

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Rev. James Friedel
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II
July 9, 2023 ~ 10:00 am



WELCOME!

Greetings! We are delighted that you have joined us for our Worship Service this morning and thankful to be together.

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.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
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All stand as are able.

Processional: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

(Hymn #657)



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3. Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



1. earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
2. life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er
3. let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect-



1. faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
- 2. more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
- 3. ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



1. pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with thy sal -
2. serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee with - out
3. till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns be -



- 1. va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
- 2. ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
- 3. fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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.

Celebrant

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.

Song of Praise: Gloria

(Hymn S-280)

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect of the Day - The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 9 (BCP Page 230-231)

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor:
Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart,
and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

You may be seated for the Lessons and the Psalm.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

A Reading from the Prophet Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Psalm 145:8-15

We will read alternately by whole verse.

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

*The LORD is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.*

All your works praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful servants bless you.

*They make known the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power;*

That the peoples may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

*Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.*

The LORD is faithful in all his words
and merciful in all his deeds.

*The LORD upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.*

*The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food
in due season.*

Psalm 145:15, NRSV



THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from the Book of Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

Thanks
be to **God**
through
Jesus Christ
our
LORD!

◆ Romans 7:25 ◆

THE GOSPEL

GOSPEL HYMN: How Sweet The Name of Jesus Sounds, vs 1-4

(Hymn 644)

Please stand, as you are able.



1. How sweet the Name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear! It
2. It makes the wound-ed spi - rit whole, and calms the trou - bled breast; 'tis
3. Dear Name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing - place, my
4. O Je - sus! Shep-herd, Guard-ian, Friend, O Pro-phet, Priest, and King, my



1. soothes our sor-rows, heals our wounds, and drives a - way our fear.
2. man - na to the hun - gry soul, and to the wear - y, rest.
3. nev - er - fail - ing trea - sury, filled with bound-less stores of grace!
4. Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac - cept the praise I bring.

Please remain standing.

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

You may be seated.

Homily

The Rev. James 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.*

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

(BCP Page #392)

The Leader and the People pray responsively. You may kneel or sit as are able.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

We pray for Justin, The Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop,
David our Diocesan Bishop, David our Diocesan Bishop Coadjutor, Jim our Rector, and all bishops
and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Confession of Sin

(BCP Page 393)

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

Leader and People

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Celebrant says

(BCP Page 360)

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

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

The Offertory Sentence

(BCP Page 376)

The Celebrant says

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

You may be seated while the Altar is being prepared for Communion.

The Offertory

The Offertory Anthem ~ Be Thou My Vision ~ Soloists: Martha Berkebile & Vallerie Farmer

Doxology

Please stand as are able.

Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer C

(BCP Pages 369-372)

The people 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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

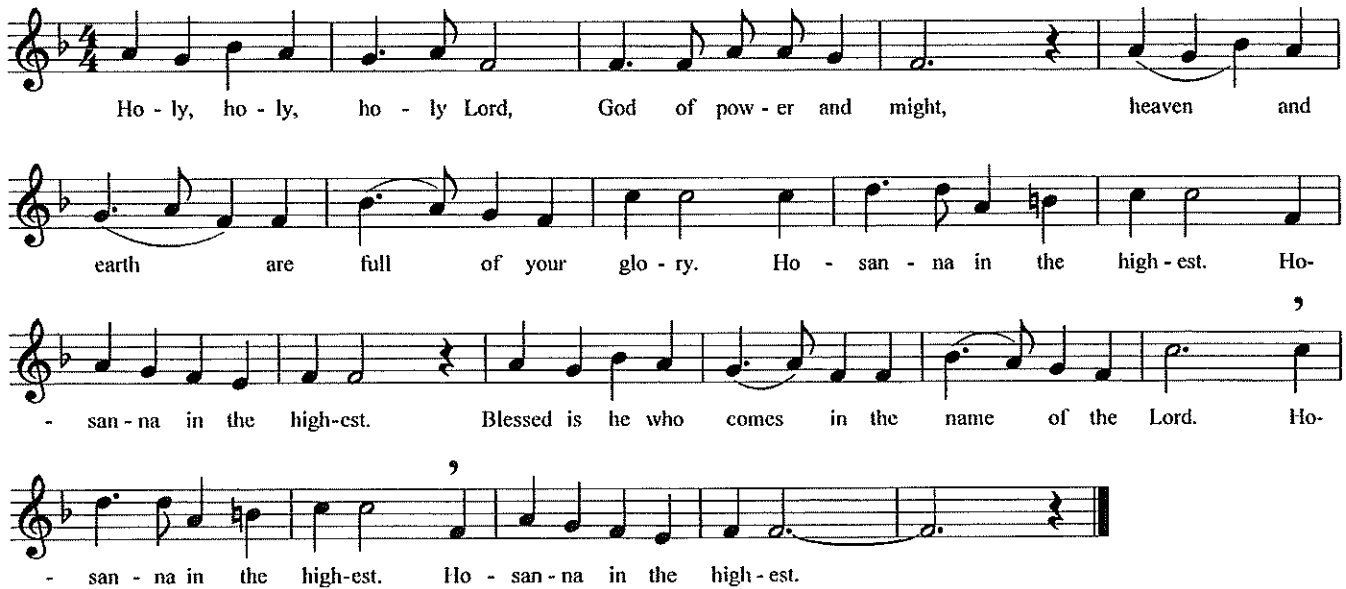
By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Please remain standing. Celebrant and People sing

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
- san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
- san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people sit or kneel as are able.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
*We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

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

Celebrant and People sing

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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. 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

HYMN ~ Fear Not, Rejoice and Be Glad

(Page 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-ding, 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.

HYMN ~ God Has Called You

(See Come Celebrate Page C-155)

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;

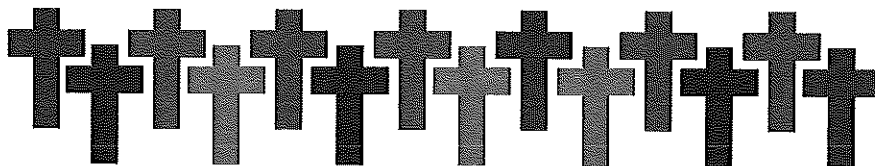
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

A Blessing for Pentecost

The Celebrant says

May Almighty God, who enlightened the minds of the disciples by pouring out upon them the Holy Spirit, make you rich with his blessing, that you may abound more and more in that Spirit. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*



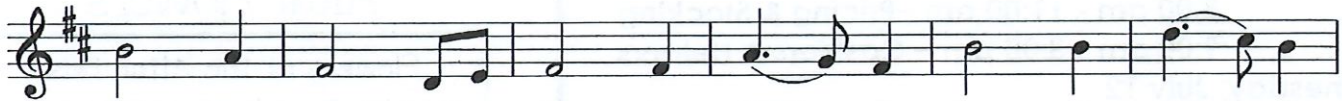
The Recessional: Just As I Am, Without One Plea, vs 1-4

(Hymn #693)

Please stand, as you are able.



1. Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya con - flict,
3. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es, heal - ing
4. Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt well - come, par - don,



1. shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O
2. man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out, O
3. of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to find, O
4. cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve, O



1. Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4. Lamb of God, I come, I come.

The Dismissal

(BCP Page 366)

Celebrant Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



Lectors/Lay Readers

8:00 am ~ Carrie Arrington & Sherri Collins

10:00 am ~ Rick Rarick & JD Debler

Hosts

8:00 am ~ Scott Arrington & Katherine Hubbard

10:00 am ~ Bill Page & Robbie Ramirez

Vestry Person of the Day ~ Lee Williams

Altar Guild ~ Peggy Friebele & Johnnie Callam

Fellowship Teams

8:00 am ~ Elza LeBrun

10:00 am ~ Susan & Tommy Allen

Director of Music Ministries ~ Meredith Carter

Musical Assistant ~ Alan Berkebile

Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 9

HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite I, 8:00am, Rite II, 10:00am

Monday, July 10

* Community Group: Lady Lions Club in the Parish Hall at 10:00 am

*Castaways

12:30 pm ~ Pricing Clothes

Tuesday, July 11

*Castaways

8:00 am - 11:00 am ~Pricing & Stocking

9:00 am - 3:00 pm ~ Cashiers & Helpers

Wednesday, July 12

* Evening Compline led by Vallerie Farmer

Thursday, July 13

*Sit, relax, knit and visit with our "More Than Knitters" Group at 1:00 pm

*Join the History Chicks' Group at 2:00 pm

Friday, July 14

*Castaways

8:00 am - 11:00 am ~Pricing & Stocking

9:00 am - 3:00 pm ~ Cashiers & Helpers

welcome
to our church family



Altar Flowers

Flowers at the Altar this morning have been given to the glory of God by Becky & John Warren in honor of their anniversary.

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are several dates available to sign up for altar flowers. You may reserve a date to offer flowers in honor, celebration, or in memory of a loved one. Sign-up is on the table in front of the Nursery. Offering is \$50.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tommy Gardner July 10



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Safe travels and happy wishes to Father Jim and Christy as they leave for vacation time with their families.

We will have Evening Compline on Wednesday, July 12th and Morning Prayer on Sunday, July 16th for Rite 1 & Rite II.