



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026 – 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*This service booklet is for both the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services.
The hymns, choral, and organ music listed are for the 10:30 service only.*

The sung setting of the Eucharist is by Robert Powell (1932-2025).

PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

INTROIT *Deus in loco santo*

Plainsong, Mode 7

God in his holy habitation: it is he that maketh brethren to be of one mind in an house: He will give the dominion and preeminence unto his people. Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

– cf. Psalm 68: 5,6,35,2

- 8:00 *The People stand as the procession enters. The service begins with the Opening Acclamation.*
- 10:30 *The People stand and sing the hymn.*

HYMN 398: "I sing the almighty power of God"

Forest Green

1 I sing the almighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command,
and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord,
that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below,
but makes thy glories known;
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that I could be,
thou, God, art present there.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

- 8:00 *The Gloria is said by all*

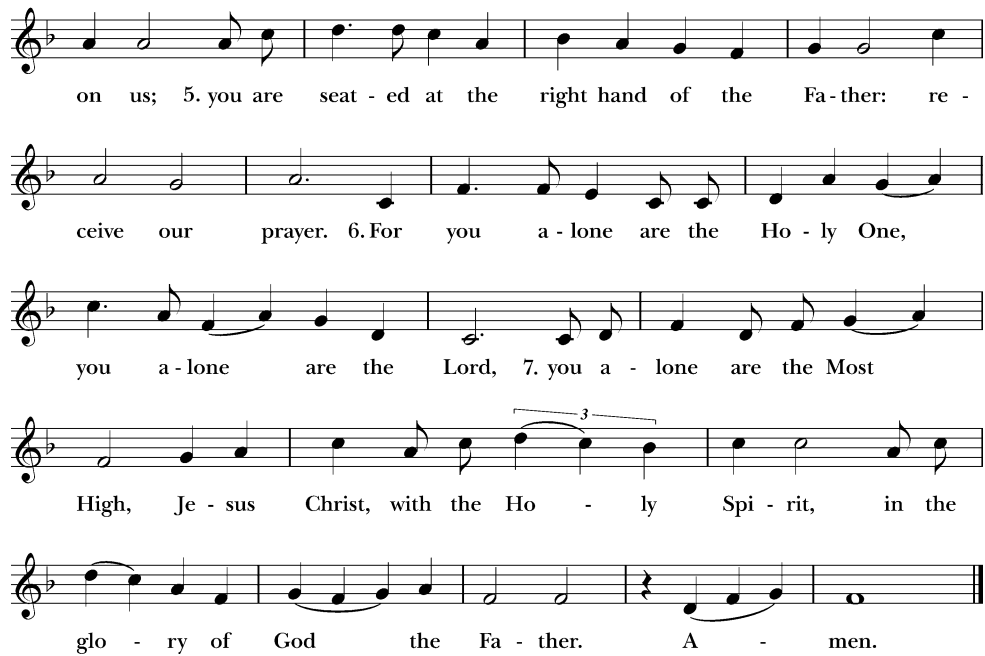
All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**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.**

- 10:30 *The Gloria is sung by all (Hymnal S 280)*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy



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 People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 129 **Your decrees are wonderful; ***
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 **When your word goes forth it gives light; ***
it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 **I open my mouth and pant; ***
I long for your commandments.
- 132 **Turn to me in mercy, ***
as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133 **Steady my footsteps in your word; ***
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 **Rescue me from those who oppress me, ***
and I will keep your commandments.
- 135 **Let your countenance shine upon your servant ***
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 **My eyes shed streams of tears, ***
because people do not keep your law.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

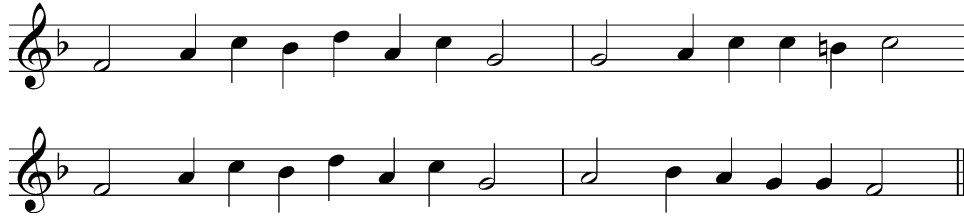
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 462: "The Lord will come and not be slow"

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| 1 The Lord will come and not be slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger. | 3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
this wicked earth redress;
for thou art he who shalt by right
the nations all possess. |
| 2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
shall bud and blossom show;
and justice, from her heavenly bower,
look down on us below. | 4 The nations all whom thou hast made
shall come, and all shall frame
to bow them low before thee, Lord,
and glorify thy Name. |
| 5 For great thou art, and wonders great
by thy strong hand are done:
thou in thy everlasting seat
remainest God alone. | |

Words: John Milton (1608-1674), alt.

Music: melody from The CL Psalmes of David, 1615

adapt. The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1621; harm, John Milton, Sr. (1563?-1647)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

A period of silence is kept. Then the People stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All **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

Lector The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. May the Spirit rest within our hearts as we pray for the needs of the world, saying, "May God turn to us in mercy; / Let us obey the Lord with all our heart."

The People sit.

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, that when it is grown, it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that birds make nests in its branches. We pray for the Church, that it would grow and be a refuge for all, remembering Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury;

Sean, Presiding Bishop; Deon, our Bishop; and for the clergy and ministry leaders of St. Peter's.

In our diocese we pray for Calvary Episcopal Church in Columbia, and in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania. May God turn to us in mercy;

People **Let us obey the Lord with all our heart.**

Lector The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that, when mixed with flour, all the flour becomes leavened. We pray for leaders and nations everywhere, remembering Donald, our President, and Mike, our Governor. We continue to pray for peace everywhere, especially those at war or people oppressed by violence, greed, and destruction. May all hearts be leavened by God's wisdom, love, and justice. May God turn to us in mercy;

People **Let us obey the Lord with all our heart.**

Lector The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, and upon finding one of great value, sold everything he had and bought it. We pray for those who with any need in our parish and community [remembering _____]. May we seek the kingdom of heaven, giving all we have and our very selves in serving our neighbor. May God turn to us in mercy;

People **Let us obey the Lord with all our heart.**

Lector The kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, and caught fish of every kind. With faith in God's love we pray for the departed in God, remembering Tom Erwin, [_____,] and Steve Goldsmith, that at the end of the age, and when we have crossed to another shore, we would behold the Lord and his angels with joy. May God turn to us in mercy;

People **Let us obey the Lord with all our heart.**

Lector Let us pray for our own needs, and for those of others.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Almighty God, you have revealed to your Church your eternal Being of glorious majesty and perfect love as one God in Trinity of Persons: Give us grace to continue steadfast in the confession of this faith, and constant in our worship of you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; for you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All **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.

The People stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

After the Peace, the People sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Everyone participating in worship is invited to make an offering in gratitude for God's generosity. If you would like to make an offering, you may scan the code to the right and follow the prompts.



ANTHEM Upon your heart

Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it.

If you keep my commandments,
you shall abide in my love,
love one another as I have loved you,
then shall your joy be complete.

- Song of Songs 8: 6-7; John 15: 9-12

The People stand and sing.

THE PRESENTATION (*Hymn 380, st. 3*)

Old 100th

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.

- Thomas Ken

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him 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:

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

- 8:00 *Said by all*

**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.

- 10:30 *Sung by all (Hymnal S 129)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The People sit.

Celebrant 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:

All **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 forever. **AMEN.**

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

All **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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Please tell the clergy if you require gluten-free Bread.

*Crossing your arms over your chest will let the clergy know
you would like to receive a blessing but not the Bread and/or Wine.*

COMMUNIO *Simile est*

Plainsong, Mode 1

The Kingdom of heaven is like to a merchant man seeking good pearls: who when he had found one pearl of great price, went his way, and sold all that he had, and bought it. Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven: and whose sin is covered. I will acknowledge my sin unto thee: and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

- Matthew 13: 45-46; Psalm 34: 1,5

HYMN 613: "Thy kingdom come, O God"

St. Cecilia

1 Thy king - dom come, O God! Thy rule, O Christ, be - gin!
2 Where is thy reign of peace, and pu - ri - ty, and love?
3 When comes the prom - ised time that war shall be no more,
4 We pray thee, Lord, a - rise, and come in thy great might;
5 Wher - ev - er near or far thick dark - ness brood - eth yet:

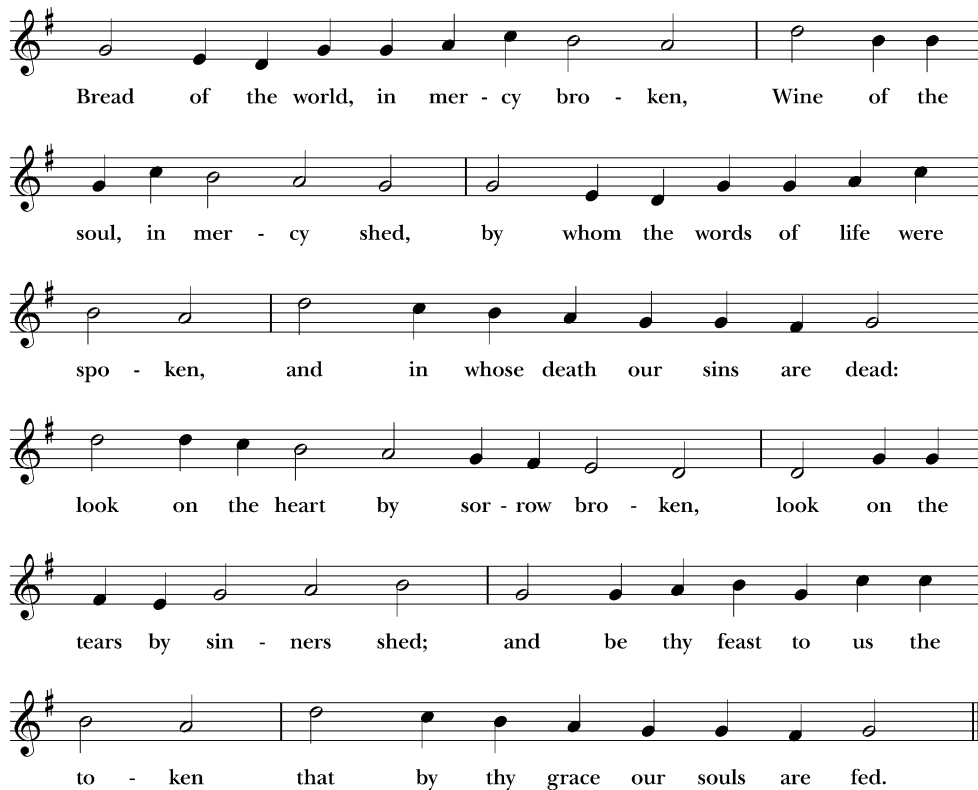


1 Break with thine i - ron rod the tyr - an - nies of sin!
 2 When shall all ha - tred cease, as in the realms a - bove?
 3 op - pres - sion, lust, and crime shall flee thy face be - fore?
 4 re - vive our long - ing eyes, which lan - guish for thy sight.
 5 a - rise, O Morn - ing Star, a - rise, and nev - er set!

Words: Lewis Hensley (1824-1905), alt.
 Music: Leighton George Hayne (1836-1883)

Hymn 301: "Bread of the world, in mercy broken"

Rendez à Dieu



Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the
 soul, in mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were
 spo - ken, and in whose death our sins are dead:
 look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the
 tears by sin - ners shed; and be thy feast to us the
 to - ken that by thy grace our souls are fed.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826). Music: *Rendez à Dieu*, melody att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?); harm. Claude Goudimel (1514-1572), alt.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The People sit.

All **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.

HYMN 524: "I love thy kingdom, Lord"

St. Thomas (Williams)



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| 1 I love thy kingdom, Lord,
the house of thine abode,
the Church our blest Redeemer saved
with his own precious blood. | 3 Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
her sweet communion, solemn vows,
her hymns of love and praise. |
| 2 For her my tears shall fall;
for her my prayers ascend;
to her my cares and toils be given,
till toils and cares shall end. | 4 Jesus, thou friend divine,
our Savior and our King,
thy hand from every snare and foe
shall great deliverance bring. |
| 5 Sure as thy truth shall last,
to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield,
and brighter bliss of heaven. | |

Words: Timothy Dwight (1725-1817)

Music: melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

*During the voluntary, everyone is invited to gather around the piano for a Christmas in July carol sing.
Christmas cookies will be served at coffee hour following.*

PRAYER LIST

For the Faithful Departed: Tom Erwin, Steve Goldsmith

For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces: Murali Krishna Badanapuram, Alexandra Maranto

For Those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Jan Anter, Lee Arten, Kit Baker, Victor Belyan, Bev Bouchard, Desiree Brattin, Virginie Brightman, Craig Campbell, Elizabeth Cottle, Wendell Covington, Ralph Dacey, Joan Hager Davis, Bonnie Essick, Prissy Evans, Nolan Fagan, Carolyn Farrell, Teenie Followell, Don Franz, Jerry Freeland, Anthony Frigard, John Hartman, Emily Hintz, Jeff Hirsch, Jack Howard, Verna Johnson, Mary Korte, Russ Lake, Pat Lambrix, John Marshall, Cheryl Meyer, Randy Meyer, Liza Nash, Chris O'Connor, Maddie O'Keefe, David Orlowski, Holly Parks, Kimberly Penning, Kristi and Bill Peterson, Steve Randall, Chi Chi Rassieur, Sara Rigel, Sally Russell, Susan Russo, Jill Smock, Dewayne Stapes, Sarah Striler, Scheryl and Michael Sylvia, Abbot Thomas, Mia Tiefenbrunn, Molly Webster, David Westfall, Anne Wetzel, Rolla Wetzel, Goldie Wirth, and Bonnie Wolfarth.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God in loving memory of Linda Kerner, by Witt Fowler.

Given to the glory of God in loving memory of Alwyn E. Wolfarth, by Bonnie Wolfarth.

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 A.M.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. David Hodges
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Valerie Patton
<i>Organ</i>	David Sinden
<i>Lector</i>	Jane Gilbert
<i>Ushers</i>	Tim and Didi Noelker
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Didi Noelker

10:30 A.M.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Valerie Patton
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Rev. David Hodges
<i>Musicians</i>	Semi-Chorus from the St. Peter's Choir; David Sinden, Organist and Choirmaster
<i>Acolyte Masters</i>	William Schoenecker, Allan Ivie
<i>Lectors</i>	Kathryn Haydon, Roberta Hmiel
<i>Ushers</i>	Randy Parham, Toby Martin, Mark Pye, Chuck Jones
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Nancy Grimes
<i>Monday Counters</i>	Kit and Kathy Baker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP & MUSIC

CHRISTMAS IN JULY TODAY

At the conclusion of the 10:30 service, everyone is invited to gather around the piano to sing some of our favorite Christmas carols together. The organist will take requests from Hymns 77-115 (hymnals will be available near the piano). We will also enjoy a special Christmas-themed Coffee Hour, featuring festive treats and fellowship. Whether you know every word by heart or simply enjoy the music of the season, come share in the fellowship and fun as we bring a little Christmas cheer to the middle of summer. Come and celebrate the joy of Christmas, July style!

FLOOR RENOVATION AND WORSHIP LOCATION

The church floor restoration project continues this week, and Sunday worship services will continue to be held in the Undercroft through mid-to-late August. We are grateful for your flexibility as we care for and preserve our worship space. Please note that the entrance to the Narthex will be closed during this time. Please use the garden entrance to the Undercroft, or the office entrance on the east (Ladue) side of the building, or the Chapel entrance on the west (Warson) side. Guests requiring accessible access to the Undercroft should use the elevator located on the back side of the church.

FORMATION

CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer is a contemplative form of Christian prayer that gently prepares us to receive the gift of God's presence. Rooted in ancient practices of silent prayer, it invites us to let go of thoughts and distractions, resting quietly in God's love. Using a simple sacred word or intention, we return again and again to stillness, opening ourselves to God's work within us. This practice is not about emptying the mind, but about consenting to God's presence and action in our lives. Over time, it can deepen our awareness of God's grace, both in silence and in daily living. All are welcome to join us each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in Grace Chapel.

LECTIO DIVINA: SPENDING TIME IN GOD'S WORD

You are invited to spend time with biblical readings for the upcoming Sunday this and every Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the Elliot Room. This hour is set aside for the meditative, prayerful reading of scripture, an ancient practice also known as "Lectio Divina" (divine reading). It is not an academic Bible study, but rather a time to read, meditate, and pray in a small group. You are invited to come as you are able; regular attendance is not required. For more information, please contact the Rev. Susie Skinner (susiecskinner@gmail.com) or David Sinden (dsinden@specstl.com).

STEWARDSHIP & PARISH LIFE

ARTIST RECEPTION - SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

DATE CHANGE! All are invited to an artist reception for Mary-Catherine Hodges next Sunday, August 2, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. in St. Peter's Gallery (Undercroft). Hodges' exhibition, *my prayer is that you don't forget playfulness*, features abstract paintings that explore memory, communication, and human connection through color, texture, and language. The exhibition will be on view August 2 to September 8. Please join us!

BE PART OF SUNDAY BREAKFAST THIS FALL!

Love breakfast and good company? Join the Sunday Breakfast Crew this fall! Help cook and serve breakfast, enjoy great fellowship, and be part of one of our parish's most welcoming Sunday traditions. Contact Matt Bouchard at mattbouchard2@gmail.com for more information.

IN NEED OF A MEAL OR PRAYER?

St. Peter's Cares is a ministry by parishioners for parishioners. This anonymous service provides meals to those experiencing difficult times and prayers for those in need. To request prayers or meals or to volunteer to serve, please email shepherd@specstl.org or leave a message at (314) 993-2306 ext. 125.

ST. PETER'S IS HERE FOR YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

If you are hospitalized, homebound, or unable to come to church for any reason, the clergy of St. Peter's can bring church to you. Our clergy are always happy to visit with parishioners to offer pastoral care, bring Holy Communion, or to come by and say hello. If you would like a visit, please reach out to the office at office@specstl.org or by calling (314) 993-2306.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Summer Sunday School is currently available for all children ages 5-12 in the 2nd/3rd grade classroom. Nursery is offered through the summer from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the lower level of the Little Building. Please contact Didi Noelker, Director of Children & Family Ministries, at dnoelker@specstl.org with any questions.

OUTREACH

AUGUST FOOD DRIVE

Today we are handing out shopping bags for our monthly food drive that supports the Trinity (CWE) food pantry. We invite you to begin collecting some of next month's most needed items, including chicken noodle soup, canned pasta sauce, jelly (plastic jars), powdered milk, ramen noodles, peanut butter, and toilet paper. Next week, please drop off the bags in front of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity!

TRINITY HOT LUNCH MINISTRY

Join St. Peter's next Sunday, August 2, in serving our neighbors through the Trinity Hot Lunch program. Volunteers prepare a meal in the St. Peter's kitchen and deliver it to Trinity Episcopal Church Central West End where it is served to guests from 1:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Whether you're a longtime volunteer or looking for a new way to serve, this is a meaningful opportunity to make a difference. To learn more or sign up, contact Jim Gilbert at hockeygolf@live.com

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Sunday	July 26	The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	
		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	<i>Undercroft</i>
		10:15 a.m. Nursery Care Opens	<i>Little Building</i>
		10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist	<i>Undercroft</i>
		Summer Sunday School	<i>Classroom</i>
		11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour	<i>Laird Garden</i>
Wednesday	July 29	5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist	<i>Grace Chapel</i>
Thursday	July 30	9:00 a.m. Yoga	<i>Undercroft</i>
		10:00 a.m. Centering Prayer	<i>Grace Chapel</i>
		2:00 p.m. Lectio Divina	<i>Elliot Room</i>
Friday	July 31	8:00 a.m. A.A.	<i>Classroom</i>
Sunday	Aug 2	The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	
		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	<i>Undercroft</i>
		10:15 a.m. Nursery Care Opens	<i>Little Building</i>
		10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist	<i>Undercroft</i>
		Summer Sunday School	<i>Classroom</i>
		11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour	<i>Laird Garden</i>
		12:00 p.m. Artist Reception	<i>Undercroft</i>

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S

If you are visiting St. Peter's, we would love to share more information with you about our shared life and ministry! Please take a red welcome bag on your way out the door. In it you'll find information about our worship, formation, and fellowship opportunities as well as information for families. You can also scan the QR codes below to get connected with us and learn more.



New Visitor Form



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