

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. James Friedel

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II

July 30, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.



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.

Processional Hymn: O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

(Hymnal 388)

Please stand.



1. O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove! O grate - ful - ly
2. O tell of his might! O sing of his grace! Whose robe is the
3. The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y thy
4. Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the
5. Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in thee do we



1. sing his power and his love! Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of
2. light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der-clouds
3. power hath found - ed of old, hath stab - lished it fast by a change-less de-
4. air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the
5. trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the



1. Days, pa - vil-ioned in splen-dor, and gird - ed with praise.
2. form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3. cree, and round it hath cast, like a man-tle, the sea.
4. plain, and sweet-ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
5. end! Our Ma-ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem-er, and Friend!

The Word of God

(BCP page 355)

Please remain standing.

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 whom 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*

Celebrant and people

Gloria

(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 Celebrant says to the people

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

Please be seated for the Lessons and the Psalm.

A Reading from the First Book of Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

continued

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

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

Psalm 119:129-136

We will read responsively by half verse at the asterisk.

Your decrees are wonderful;*
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

When your word goes forth it gives light;*
it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and pant;*
I long for your commandments.

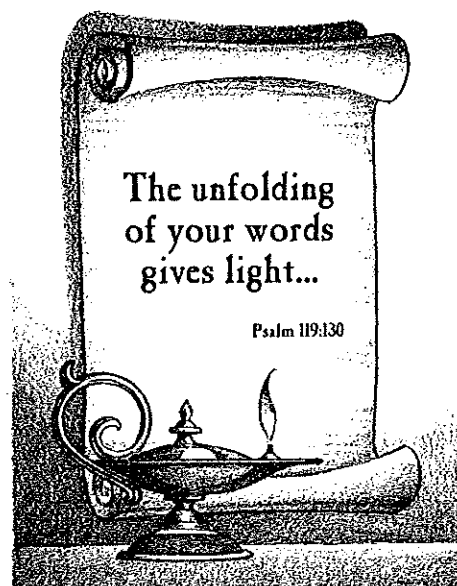
Turn to me in mercy,*
as you always do to those who love your Name.

Steady my footsteps in your word;*
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from those who oppress me,*
and I will keep your commandments.

Let your countenance shine upon your servant*
and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears,*
because people do not keep your law.



A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

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THE GOSPEL

Please stand.

Gospel Hymn: If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

(Hymnal 635)



1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
2. Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv-ing; so do thine own part



1. all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
2. faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv-ing;



1. and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un-
2. thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for-



- 1. chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
- 2. sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Homily

The Reverend James Friedel

Please stand for the Nicene Creed.

*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 392-393)

The Lender and People pray responsively, kneeling or sitting.

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.

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; David, our Diocesan Bishop; David, our Diocesan Bishop Coadjutor; Jim, our Rector, and for 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

The People may add their own thanksgivings

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.

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

Silence may be kept.

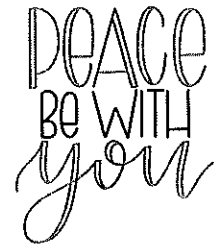
Leader and People
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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

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



THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

The Offertory Anthem: The Light of Christ

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Doxology

Please stand.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C

(BCP page 369)

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.*

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

The Celebrant proceeds

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:

Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are 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.

Please kneel or sit.

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,

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. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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 Hymn: Come to the Waters

(C-152)

Refrain



Come to the wa - ters, and I will give you rest. Come to the wa - ters, and you will be re - freshed.

Verse 1



Je - sus said, "Come un - to me, all you we - ry, hea - vy la - den."

To Refrain Verse 2



Je - sus said, of the wa - ters that he gave, those who drink shall nev - er thirst a - gain.

Verse 3

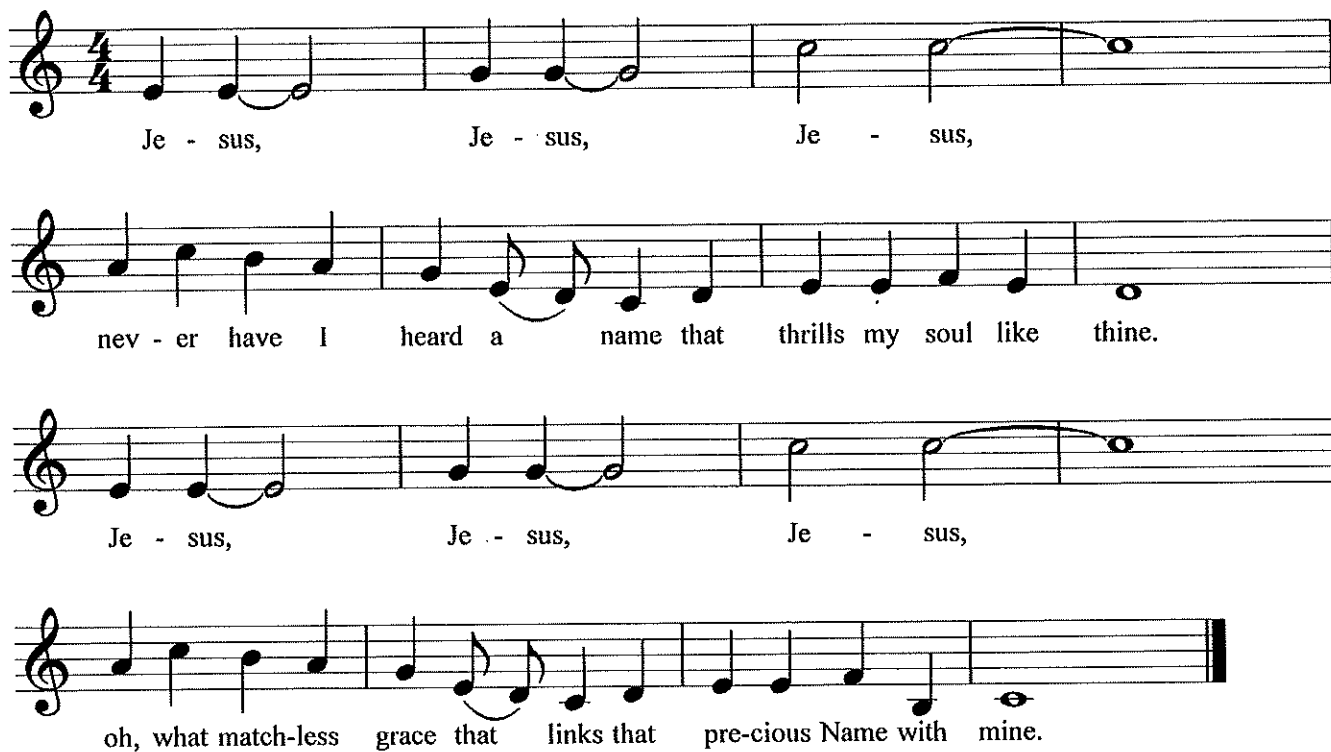


Je - sus said, those who be - lieve in him, out of them shall flow liv - ing wa - ters.

To Refrain Verse 4



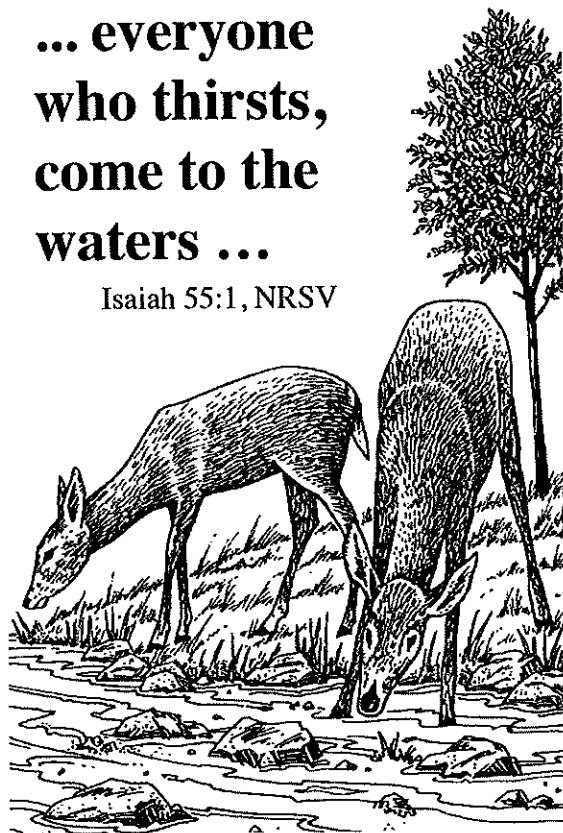
So with joy you shall draw wa - ter out of wells of sal - va - tion.



Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus,
nev - er have I heard a name that thrills my soul like thine.
Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus,
oh, what match-less grace that links that pre-cious Name with mine.

**... everyone
who thirsts,
come to the
waters ...**

Isaiah 55:1, NRSV



The Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 Blessings

A Blessing for Pentecost

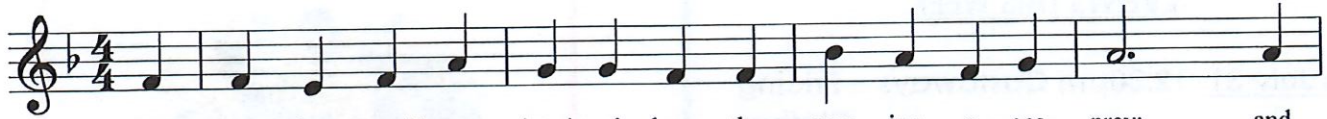
The Celebrant says

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.*

Amen!

Recessional Hymn: Thy Kingdom Come!

(Hymnal 615)



1. "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray; and
2. But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long; and
3. And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear; gird
4. the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed, when
5. when know-ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad; the



1. faith-ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king-dom's day.
2. for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.
3. up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near:
4. jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
5. day of per - fect right-eous-ness, the prom-ised day of God.

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Lectors/Lay Readers

8:00 am ~ Elza LeBrun & Cecelia Shannon

10:00 am ~ Wendy Laubach & Myra Kline

Hosts

8:00 am ~ Barbara & Mike Patton

10:00 am ~ Marita Lindsay & Robbie Ramirez

Vestry Person of the Day ~ Julie Piña

Altar Guild ~ Margaret Goolsbee & Sherri Collins

Fellowship Teams

8:00am & 10:00am~ Summer Pot Luck! Thanks to all who contributed!

Director of Music Ministries ~ Meredith Carter

Musical Assistant ~ Alan Berkebile



welcome to your church family

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- Mon July 31 12:30pm Castaways ~ Pricing Clothes
3:15 CASTAWAYS PULL DAY
- Tues Aug 1 8:00-11:00am Castaways:
Pricing & Stocking
9:00am-3:00 pm Castaways:
Cashiers & Helpers
- Wed Aug 2 6:00pm Holy Eucharist with
Healing Prayers
- Thur Aug 3 1:00pm "More Than Knitters"
Bring your knitting, crocheting, etc.
2:00pm History Chicks meeting
- Fri Aug 4 8:00- 11:00 am Castaways:
Pricing & Stocking
9:00 - 3:00 pm Castaways:
Cashiers & Helpers



Altar Flowers

Flowers at the Altar this morning have been given in thanksgiving for friends and family July birthdays
by
Rachel Trevino

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.

St. Christopher's is celebrating its 65th Anniversary! The Rev. John L. Blackburn at St. Christopher By-The-Sea in Portland has extended an invitation to their Festal Choral Evensong this afternoon (July 30) at 4:00. Archdeacon Mike Besson will preside, and the ensemble Harmonia Stellarum Houston will sing the liturgy. A reception will follow.

Rockport Good Samaritans



is especially in need of :

Fans

Powdered milk

Canned meat, fruit, and vegetables
(in cans that can be opened without a can opener)

Basket for donations is located outside the nursery.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kathryn Hamby August 3

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Nichol & David Hamilton
Aug 2

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