

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist Rite II

September 26, 2021 ~ 10:00 am



WELCOME!

Greetings! We are delighted that you have joined us for our worship service, and so very thankful to be together in-person or virtually! 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.

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

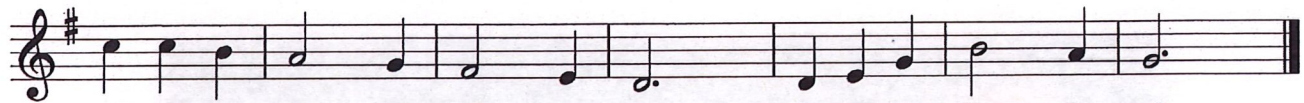
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Processional: Shepherd Of Souls, Refresh and Bless

(Hymn # 343)



1. Shep-herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen pil - grim flock
2. We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy word of grace,
3. Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not then de - part;
4. Lord, sup with us in love di - vine, thy Bo - dy and thy Blood,



1. with man - na in the wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
2. in strength of which we trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
3. Sa - vior, a - bide with us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
4. that liv - ing bread, that heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

THE WORD OF GOD

(BCP Page 355)

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

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

The Celebrant says

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.*



Glory To God ~ 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
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our
prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day: The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 21

(BCP Page 234)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

(You may be seated)

A Reading from Esther

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 124

(BCP Page 781)

Read responsively by half verse.

If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;

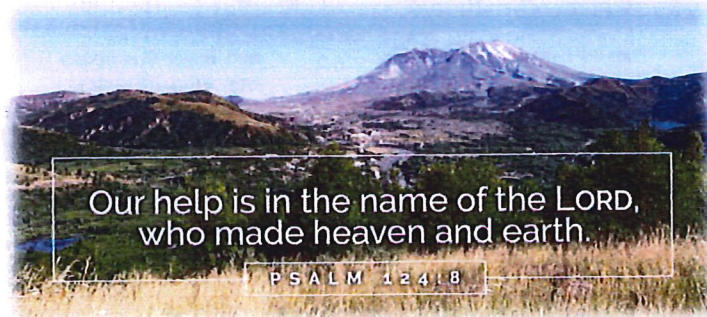
Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;

Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.

Blessed be the LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.



The Second Lesson

A Reading from the letter of James

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE GOSPEL *Please stand as are able.*

GOSPEL HYMN: Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

(Hymn #509)



1. Spi - rit di - vine,	at - tend our prayers,	and make this house thy home;
2. Come as the light;	to us re - veal	our emp - ti - ness and woe,
3. Come as the fire,	and purge our hearts	like sac - ri - fi - cial flame;
4. Come as the dove,	and spread thy wings,	the wings of peace - ful love;
5. Spi - rit di - vine,	at - tend our prayers;	make a lost world thy home;



1. de - scend with all thy gra - cious powers,	O come, great Spi - rit, come!
2. and lead us in those paths of life	where-on the right - eous go.
3. let our whole soul an of - fering be	to our Re - deem - er's Name.
4. and let thy Church on earth be - come	blest as the Church a - bove.
5. de - scend with all thy gra - cious powers;	O come, great Spi - rit, come!

The Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-50

The congregation remains standing as are able.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

WH  **EVER**
" *is not against us* "
IS FOR US.
Mark 9:40

The congregation sits.

Homily

The Rev. Jim Friedel



(BCP Page 358)

All stand as are able.

*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 ~ Form III

(BCP Page 387)

The Leader and People pray responsively (You may sit or kneel as are able)

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 Collect at the Prayers

(BCP Page 394, #1)

The Celebrant says

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Confession of Sin

(BCP Page 360)

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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)

All stand as are able.

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

The Celebrant and People will greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

You may be seated as the Altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

Offertory Anthem: O Clap Your Hands

(Beveridge)

Doxology

Praise to God

(Hymn #380)

Please stand as are able

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A (*People remain standing.*) (BCP Pages 361-366)

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 says

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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

You may stand or kneel as you are able.

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:



MEMORIAL
ACCLAMATION

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en.

Christ will come a - gain.

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.

The Celebrant continues

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)

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

*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)

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.

The Celebrant says

Invitation to Communion

(BCP Page 364)

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

COMMUNION HYMNS ~ Choir

HYMN: We See the Lord/He Is Lord

(Hymn C-147/148)

HYMN: Come Holy Spirit

(Hymn C-149)

Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

(BCP Page 365)

The Celebrant says
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 Blessings

A Blessing

The Celebrant says

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*



Recessional: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life, vs 1-3

(Hymn #609)



1. Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2. In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
3. The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the



1. cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of self - ish
2. thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the lures of
3. fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti - tudes to



1. strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
2. greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
3. see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
All Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Thank you to all who helped and participated
in our services this morning.*



Lay Readers:

8:00 am ~ Elise Olexa

10:00 am ~ Carol Frappier and JD Debler

Vestry Person of the Day: Elise Olexa

Greeters/Ushers:

8:00 am ~

10:00 am ~ Barbara Appling and Tony Farmer

Director of Music Ministry: Meredith Carter

Musical Assistance: Alan Berkebile

The Ladies of our Altar Guild

COVID-19 Delta Variant and our Churches

COPIES OF THE DIOCESAN PHASE 2(d) GUIDELINES ARE LOCATED AT EACH ENTRANCE.
You may find Bishop Reed's letter and other current information on their website:
dwtx.org.

HISTORY MOMENTS

St. Peter's **History Moments** will be presented each Sunday at the 8:00 am & 10:00 am services.

This week's theme:

**"The History of our Clergy"
Your History at St. Peter's**

Each of us has a story to share whether we have been a part of this parish for many years or only a few. Our life together in response to God's call upon our hearts is our history.

As you reflect and begin to gather your thoughts, we invite you to simply send them to St. Peter's in an email message. We would love you to include pictures also!

These will be compiled and our remembrances shared.



**Flowers at the Altar today
have been given to the glory
of God.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are dates available if you would like to honor someone special or celebrate a special occasion with flowers placed at the Altar on Sundays.

You may contact the church office.
Cost is \$50



The Stations of the Resurrection Study series continues on Monday, September 27th at 6:00 pm.

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME.

This group will meet in person at the church or by ZOOM. If you are new to the study, please let us know so we can send you the information you need.



The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are **invited** to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Graham Wilson on 26th; Pinky Gonzalez on the 27th and Bob Nelson on October 1st

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Katie & Justin Holt on the 27th and
Connie & Jim Myers on October 2nd.

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