SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025 | 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II



Welcome to St. Peter's!

Our Mission: One body of transformation embracing all people through Christ's love.

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us! All baptized Christians (any church) are invited to receive Holy Communion. We offer two options for receiving consecrated wine, the first is to dip the <u>edge</u> of the consecrated wafer you have received into the chalice; the second is to consume your wafer and then take a small sip from the chalice. Please choose the option you prefer. If you would simply prefer a blessing from a priest, indicate by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten free wafers are available; indicate your need to the priest.

In general we stand to sing, sit to listen, and kneel or stand to pray (though there are exceptions). Some people choose to bow at the cross as a sign of reverence for the grace it represents. Others make the sign of the cross on themselves as a way of uniting themselves to the words being said. The traditional times for making the sign of the cross are marked in the bulletin with a small cross (†). None of the externals are required and you will notice that some parishioners use them and others do not.

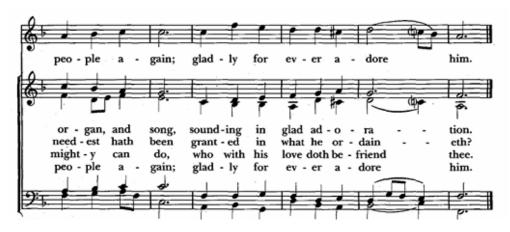
PRELUDE Please listen quietly as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

At the sound of the bell please stand.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider †Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The people are seated.

THE LESSONS

The First Reading Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath.

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 113 Sung Responsorially



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1 Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the LORD; * praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be | blessed, * from this time forth for ever— | more.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going | down * let the Name of the LORD be | praised.

4 The LORD is high above all | nations, * and his glory above the | heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high * but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the | dust * and lifts up the poor from the | ashes.

7 He sets them with the | princes, * with the princes of his | people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless | house * to be a joyful mother of | children.

The Second Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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Be Thou My Vision



The Gospel Luke 16:1-13

Presider

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, `What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, `What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, `How much do you owe my master?' He answered, `A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, `Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, `And how much do you owe?' He replied, `A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, `Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Sarah Carver

(A brief period of silence follows the service)

THE NICENE CREED

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, HONORING GOD IN CREATION FORM 2

During the silence after each bidding, the people offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud. *Intercessor*

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

Intercessor and People

In the beginning,

God was.

Here and now,

God is.

In the future,

God will be.

Intercessor

Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet. *Silence*

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it. *Silence*

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed. *Silence*

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being. Silence

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Author of the book of nature, receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits. *Silence*

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict. *Silence*

God. Giver of life.

Hear our prayer.

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. *Silence*

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures. *Silence*

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help [especially]. *Silence*

God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died [especially]. *Silence* God, Giver of life,

Hear our prayer.

The Presider concludes,

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all thing in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

THE CONFESSION

Presider

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People kneel.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

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.

The Presider says

†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

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

GREETINGS

OFFERTORY When the Poor Ones Olivar/Manzano

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As the Offering is presented, the People stand and sing,

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST Prayer A

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Presider continues with a proper preface.

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:

Presider and People sing





The People stand or kneel as the Presider 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.

The Presider continues

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 sing,

THE LORD'S PRAYER



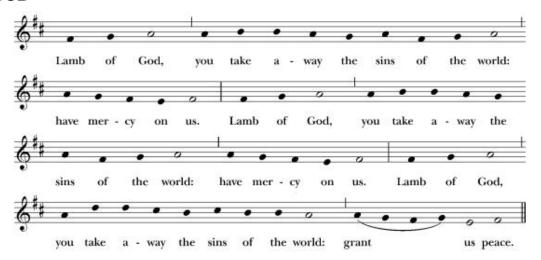
THE FRACTION



Presider

The gifts of God, For the people of God.

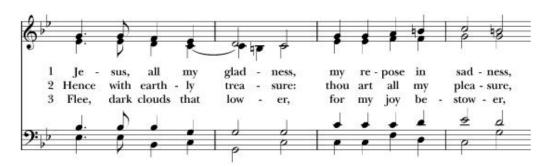
LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN

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Jesus, All My Gladness





The People kneel or stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray

Presider and People

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

THE BLESSING

The People stand.

The Hymnal 1982 No. 291 We Plow the Fields and Scatter plow the fields, and 1 We scat - ter the good seed land, 2 He is the Ma - ker all things near and far; thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,



THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Those Who Serve Today

Ushers: Jackson Olivier, Sharon Kruse, Edison Cope & Hayne Cope

Lector:Brock Vaughn & Shawn DunhamChalice BearerLarry Neal & Linda RemickCrucifer/Server:Henry Purvis & Leila KluttzTorchbearers:Harry Hawkins & Nora Durham

VPOD: Nick Morse
Organist: Carla Padgett

Celebrant: The Rev. Chuck Messer Preacher: The Rev. Sarah Carver

Opener: Tim Masters
Closer: Thom Long

Altar Guild: Marilyn Jones, Martha Venters & Kathy Greenan

Technology Guild: Marilyn Jones & Mike Jones

Vestry: Tony Scalzitti—Sr. Warden, Tom Priddy—Jr. Warden, Katie Kluttz, Alison Hitner, Martin Remick and Tony Scalzitti – '25 Debbie Cannada, Todd LaFrance, Shannon Sports, Gayle McKee – '26 Nick Morse, Tom Priddy, Tim Wilkerson, Mary Wright – '27

Michael Coward—Treasurer, Holly Kraus—Clerk

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Prayer List of St. Peter's Parishioners

The clergy will verbally offer the names on the acute list weekly, and the names on our chronic list biweekly in hopes of keeping those for whom we pray in the awareness of our community members who may be able and willing to reach out with other expressions of love and care.

Parishioners preparing for/recovering from hospitalization/surgery or receiving regular therapy or hospice care.		Parishioners who are homebound, in skilled care, or experiencing chronic pain or limiting conditions.	
Connie Clark	Judi Myers	Debbie Cannada	Gayle Meacham
Terry Davidson	Rich Nichols	Wain Fallow	George Paszkiewicz
Don Ellis	John Perrow	Josie Harper	Ginny Tate
Franca George	Marty Remick		Shirley Twiss
Anne Gobbett	Heather Saccamano		
Sue Havens	Finn Smith		
Jim Huber	Pam Smith		
Sherry Hunt	Olga Torres		
Lauren Juarez			

The Sanctuary Candle is given today by the Morse Family to the Glory of God and in honor of Natalie's amazing mother, Laureen Bouchard, and all that she does for her family.

The Altar Flowers are given today by Kathy Lundy to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving and love for her grandchildren, Maria, Eva & Sam Romero.