



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025

Holy Eucharist — 9:45 AM

Welcome to St. Peter's. We are glad you are here!

Our worship is influenced by some of the most ancient patterns of liturgy from the earliest centuries of the Church: Scripture reading, hymn singing, prayers, chanting, incense, and communion. We use the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and the 1982 Hymnal (Hymnal) which are both included in the pew, and this leaflet includes instructions and explanations to help guide your participation in today's liturgy.

If you have any questions, please ask one of our ushers or any of our members who will be glad to help.

Children are always welcome in worship, exactly as they are! There is a designated "pray-ground" about 2/3 of the way back to allow a space for younger children.

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Prelude

Lascia Ch'io Pianga

Handel

At the sound of the bell, the congregation stands as able for the processional hymn:

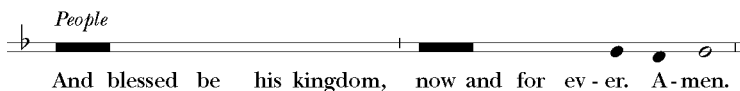
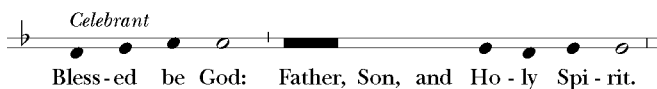
Opening Hymn

Morning has broken

Hymnal 8

(BUNESSAN)

The people standing, the Celebrant sings



The Celebrant then 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.

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 Celebrant then continues

Collect of the Day

(This is a prayer appointed for each day that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season in the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the readings for the day.)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading *(please be seated)*

Jeremiah 1:4-10

(This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred.)

The word of the Lord came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';

for you shall go to all to whom I send you,

and you shall speak whatever I command you,

Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you,

says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to pull down,

to destroy and to overthrow,

to build and to plant."

After each reading, the Lector says “The Word of the Lord” and the People respond: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

(The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. You are welcome to either join in chanting this psalm or prayerfully listen.)

Psalm 71:1-6

In te, Domine, speravi



- 1 IN YOU, O Lord, have I taken *ref-uge*; *
let me nev-er be [^]a-shamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me *free*; *
incline your ear to me *and* save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me *safe*; *
you are my crag and *my* strong-hold.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the *wick-ed*, *
from the clutches of the evildoer and the *op-pres-sor*.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord *God*, *
my confidence *since* I [^]was young.
- 6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my *strength*; *
my praise shall be al-ways of you.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-29

(This reading is taken from the New Testament, typically from a letter to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.)

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

*After each reading, the Lector says "The Word of the Lord" and the People respond: **Thanks be to God.***

The Holy Gospel

(The People stand as able for the "Gospel Alleluia" as we prepare our heart, mind, soul, and strength to hear the Gospel [literally "Good News"] of God, as revealed in the life, teaching, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.)

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Thou, O God, are praised in Sion:
and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Alleluia.*

All remain standing for the procession and proclamation of the Holy Gospel.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

People: ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Luke 13:10-17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

At the end of the Gospel reading, the Deacon and people say the following responsory:

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

The Homily

The Venerable Denise Schiavone

(The homily or sermon follows the Gospel because it is directly grounded in Holy Scripture. It illuminates the readings and helps us relate them to our daily life.)

Nicene Creed

BCP pg. 358

(The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" [I believe]. Creeds reflect basic Christian beliefs over time & around the world.)
The people stand, facing the altar and saying

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

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 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 Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

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 Priest, stands and 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.**

Healing Prayer

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The ministers and people share the peace of Christ as a sign of reconciliation and with the hope of continuing this work in the world.

Announcements

Offertory

Presentation Hymn

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Hymnal 493

(AZMON)

Sanctus & Benedictus

Hymnal S-129

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

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second and third staves contain triplets of eighth notes. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

The people stand or kneel, as able

(Our prayer continues, telling of God's interaction with humanity (often called our "salvation history") culminating in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. The Celebrant says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper, invokes the Holy Spirit to consecrate the bread and wine, and invites us to remember Christ's death, resurrection, and coming again. The full text is found in the BCP on page 362.)

Celebrant
There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:
Celebrant and People
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The musical score consists of two staves. The first staff is labeled "Celebrant" and the second staff is labeled "Celebrant and People". Both staves are in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

(The Celebrant continues until the Great Amen, when the congregation says, with a unified voice, a concurring AMEN with all that has been prayed on their behalf. This is the only "Amen" in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, signifying the greatness of the response.)

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.**

Lord's Prayer

Hymnal S-119

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion

*Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.*

Communion Hymn

*Rock of ages
(TOPLADY)*

Hymnal 685

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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.

Blessing

The people kneel and the Celebrant says

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 Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

*O bless the Lord my soul
(ST THOMAS Williams)*

Hymnal 411

Dismissal

People: ***Thanks be to God!***

Postlude

Wake, Awake

Walther

Parish Prayer List

The Church: Sean, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Carrie, our Bishop; Denise, our Deacon; Vestry and Officers: Bill Rodney (Senior Warden), John Francis (Junior Warden), Katie Shaw (Registrar), Doug Pryor (Treasurer), Alexa Fair, Katy DeHart, Sara Radcliffe, Kimberly Jones, Joshua Bombino, Mary Milano.

Recent Needs: Jamey Vaughn, Marilyn Hesson, Max Timoll, Evan Russell, Glenn Pritchett, Parker Shaw, Ronnie Ducote, Alexa Fair, Cooper Barton, Gary Pon, Greg Abreu, Walt Geffert, Shari Hofmann, Hugh and Linda Thompson, the Stuart-Paul family, Bob & Joyce Tyson.

(Names remain on the Recent Needs Prayer List for 30 days unless notified otherwise.)

Ongoing Needs: Sofia Feltkamp and Family, Colin Clark, Paul Bragaw, Mary Votta, Ann Carmody, Laura Confer, Cherl Putnam, Fern Buchler, Ron Brueggeman, Ray & Rose Powell, Jennifer Foster, Rick Kneeland, John Jordan, Bob Williams, Earl Markowicz, Sue & Steve Hartlaub.

(Names remain on the Ongoing Needs Prayer List for 90 days unless notified otherwise.)

Homebound Members: Irene & Walter Closson, Sylvia Ellison, Brenda Sabino.

Rest of the Soul: Ronnie Parham, Michelle Cutick, Paul Shaffer, Michelle Doran, Sue Herron Hawes, Ingrid Hastings, John McSweeney, Erna "Ernie" Kent, Patricia A. Kassakatis, Brian Kneeland, Judy Walizer, Alisha Brown, Craig Peter Stuart-Paul, Ho Kim, Sherry L. Hooper, June A. Wajek.

(Names remain on the Rest of the Soul Prayer List for 30 days unless notified otherwise.)

Would you like to add someone to the prayer list or have an announcement featured here? Please submit names/announcements to the church office by email: parish.admin@stpetersec.org BY SUNDAY NIGHT.

Pastoral Care at St. Peter's

Pastoral care is rooted in the idea of shepherding and service, with the goal of nurturing and guiding individuals towards spiritual and emotional well-being. It involves a blend of empathy, compassion, or practical support, tailored to the unique needs of each individual. Examples include providing comfort and guidance to those experiencing grief, offering support during illness or hardship and providing a listening ear.

Here at St. Peter's, in coordination and support from clergy, the pastoral care committee actively sends cards/ecards to celebrate birthdays and children's baptismal anniversaries, to recognize celebrations and to give comfort during times of sadness. It helps to provide meals when needed, schedules transportation, assists with funeral repasts, provides grief support booklets and strives to maintain communication with our homebound members.

If you would like to assist in any way with this important ministry, please join our meeting after church on August 24 @ 11:15 in the chapel. Ideas as to how we can better support our congregation are always welcome. Questions or comments may be submitted to pastoralcare@stpetersec.org.

Parish Announcements

Happy 50^h Wedding Anniversary to Douglas & Kaye Pryor



PASTORAL CARE REQUEST

Bishop Rodney continues to need transportation to and from church. He lives at Harmony Hall, 6336 Cedar Ln., Columbia. If needed, assistance is available at Harmony Hall, as well as St Peter's, to lift his wheelchair in and out of your vehicle. If you are available to help occasionally, please sign up below. If you have questions, please contact Sharon at 410-608-4125.

ONGOING PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Pasta sauce, Chef Boyardee canned items, and cereal. Items may be placed in the basket at the rear of the nave.

Action Dates:

- 8/24 Little Pantry Monitor- Sharon Sachs
- 8/27 Little Pantry Monitor- Kaye Pryor
- 8/29 Little Pantry Monitor- Sharon Sachs
- 8/31 Little Pantry Monitor- Sharon Sachs

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 31, 2025 (*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*)

9:45 AM Eucharist

The Rev. Kiona Lookingbill

Coffee Hour to Follow in St. Joseph's Hall

Sunday, September 7, 2025 (*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*)

9:45 AM Eucharist

The Rev. Kiona Lookingbill

Coffee Hour to Follow in St. Joseph's Hall

Children's Formation (Sunday School) Begins

Sunday, September 14, 2025 (*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*)

9:45 AM Eucharist

The Rev. Kiona Lookingbill

Coffee Hour to Follow in St. Joseph's Hall

LOOSE-PLATE OFFERINGS given in the plate that are not designated will go to support the following
1st Sunday—Discretionary Fund, 2nd Sunday—Outreach Fund, 3rd-5th Sundays—General Operating

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CONNECT WITH US:

We would love to connect with you! Whether it is your first time here or you simply need to update your information, scan the QR code or fill out the connection card in the pew. We look forward to getting to know you!

The altar flowers are given by Kaye & Douglas Pryor in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

SERVING THIS WEEK	
Altar Guild	Doug Pryor, Kaye Pryor
Acolyte	Guv Mitchell
Bell Ringer	Jeff Loveless
Celebrant	The Reverend Tobias Haller
Flag Guild	Nicole Busch
Intercessor	Katy DeHart
Lector 1	Stan Brown
Lector 2	Tom Donohue
Livestream/AV	John Francis
Preacher	The Venerable Denise Schiavone
Thurifer	Stan Brown
Tellers	Elizabeth Cahoon, Kofo Coker
Usher	Patti Shaffer, Mina Uhl