SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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JULY 23, 2023 - 10:30 A.M.



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Welcome to worship at St. Peter's Episcopal Church!

It is a joy to celebrate with you today. If this is your first time here, please introduce yourself to a clergy member after the service. And consider following us on social media to keep up with the exciting things going on at St. Peter's.

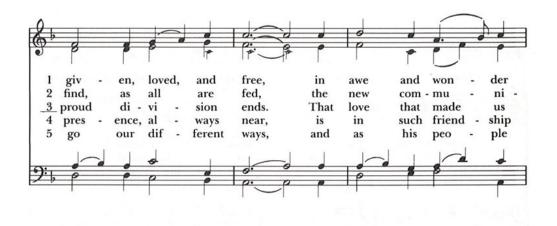
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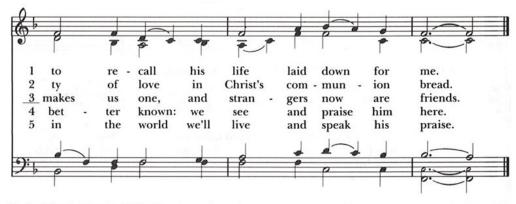
Fr. Quinn Parman+

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN: "I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord" (Hymn 304)







Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.

Music: Land of Rest, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Priest 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.

THE GLORIA (S-280)



Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray. Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before

we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and

reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON (Isaiah 44:6-8)

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please read responsively by whole verse.

THE PSALM (Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23)

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1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting places * and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

- 4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, * and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; * darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; * try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me * and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

THE SECOND LESSON (Romans 8:12-25)

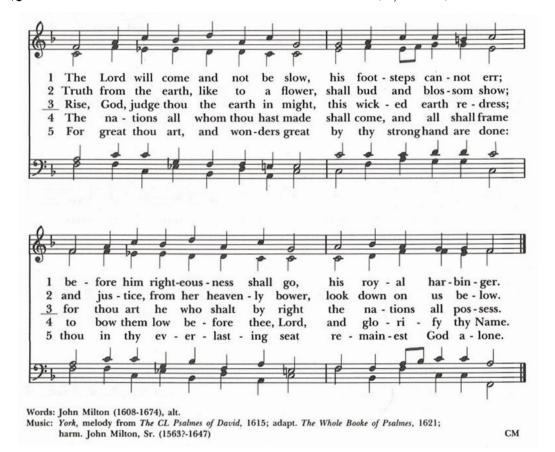
Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: "The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow" (Hymn 462)



THE GOSPEL (MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43)

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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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 (The people stand or kneel.)

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Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. Silence.

Intercessor For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessor For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop;

Brian, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Silence.

The people may add their own petitions.

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

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

The people may add their own thanksgivings.

Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor 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.

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

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

All 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.

Priest 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

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people greet one another in the name of the Risen Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Eucharistic table is set and the ushers collect offerings from the congregation. If you prefer to make an online donation, please use this QR code:



THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY HYMN: "Fairest Lord Jesus" (Hymn 383)

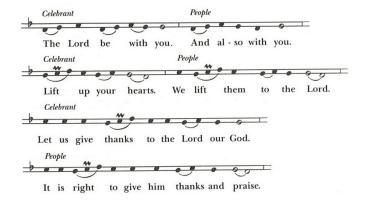


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Music: St. Elizabeth, melody from Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842; harm. Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

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Sursum Corda (S-120)



Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. [Here a Proper Preface is said.] 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 (S-124)

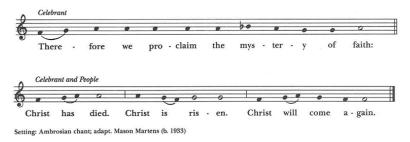


Setting: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

(The people stand or kneel.) Priest: 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."

The Memorial Acclamation (S-133)

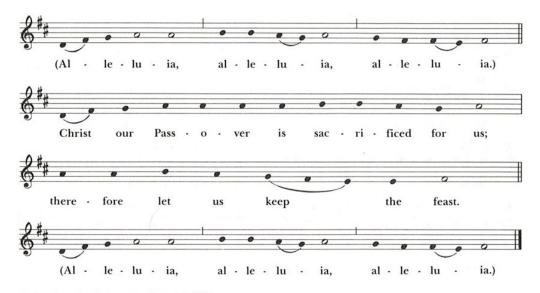


Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem (S-154)



Setting: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

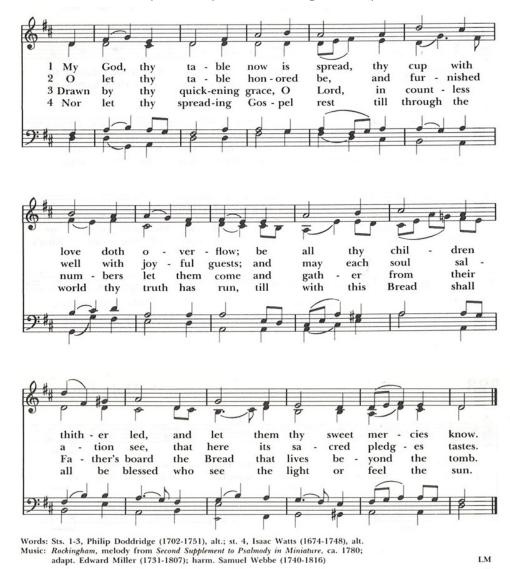
Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to receive the bread and wine.

Come up the center aisle to receive the Eucharist at the altar rail. Return to your pew using the side aisle. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please let the clergy know by crossing your arms in front of you at the altar. The chalice will be offered to all. If you prefer not to receive, you may choose to reverently acknowledge the presence of Christ in the wine, while the minister says,

"The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

COMMUNION HYMN: "My God, Thy Table Now is Spread" (Hymn 321)



SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

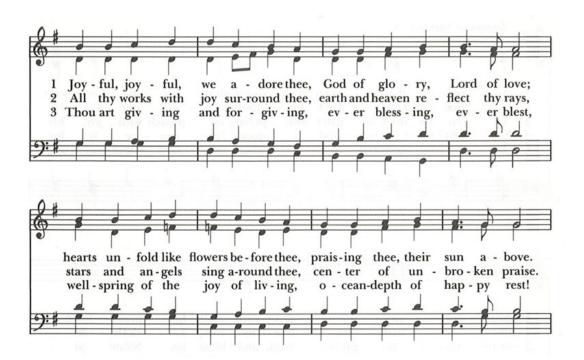
Deacon We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body,

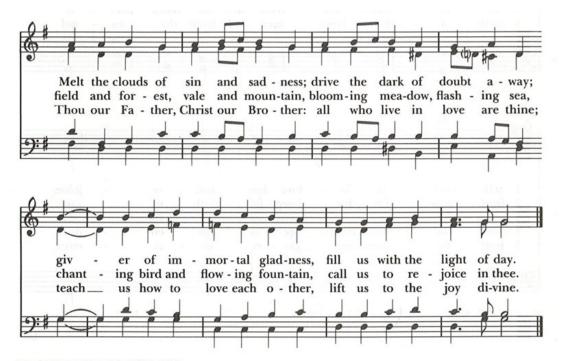
People Because we all share one bread and one cup.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (Hymn 376)





Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

Music: Hymn to Joy, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Lectors: Chris Clary (OT), Chassie Long (NT)
Intercessor: Mark Colbert
Eucharistic Ministers: Tony Burgess, Beth Janney
Livestream / Audio: Rachelle Parman
Acolytes: Camille Clary, Piper Clary, Eleanor Crowe
Ushers: David Andreae, Fred Koch
Healing Altar: Bobbie Suttles

We pray for the healing and comfort of:

Alicia, Betty Atkinson, Betty Lamance, Betty Thompson, Bill Kazmier, Bob Hoover,
Bob Matthews, Bobbye Cannon, Bryson Tidwell, Cynthia Millwood, Dianne Stone,
Dixie Warren, Donie, Eddie Rodgers, Emmalea Rogers, Ernestine Rogers, Evelyn Jonakin,
Garnet Johnston, Gene Vredeveld, Jeremy Hill, Jimmy McDaniel, John Giles, John Hickman,
Julie Suttles Saunders, Kelly Snyder, Leon Webb, Lisa Gee, Maggie Williams, Mark Northern,
Mary Cook, Matt Klinger, Nanci, Fr. Reynolds Garland, Richard Rogers, Susan Lawrence,
Susan Self, Suzy Marland, Terrell Williams, Terry Arnold, Vicki Neff

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