

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8, 2020 ~ 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.



WELCOME!

Greetings! We are delighted that you have joined us for this outdoor worship service, and so very thankful to be together again in person! Whether you are a member, a frequent visitor, or are visiting St. Peter's for the first time, we feel blessed by your presence.

We invite your questions regarding our ministries and life in the Episcopal Church. Please know that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion during our worship. Father Jim will guide us through Communion, as it will look a bit different during our outdoor service.

Thank you for helping us help you stay safe by following the guidelines on the back of this bulletin.

We are so glad you could be with us today and hope you will join us again.

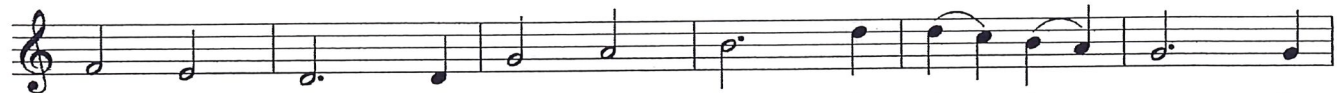
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
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All stand as are able.

Processional: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (vs 1-3) (Hymn # 436)



1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the King of
2. O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the ru - ler
3. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a tem - ple,



1. glo - ry waits! The King of kings is draw - ing near; the
2. is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and hap - py homes to
3. set a - part from earth - ly use for heaven's em - ploy, a -



1. Sa - vior of the world is here.
2. whom this King of tri - umph comes!
-3. dorned with prayer and love and joy.

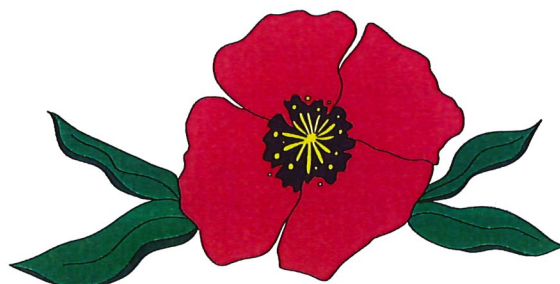
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

(BCP Page 355)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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.*



The First Song of Isaiah~ Spoken

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Surely, it is God who saves me;*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,*

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing*

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say,*

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples;*

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,*

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,*

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

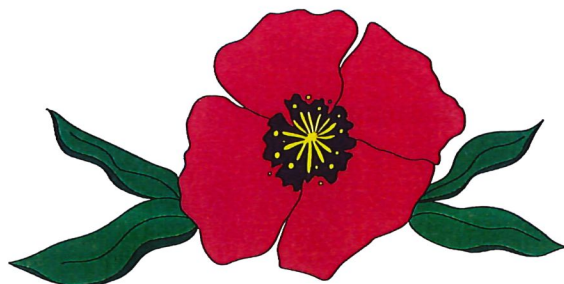
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day: Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



THE LESSONS *(You may be seated.)*

THE FIRST READING: Joshua:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors — Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor — lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE PSALM 78:1-7

(BCP Pages 694-695)

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *

I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,

and what our forefathers have told us, *

we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come

the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *

and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob

and established a law for Israel, *

which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,

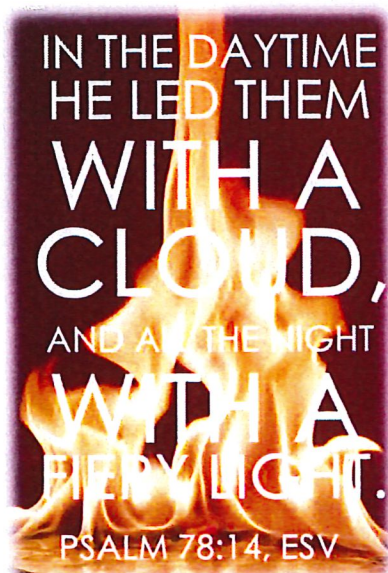
and the children yet unborn; *

that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *

and not forget the deeds of God,

but keep his commandments.

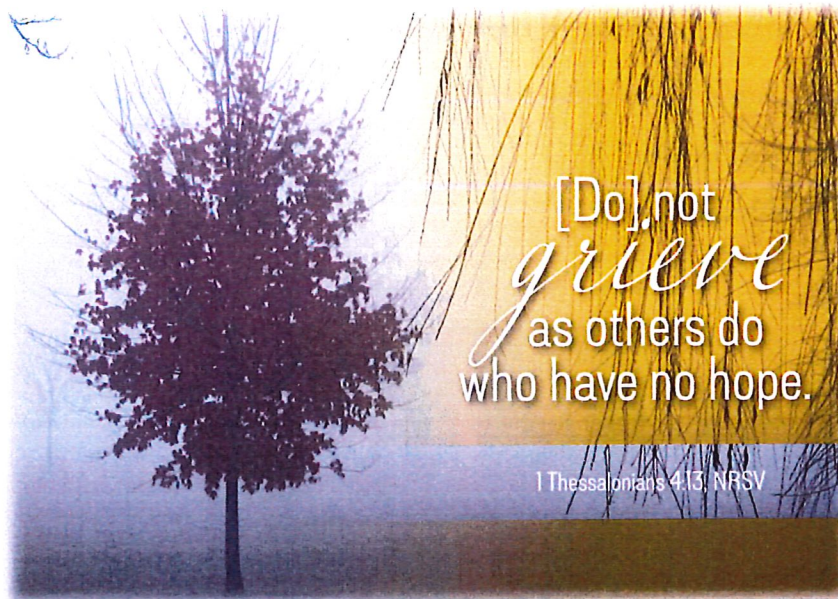


THE SECOND READING: I Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*



THE GOSPEL

Please stand as are able.

GOSPEL HYMN: Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

(Hymn #68)



1. Re - joi - ce! re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear! The
2. See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple - nish them with oil; look
3. Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear; a -



1. eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near. The
2. now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil. The
- 3. rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere! With



1. Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh; up,
2. Mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand; rise
3. hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see the



1. watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
2. up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
3. day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!



GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:1-13

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*



Please be seated for the Homily.

Homily

The Rev. James W. Friedel

All standing as are able.



(BCP Page 358)

*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 III

(BCP Page 387)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

(BCP Pages 359-360)

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 Celebrant 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

(BCP Page 360)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Music

Instrumental

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

(BCP Page 361)

Please remain 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 him thanks and praise.*

The Celebrant proceeds

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

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

Sanctus

*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 congregation may kneel or sit as the prayer continues.

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.

The Celebrant 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (C-114)

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.*

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

(BCP Page 364)

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.

As you remain seated please listen for instructions for receiving communion.



The Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

(BCP Page 365)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

The Blessing

Celebrant

Go forth in the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and may the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*



GIVING THANKS

Recessional: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

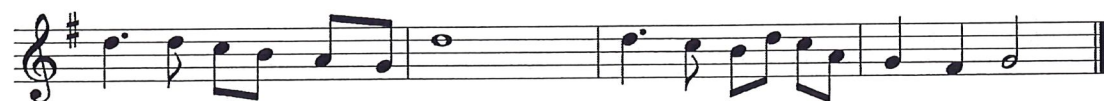
(Hymn #690)



1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land; I am weak, but
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow; let the fire and
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side; death of death, and



1. thou art might - y; hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven, bread of hea - ven,
2. cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
3. hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,



1. feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
2. be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
3. I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

The Dismissal

Celebrant

Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world sharing the good news of God's love.

All

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

We are so thankful to those assisting us with the services this morning and this evening.

Lay Readers: Lynna Thomas & Myra Kline at 9:00 a.m. and JD Debler at 6:00 p.m.

Usher/Greeter: Tony Farmer

Director of Music Ministries: Meredith Carter

Musical Assistance: Alan Berkebile

Handsewn face masks were created with love and donated by Martha Berkebile. Thank you, Martha!



Welcome to St. Peter's

We are so glad you are here!



IMPORTANT SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP US HELP YOU STAY SAFE! PLEASE...

*Wear your mask. We have some available if needed ~ *Spread JOY NOT GERMS!*

*We discourage you from engaging in physical contact such as shaking hands, hugging, fist bumping, high fiving, etc. ~ *Air hugs only!*

*Thank you for practicing social distancing by standing/sitting 6 feet apart (unless you are in family units) ~ *Leave plenty of room for Jesus between you.*

*Use hand sanitizer! ~ *Let's wash those germs right off of our hands!*

**UNTIL WE CAN HUG AGAIN, PLEASE BE SAFE!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**

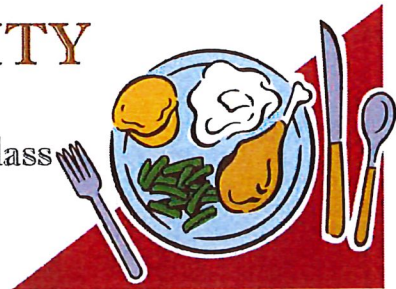


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THANK YOU!

COMMUNITY Table

Food Handlers' Class

St. Peter's Parish Hall
November 23rd, 1:30



NOVEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
Bonnie Prouty on the 14th

