# SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## CHATTANOOGA, IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE

OCTOBER 1, 2023 - 10:30 A.M.



## THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Welcome to worship at St. Peter's Episcopal Church!
We are glad that you are here.

#### THE WORD OF GOD

## OPENING HYMN: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (Hymn 410)



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## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

## The Gloria

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray. O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity:

Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives

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

#### THE FIRST LESSON (Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32)

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (25:1-8) BCP 614

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \* let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \* let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \* and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \* for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \* for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \* remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \* therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \* and teaches his way to the lowly.

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THE SECOND LESSON (Philippians 2:1-13)

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit,

any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love,

being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in

humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests,

but to the interests of others.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did

not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form

of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly

exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every

knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much

more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who

is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Lector

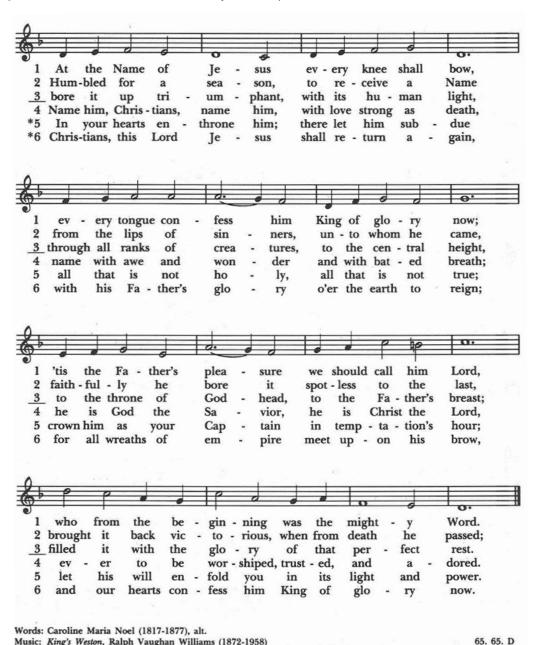
The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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## SEQUENCE HYMN: "At the Name of Jesus" (Hymn 435)



## THE GOSPEL (Matthew 21:23-32)

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. John H. Bonner III

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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.)

**BCP 387** 

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop;

Brian, our Bishop; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for Joe, our President; the Congress and the Supreme Court; for Bill, our

Governor; and Tim, our Mayor. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in

the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor We pray for the poor and the homeless. We pray for the sick. Have compassion

on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor We remember those who have died. Give to the departed eternal rest.

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Silence

The Priest adds a concluding collect.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. Silence.

All 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.

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

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**

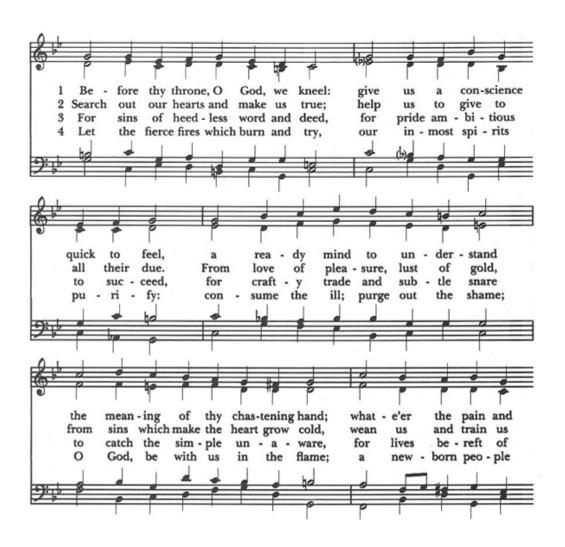
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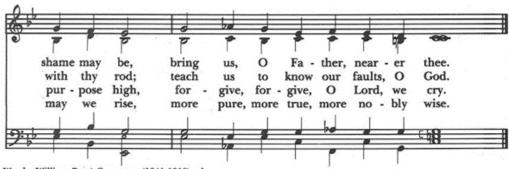
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#### THE OFFERTORY

## OFFERTORY HYMN: "Before Thy Throne, O God" (Hymn 575)





Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt.

Music: Vater unser im Himmelreich, melody from Geistliche lieder auffs new gebessert und gemehrt, 1539; adapt. Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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## Sursum Corda

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

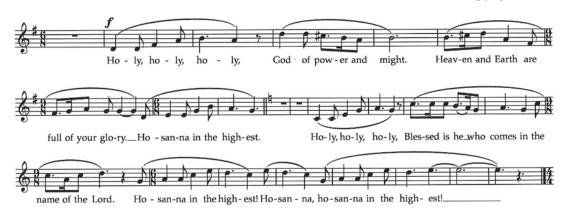
People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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



(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

Priest Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**BCP 364** 

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

## The Fraction Anthem

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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: "Bread of the World" (Hymn 301)



Music: Rendez à Dieu, melody att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

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## SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

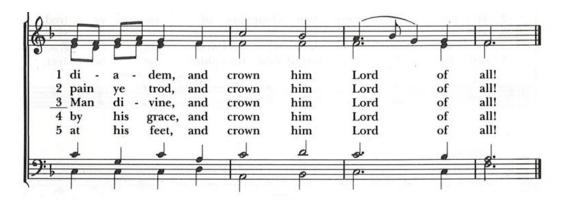
We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us Deacon in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body,

People Because we all share one bread and one cup. All 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.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" (Hymn 450)





6 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792), alt.

Music: Coronation, Oliver Holden (1765-1844), alt.; desc. Michael E. Young (b. 1939)

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## THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## A Note from Senior Warden Aaron Wells

I wanted to provide you all with a brief update with respect to the transition we are currently going through as a church. In the last few weeks, members of the Vestry met and considered two options provided by the diocese for how we will go about finding a new rector.

The first option involved an **interim rector** and appointment of a search committee. Under this option, the interim would likely be with us for 12 to 18 months. There would be no pathway for the interim to become the full-time, permanent rector. The second option was a **priest-in-charge** to rector route. Under this option, a priest generally serves for up to three years and, at the end of the term, may be invited to accept the call as rector. It is my understanding that there are also several reviews during that three-year period, at which time the church and priest consider whether the relationship is a proper fit. Pursuant to the Canons of the Diocese of East Tennessee, this option involves a Vestry-led search, and there would not be an appointed search committee.

After careful consideration, the Vestry chose to recommend the priest-in-charge option to Bishop Cole. Bishop Cole has accepted that recommendation. The Vestry chose this route for several reasons. First, we are a healthy church. Second, and relatedly, this option will allow us to begin our search more quickly for the person who will hopefully become our next rector. However, please be assured that we will be diligent in our efforts, and we will not make hasty decisions. Third, there were practical considerations, such as the lack of availability of interim clergy, which also influenced the Vestry's decision-making.

The Vestry will meet again with Canon Michelle Bolt on October 8. This will be an extended meeting in which Canon Bolt will orient the Vestry as to the steps it will need to take in the next few months to attract and identify potential candidates. In the meantime, we are pleased to announce that Father John Bonner and Mother Susan Butler have very kindly made significant commitments to St. Peter's to serve as supply priests during this time of transition.

One thing I know that we will need and will value moving forward is input from the St. Peter's community. I anticipate that in the coming weeks there will be set dates and times for the Vestry to conduct focus group-style meetings so that we can learn what you are looking for in your next rector. If you'd like to share your thoughts and concerns with me in the meantime, you are welcome to email me at srwarden@stpeters.org.

As a Vestry, we look forward to seeing this process through, and we are confident that at the end of this process, we will have the right person to call as the next rector of St. Peter's Church.

Lectors: Laura Burgess (OT), Susan Crawford (NT)
Intercessor: Patti Amorello
Eucharistic Minister: Tony Burgess, Susan Self
Livestream / Audio: John Trieber
Acolytes: Lucy Davis, Riley Davis, Jessie Long
Ushers: Mike Dumitru, Bill James
Healing Altar: Beth Janney

## We pray for the healing and comfort of:

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

The altar flowers are given by Robert & Jacqueline Hoover to the glory of God and in celebration of their **40th wedding anniversary.** 

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