

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
September 5, 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.

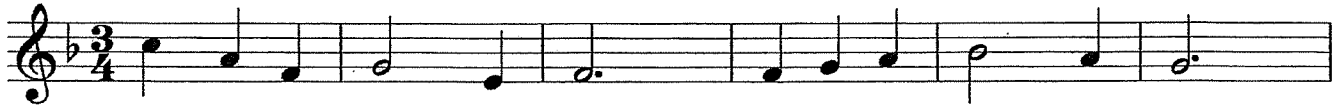
We invite your questions regarding our ministries and life in the Episcopal Church. Please know that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion during our worship.

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

**HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II**  
**THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
 September 5, 2021 ~ 10:00 am

**Processional: Thou, Whose Almighty Word**

(Hymn #371)



1. Thou, whose al - might - y word	cha - os and dark - ness heard,
2. Thou who didst come to bring	on thy re - deem - ing wing
3. Spi - rit of truth and love,	life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,
4. Ho - ly and bless - ed Three,	glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



1. and took their flight;	hear us, we hum - bly pray,	and, where the Gos - pel day	in - ly blind,
2. heal - ing and sight,	health to the sick in mind,	sight to the	in - ly blind,
3. speed forth thy flight!	Move on the wat - ers' face	bear - ing the	gifts of grace,
4. wis - dom, love, might;	bound - less as o - cean's tide,	roll - ing in	full - est pride,



1. sheds not its glo - rious ray,	let there be light!	let there be light!
2. now to all hu - man-kind,	let there be light!	let there be light!
3. and, in earth's dark - est place,	let there be light!	let there be light!
4. through the world far and wide,	let there be light!	let there be light!

**The Greeting**

(BCP Page 355)

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

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

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

(BCP Page 355)

*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.

### Collect of the Day: The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 18

(BCP Pages 233)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**THE LESSONS**    (*You may be seated*)

**A Reading from Proverbs**

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:  
the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
and the rod of anger will fail.

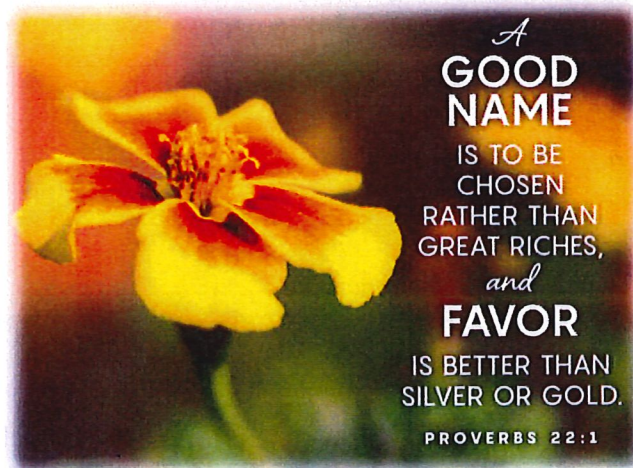
Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,  
or crush the afflicted at the gate;

for the LORD pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

*Celebrant*     The Word of the Lord.

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



## PSALM 125

(BCP Pages 781-782)

*Read alternately by half verse.*

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, \*  
*which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.*

The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
*so does the LORD stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.*

The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \*  
*so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.*

Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good \*  
*and to those who are true of heart.*

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
*but peace be upon Israel.*



Those who trust in the LORD are  
like Mount Zion, which cannot  
be moved, but abides forever.

Psalm 125:1, ESV

## A Reading from the letter of James

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

*Celebrant*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*          *Thanks be to God.*

## THE GOSPEL      *Please stand as are able.*

### GOSPEL HYMN: Thine Arm, O Lord, In Days of Old

*(Hymn #567)*

1. Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to heal and save; it  
2. And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing, strength, and sight; and  
3. Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of life and death; re-

1. tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death, o'er dark - ness and the grave. To  
2. youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed thee, the Lord of light: and  
3. store and quick - en, soothe and bless, with thine al - might - y breath: to

1. thee they went, the blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the  
2. now, O Lord, be near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in  
3. hands that work and eyes that see, give wis - dom's heaven - ly lore, that

1. lep - er set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.  
2. crowd - ed street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.  
3. whole and sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

## The Gospel Reading: Mark 7:24-37

*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.*

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.

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



NICENE  
CREED

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*All stand 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.*

## 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: My Saviour and My God

(Althouse)

### Doxology

### Praise to God

(Hymn #380)

*Please stand as are able*

The musical notation is for a hymn in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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: Those Who Trust In The Lord**

*(Hymn C-215)*

**HYMN: Heal Me Hands of Jesus**

*(Hymn WLP 773)*

## 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 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 this day and remain with you always. *Amen.*

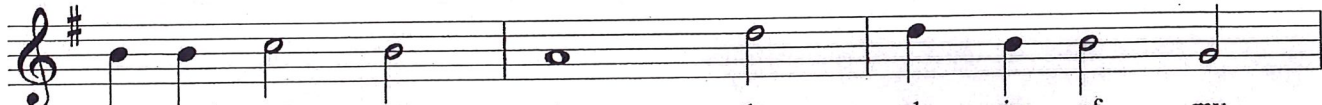


# Recessional: O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing


(Hymn #493)



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
3. Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and  
4. He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new  
5. Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your  
6. Glo - ry to God and praise and love be



1. dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
- 2. sist me to pro - claim and spread through all the  
3. bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the  
4. life the dead re - ceive, the mourn - ful bro - ken  
5. loos - ened tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold, your  
6. now and ev - er given by saints be - low and



1. God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2. earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3. sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4. hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
5. Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!  
6. saints a - bove, the Church in earth and heaven.

## 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 ~ Carol Frappier

10:00 am ~ Cecelia Shannon and Vallerie Farmer

Vestry Person of the Day: Pinky Gonzalez

### Greeter/Usher:

8:00 am ~ Jim Herring and David Herring

10:00 am ~ Marita Muiznieks Lindsay 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

Bishop Reed has released a Pastoral Letter to the Churches regarding the surge in illness caused by the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus. The letter is a very good read with compassionate words from our Bishop along with scripture, prayer, and data about the virus. As of now our churches in the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas will continue to follow the Phase 2(d) Guidelines that are in place.

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

How delightful  
is your love.

There will be a Memorial Service  
for SE Kelly and his son Steven

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Saturday, September 18th at 10:30 am



*Flowers at the Altar today have been given to the glory of God in memory of Jean Herring on her birthday by her husband Jim Herring and in memory of our beloved Sarah Soret Nicodam by JoAnn Leonard and family*



**LABOR**  
Day

The church office will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 6th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Barbara Shelton on the 5th; Natalie Werkhoven on the 6th; and Lynna Thomas on the 11th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Lucille & Ed Rainwater on the 5th and John & Julie Pina on the 9th