder, Chris Thomas**

Deacon: The Rev. Denise Healy

Treasurer: Trey Stevens



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DID YOU FIND OUR CHURCH MICE?



St. Peter's has three resident mice clergy for our mouse congregation! Find all three and after mass tell Fr. Derek where they are for a cute sticker.