

# SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CHATTANOOGA, IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE

NOVEMBER 12, 2023— 10:30 A.M.



THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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

We are glad that you are here.

**Prayer for Our Clergy Search**

Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church in every place: Look graciously upon us and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new priest for this parish. Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing. Guide the members of our Vestry, as they labor to be faithful in seeking your will. We pray for the life of our parish that we may continue in our mission to proclaim not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Christ's sake. Amen.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### OPENING HYMN: "Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending" (Hymn 57)



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his  
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

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.**

*GLORIA (S-278)*

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.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON (Amos 5:18-24)

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of wellbeing of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Lector    The Word of the Lord.

People    **Thanks be to God.**

*Please join the choir in chanting the psalm.*

## THE PSALM (Psalm 70)

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1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*

    O Lord, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; \*

    let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, \*

    because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*

    let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the Lord!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
O Lord, do not tarry.

## **THE SECOND LESSON (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**Lector**    The Word of the Lord.

**People**    **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: "Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel" (Hymn 575)

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science  
 2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to  
 3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious  
 4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand  
 all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold,  
 to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare;  
 pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame;

the mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and  
 from sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us  
 to catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - left of  
 O God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.  
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.  
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.  
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

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

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

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## THE GOSPEL (Matthew 25:1-13)

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

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Very Rev. John H. Bonner III

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.

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy." For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For those on our parish prayer list. For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Peter, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**People To thee, O Lord our God.**

*The Priest adds a concluding Collect.*

## THE CONFESSION

BCP 360

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.

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

BCP 360

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.*

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## THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY HYMN: "Sleepers, Wake!" (Hymn 61)

1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - man sing - ing; her  
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -  
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she  
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their  
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her  
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -  
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -  
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!  
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.  
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in  
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate  
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and  
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and  
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."  
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.  
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)  
 Music: *Wachet auf*, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608);  
 arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) Irr.

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE PLEDGES

### 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.

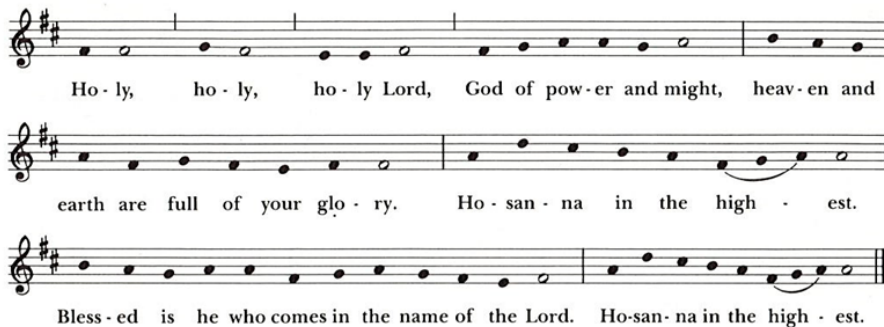
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 (S124)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en 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.

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

(*The people stand or kneel.*) Priest: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your People; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the



world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Peter, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.*

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

*Agnus Dei (S161)*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (Hymn 324)



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van-guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man  
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -  
 sleep - less eye, veil their fa - ces to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand  
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood  
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,  
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,  
 he will give to all the faith - ful  
 that the powers of hell may va - nish  
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 his own self for heaven - ly food.  
 as the dark - ness clears a way.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)

Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860 87. 87. 87

## 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.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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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: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" (Hymn 717)

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of  
 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the  
 3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from  
 4 Our fa - ther's God, to thee, au - thor of

lib - er - ty, of thee I sing; land where my  
 no - ble free, thy name I love; I love thy  
 all the trees sweet free - dom's song; let mor - tal  
 lib - er - ty, to thee we sing; long may our

fa - thers died, land of the pil - grim's pride,  
 rocks and rills, thy woods and tem - pled hills;  
 tongues a - wake, let all that breathe par - take,  
 land be bright with free - dom's ho - ly light;

from ev - ery moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.  
 my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.  
 let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.  
 pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

Words: Samuel Francis Smith (1808-1895)  
 Music: *America*, from *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1745

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## THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**Lectors:** Caroline Johnson (OT), Susan Crawford (NT)

**Intercessor:** Kim Kilgore; **Livestream / Audio:** Jeff Davis

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Chip & Rena Stansbury

**Acolytes:** Sterling Porter, Lillian Wolford, Madison Wolford

**Ushers:** Ben Cooper, Aaron Wells; **Greeter:** Regina Saas

**Healing Altar:** Bobbie Suttles

### **We pray for the healing and comfort of:**

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

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