

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Holy Eucharist Rite II
October 31, 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
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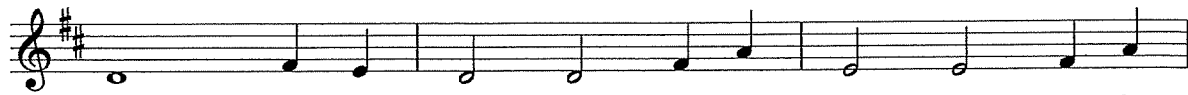
The congregation stands.

Processional: Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing

(Hymn #686)



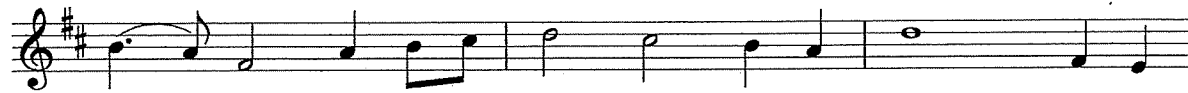
1. Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy
 2. Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er, by thy help, I've
 3. Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to



1. grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er ceas - ing, call for
 2. come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly
 3. be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my



1. songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
 2. to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 3. wan - dering heart to thee: prone to wan - der, Lord, I



1. son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the
 2. stran - ger wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to
 3. feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my



1. mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's un - chang-ing love.
 2. res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 3. heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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 Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 26 (BCP Page 235)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; 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 the Book of Ruth 1:1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go;
Where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.
Where you die, I will die—
there will I be buried.
May the Lord do thus and so to me,

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 146

(BCP Page 803)

Read responsively by the half verse.

Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
*he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.*

The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!



The Second Lesson

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*


THE GOSPEL *Please stand as are able.*

GOSPEL HYMN: Help Us, O Lord

(Hymn #628)



1. Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parted: to
2. Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that
3. Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that



1. stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.
2. all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.
3. yearn-ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.



**Christ ... through
the eternal Spirit
offered himself
without blemish
to God ...**

Hebrews 9:14, NRSV

The Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28-34

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.*

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' – this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*



Love
the Lord your God
with all your HEART
and with all your SOUL
and with all your MIND
and with all your STRENGTH.

Mark 12:30, ESV

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, #4)

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son 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: Deep Within

(D. Haas)

Doxology

Praise to God

(Hymn #380)

Please stand as are able

The musical notation is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. 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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us 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: There Is a Fountain

(Levas II, #39)

HYMN: Take Our Bread

(Hymn #C-164)

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: Rise Up, Ye Saints of God

(Hymn #551)



1. Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
2. Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,
3. Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and



1. heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
2. bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
3. quick-ened by the Spi-rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

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.*

Thank
You!



Lector/Lay Readers:

8:00 am ~ Sherri Collins

10:00 am ~ Aimee Kaduscwicz & JD Debler

Vestry Person of the Day: Steve Clarkson

Greeters/Ushers:

8:00 am ~ Elza LeBrun

10:00 am ~ John Kaduscwicz and Ed Rainwater

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 the
"The Bishop Elliott Center"***

Your Personal 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 in thanks to the
glory of God for His many blessings.***

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are dates available in 2021 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



Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday, November 7th. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!

HEAR THE
WORD
OF THE
LORD.



EZEKIEL 37:4

ALL HALLOWS EVE SERVICE
On Sunday, October 31st, at 6:00 pm.
Father Jim will offer an online evening service. We hope you can join us for this worship time.

Daughters of the King

Will meet on Tuesday,
November 9th from
4:30pm-6:00pm
St. Peter's Parish Hall

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Meredith Carter, Jennie Taylor & Charlie Brightwell on the 1st;
Sherri Collins on the 2nd;
Angela Rivera & Jean Albright on the 3rd; Donald Olmstead on the 4th; Kay Barneby on the 5th; and Bob Gilliam on the 6th.



The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. St. Peter's supports this mission and has been collecting donations for the last month or so.

If you participated this year, please plan to bring your little blue box or envelope with monies you collected to church on Sunday, November 7th for the UTO Ingathering.



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