



ST. PETER'S
EST EPISCOPAL CHURCH 1889

Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:30 am | July 5, 2026

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to St. Peter's! From the moment you walk through these doors, you are part of our 136-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.

Hymn: God of Our Fathers (H1982 #718)

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
thy true religion in our hearts increase,
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

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.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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: Zechariah 9:9-12 *(Please be seated)*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter: Psalm 145:8-15 (*people respond singing bold text*)

- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and *of* great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak *of* your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor *of* your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful *in* all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those *who* are bowed down.

The Second Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?
Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Father All Loving (H1982 #568)

Father all loving, who rulest in majesty,
Judgment is thine, and condemneth our pride;
Stir up our leaders and peoples to penitence,
Sorrow for sins that for vengeance have cried.

Blessed Lord Jesus, who camest in poverty,
Sharing a stable with beasts at thy birth,
Stir us to work for thy justice and charity,
Truly to care for the poor of the earth.

Come, Holy Spirit, create in us holiness,
Lift up our lives to thy standard of right;
Stir every will to new ventures of faithfulness,
Flood the whole Church with thy glorious light.

Holiest Trinity, perfect in unity,
bind in thy love every nation and race;
May we adore thee for time and eternity,
Father, Redeemer, and Spirit of grace.

The Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 *(Please stand)*

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

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

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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 *(Form VI; BCP p.392)*

The Leader and People pray responsively

Deacon In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

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 Doug, our Bishop; and for all bishops and clergy. 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. For those named on the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Retired clergy of the Diocese of Southwest Florida; Clergy spouses and widows of the Diocese of Southwest Florida; Episcopal Schools in the Diocese of Southwest Florida, and the seminarians of the Diocese of Southwest Florida.

For all who serve God in God's 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.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept. The congregation may kneel.

All

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 congregation stands

Prayer for the 250th Independence Day of the United States (BCP p.258)

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace; Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn: God Bless Our Native Land (H1982 #716)

God bless our native land; firm may she ever stand through storm and night;
when the wild tempests rave, ruler of wind and wave,
Do thou our country save by thy great might.

For her our prayers shall rise to God, above the skies; on him we wait;
Thou who are ever nigh, guarding with watchful eye,
To thee aloud we cry, God save the state!

The Peace *(Please stand)*

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Prayer for birthdays, anniversaries, and milestones:

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 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. The funds collected today will be used for our Laundry Love Ministry. Please give generously.

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

Offertory Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (H1982 #657)

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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.

Sequence Hymn: Just as I Am (H1982 #693)

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt;
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive; wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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: Lift Every Voice and Sing (H1982 #599)

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears have been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light;
keep us for ever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we for ever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

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

Crucifer: Christy Lyle

Lectors: Sue Perica, Christy Wilson

Eucharistic Minister: Mike Booher, Jim Jeffries

Ushers: Bruce Nichols, Frank Cummings

By the Numbers:

Attendance Last Week: 83 (including 11 online)

Average Sunday Attendance: 120

Readings for next Sunday, July 12:

Isaiah 55:10-13, Psalm 65: 9-14, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Take note:

- Pathfinders: Join our adult Sunday School class each Sunday at 9:15am
- Bible Study with the Rector Wednesday at 10:30 in the Guild Room.
- Be sure to see the TW@SP weekly email for our many Outreach opportunities.
- Join us on Sunday, July 19, 2026 as we celebrate **50,000 days of Parish Ministry**. There will be a parish breakfast with games and activities at 9:00am followed by a blessing of Whitney Hallway. Both masses will include special prayers commemorating our parish history.
- Contribute \$5; \$50; \$500; \$5,000; or \$50,000 to our **endowment fund** in honor of St. Peter's 50,000 Days of Ministry to support the future of our parish. Collection will be taken up on July 19.
- Register for our inaugural **St. Peter's Topgolf Fundraiser** on September 12, 2025 from 2:00pm-5:00pm.

Please Pray For:

- Alyssa, Amanda, Amber, Bernice, Bernie, Beth & Tim, Betty, Bill, Bruce, Bud, Carol, Carolyn, Chad, Charley, Chris, Daryll, David, Don, Dorothy, Drex, Eddie, Ellie, Evelyn, Evon & Jason, Frank, Fred, Glenn, Gregg; Jack, Erika & Nate; Jackie, James, Janet, Janice, Jeff, Jenna, John & Jane, Jonathan & Leslie, June & Don, Katherine, Linda, Luke, Marilyn & Jim, Mary, Mary, Mary, Mary Lee, Nora, Odin and the Sepe Family, Paulette, Priscilla & Robert, Richard, Rosemary, Sally, Sandra, Sarah, Shirley, Stephanie, Steve & Jennifer, Su, Susan, Susan, Thomas, Tim, Tim, Tracey
- Our Neighbors at Laundry Love and Friends in the Park
- The victims of violence and injustice in our own country and around the world.
- People of the Middle East
- This Week's DaySpring Camper: Rose Price
- Those celebrating birthdays: Linda Biggs 07/08, Trey Stevens 07/08, Christopher Thomas 07/08, Lana Resendes 07/09
- Gratitude for the birth of Isabella Wren Sicignano (Daughter of Nick and Carley Sicignano)
- Those expecting a child and their families: MaryMargaret Nolin (09/26), Isis Jones (12/26)
- 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, Matthew, Sarah, Trace

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.

Parish Administration:

Rector: The Rev. Derek Larson, TSSF

Deacon: The Rev. Denise Healy

Parish Administrator: Sarah Dean

Treasurer: Trey Stevens

Director of Music Ministries: Helen Jones

Sexton: Tony Wilson

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



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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.