

SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 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 edge 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.

The Hymnal 1982 No. 656

Blest Are the Pure in Heart

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

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.**

Glory to God in the highest *Gloria in excelsis*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

The people are seated.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The First Reading

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its savior intime of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84:1-6 *Sung Responsorially*



1 **H**ow dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of | hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living | God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her | young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my | God.

3 **H**appy are they who dwell in your | house! *
they will always be praising | you.

4 **H**appy are the people whose strength is in | you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' | way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of | springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of | water.

6 They will climb from height to | height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in | Zion.

The Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Hymnal 1982 No. 641

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, with care and woe op-pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is passed,

from harm - ful pas-sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.
let me thy lov - ing ser - vant be, and taste thy prom - ised rest.
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point thou the heaven - ly way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see, and share thy joy at last.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lord Jesus, Think on Me". It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score is arranged for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining lines. The piano accompaniment is shown on the bottom staff of each system.

The Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Chuck Messer

(A brief period of silence follows the sermon)

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—FORM IV

Presider

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Presider concludes,

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things 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 *Taste and See*

James E. Moore, Jr.

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DOXOLOGY—*The Hymnal 1982 No. 380 v. 3*

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

This system features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The treble staff begins with a half note G4, followed by a whole note G4, and then a half note G4. The bass staff begins with a half note G3, followed by a whole note G3, and then a half note G3. The lyrics are 'full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -'.

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

This system continues the melody. The treble staff has a half note G4, followed by a whole note G4, and then a half note G4. The bass staff has a half note G3, followed by a whole note G3, and then a half note G3. The lyrics are 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na'.

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

This system continues the melody. The treble staff has a half note G4, followed by a whole note G4, and then a half note G4. The bass staff has a half note G3, followed by a whole note G3, and then a half note G3. The lyrics are 'in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes'.

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

This system continues the melody. The treble staff has a half note G4, followed by a whole note G4, and then a half note G4. The bass staff has a half note G3, followed by a whole note G3, and then a half note G3. The lyrics are 'in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na'.

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

This system concludes the piece. The treble staff has a half note G4, followed by a whole note G4, and then a half note G4. The bass staff has a half note G3, followed by a whole note G3, and then a half note G3. The lyrics are 'in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

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.

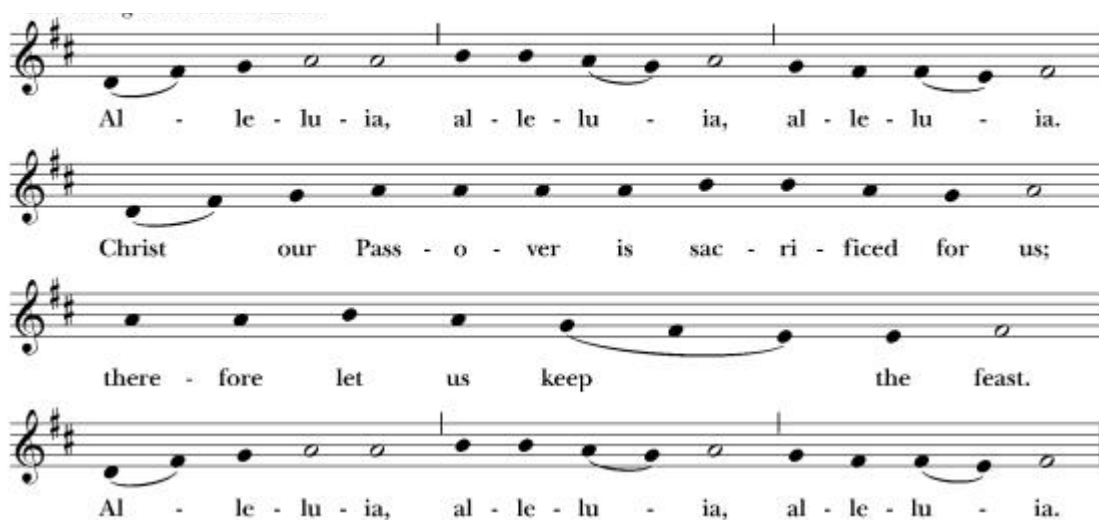
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 FRACTION



Presider

The gifts of God, For the people of God.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

The Hymnal 1982 No. 314

Humbly I Adore Thee

1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
 2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
 3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
 4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,
 who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
 faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:
 lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,
 tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
 what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.
 to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er - fail - ing give.
 in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

The People kneel or stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray

Presider and People

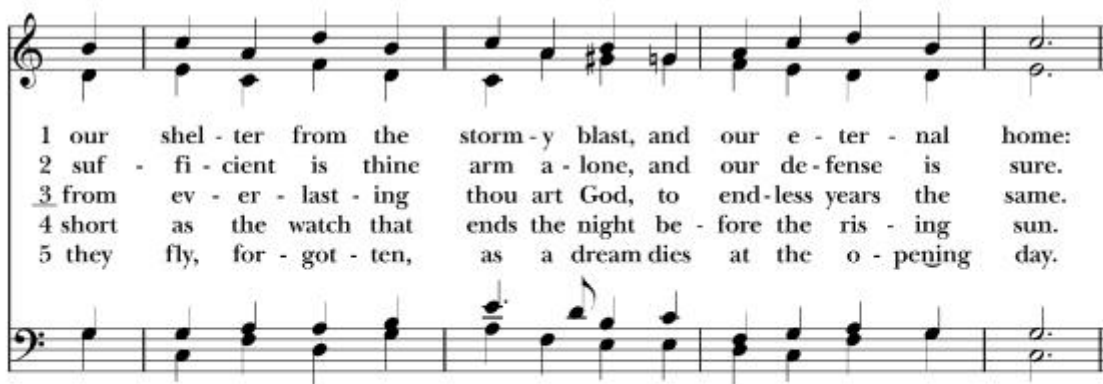
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

The Hymnal 1982 No. 680

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

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:	Donna Scott & Rod Scott
Chalice Bearer	Linda Remick & Dot Closs
Crucifer/Server:	Matthew Purvis & Aria Pelino
Torchbearers:	Nora Durham & Sadie Allison
VPOD:	Alison Hitner
Organist:	Carla Padgett
Celebrant:	The Rev. Chuck Messer
Preacher:	The Rev. Chuck Messer
Opener:	Palmer Brown
Closer:	Bill Hawkins
Altar Guild:	Marilyn Jones, Martha Venters & Kathy Greenan
Technology Guild:	Tucker Allison & Henry Purvis

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 bi-weekly 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.	
Barbara Bailey	Sherry Hunt	Meta Armstrong	Katherine Lumpkin-Leech
Teresa Burns	Bev Myatt	Andrea Bryant	Gayle Meacham
Connie Clark	Heather Saccamano	Debbie Cannada	George Paszkiewicz
Terry Davidson	Finn Smith	Don Ellis	Ginny Tate
Franca George	Pam Smith	Wain Fallow	Shirley Twiss
Anne Gobbett	Olga Torres	Josie Harper	
Jim Huber			

The Altar Flowers are given today by Jack & Marion Mitchell to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for our children, Jack who will be 50 in October 25 and Nancy who will be 47 on October 28.