

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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MORNING PRAYER II  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
June 28, 2020



"Search me out, O God,  
and know my heart.

~Psalm 139:22

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**Opening Acclamation**

(BCP Page 78)

*Officiant*

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling ~ *Psalm 43:3*

**Confession of Sin**

(BCP Page 79)

*Officiant 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.*

*Officiant*

(BCP Page 80)

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 Invitatory and Psalter

(BCP Pages 80-81)

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*People:* *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*Officiant and People :*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

*Pause.*

*Officiant:*

The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

## Jubilate

(BCP Pages 82-83)

*Officiant and People*

*Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.*

*Know this: The Lord himself is God;  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.*

*For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.*

## Psalm 13

(BCP Pages 597-598)

*Officiant and People*

- 1 How long, O LORD?  
will you forget me for ever? \*  
how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,  
and grief in my heart, day after day? \*  
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; \*  
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," \*  
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
- 5 But I put my trust in your mercy; \*  
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
- 6 I will sing to the LORD, for he has dealt with me richly; \*  
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*



## THE LESSONS

### A Reading from Genesis 22:1-14

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

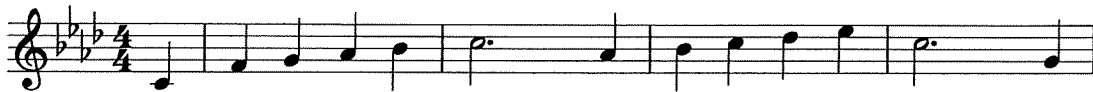
When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

*Officiant:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

# Hymn: The God of Abraham Praise

(Hymn #401)



1. The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove; An-  
2. He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend; we  
3. There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right-eous - ness, tri-  
4. The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing, and  
5. The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high; "Hail,



- 1. cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love; the  
2. shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend: we  
3. um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace; on  
4. "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King! Who  
5. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost" they ev - er cry; hail,



1. Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed: we  
2. shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore, and  
3. Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains, and,  
4. was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be: e-  
5. A-braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise; all



1. bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
2. sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
3. glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
- 4. ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
5. might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

## A Reading from Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present your selves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

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A Reading from Romans 6:12-23 (Continued)

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Officiant The word of the Lord.  
People Thanks be to God.


Hymn: Fear Not, Rejoice and Be Glad

(Hymn #C-150)


*Refrain*



Fear not, re-joice and be glad; the Lord has done a great thing, has




poured out his Spi-rit on all who live, on those who con-fess his Name. 1. The  
2. We  
3. "My  
4. His



1. fig tree is bud-ing, the vine bear-eth fruit, the wheat fields are gold - en with grain  
2. shall eat in plen-ty and be sat - is - fied, the moun-tains will drip with sweet wine. "My  
3. peo - ple will know that I am the Lord, their shame I have tak - en a - way. My  
4. chil-dren will dwell as a bo - dy of love, a light to the world they will be.

*to Refrain*



1. Thrust in the sick - le, the har-vest is ripe, the Lord has giv - en us rain.  
2. chil-dren shall drink of the foun-tain of life, my chil-dren will know they are mine."  
3. Spi - rit will lead them to geth - er a-gain, my Spr - rit will show them the way."  
4. Life shall come forth from the Fa-ther a-bove, God's word shall set each of us free.

## A Reading from Matthew 10:40-42

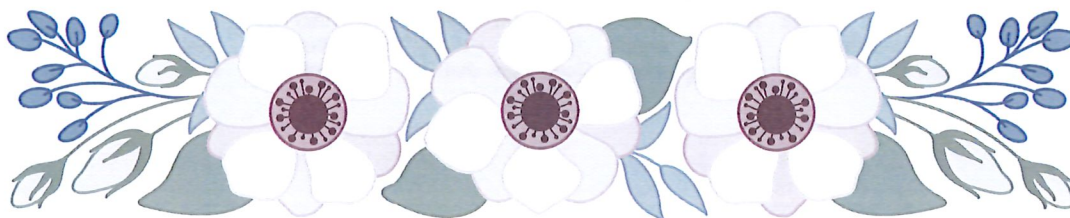
Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

*Officiant:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

## A Reflection

*The Reverend Jim Friedel*



## Apostles' Creed

(BCP Page 96)

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.*

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

*He descended to the dead.*

*On the third day he rose again.*

*He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

*He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## The Prayers

(BCP Page 97)

Officiant     The Lord be with you.

People        *And also with you.*

Officiant     Let us pray.

*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.*

## **Suffrage B**

(BCP Page 98)

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. *Govern and uphold them, now and always.*  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. *We praise your Name for ever.*  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. *Have mercy on us Lord, have mercy.*  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy.  
R. *For we put our trust in you.*  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. *And we shall never hope in vain.*

## **The Collect of the Day: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost ~Proper 8** (BCP Page 230)

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **A Collect for Grace**

(BCP Page 100)

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **A Collect for the Mission of the Church**

(BCP Page 100)

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A time of silence is offered as an opportunity for us to reflect on our petitions and thanksgivings.*

### **The Collect at the Prayers**

*(BCP Page 395)*

*The Officiant says*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Offertory**

*(BCP Page 376)*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### **A Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

*Officiant and People*

*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*(BCP Page 102)*

*Officiant and People*

*Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.*

# Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

(Hymn #525)



1. The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord; she  
2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth, her  
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed, by  
4. Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war she  
5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One, and



1. is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word: from  
2. char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one  
3. schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed; yet  
4. waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more; till  
5. mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won. O



1. heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride; with  
2. ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food; and  
3. saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?" and  
4. with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed, and  
5. hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we like



1. his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
2. to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
3. soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
4. the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
5. them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

## The Blessing

May 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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*Amen.*

*Officiant* Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Officiant*

(BCP Page 102)

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen* ~Ephesians 3:20, 21

PRECIOUSNESS

This baby fawn is safely nestled in the courtyard at the Berkebile's home.



Meredith's grandkids, James and Alice, patiently waited for their mother to bless their food. When she did not get there quickly enough, James said, "We are praying without you, mom." Raising them right!



God's artwork in the yard of Charlene and Steve Williams.



Mary Catherine's dog Jessie is trying to make her escape, but we think she may have had a few too many treats!



FATHER JIM'S HAPPY PLACE: taking care of his bees in this beautiful countryside.

