#### SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

#### CHATTANOOGA, IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST TENNESSEE

NOVEMBER 26, 2023 - 10:30 A.M.



## THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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

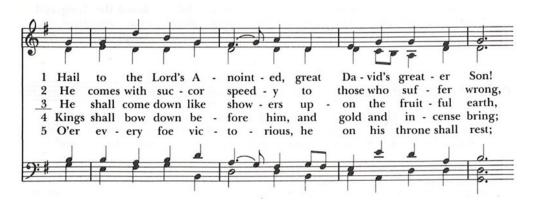
We are glad that you are here.

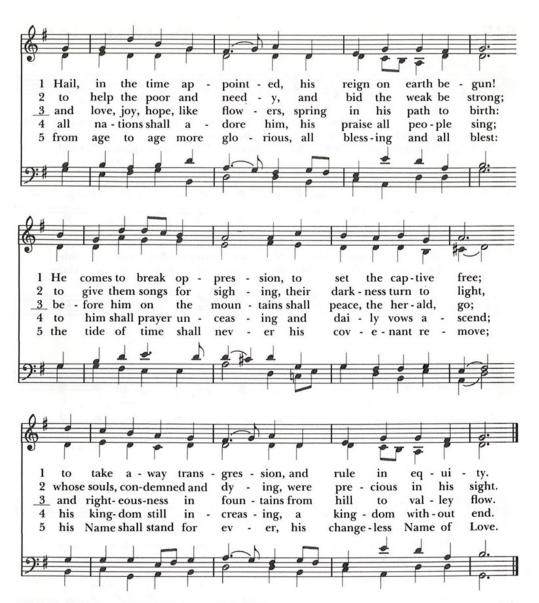
#### Prayer for Our Clergy Search

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: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" (Hymn 616)





Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72
Music: Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein, German folk song; adapt. and harm.
A Student's Hymnal, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

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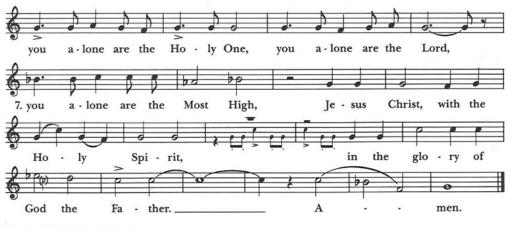
Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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.

#### GLORIA (S-278)





Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 357

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### THE FIRST LESSON (Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24)

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the water-courses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my

sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please join the choir in chanting the psalm.

#### THE PSALM (95:1-7a)

**BCP 724** 

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*
  let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \* and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, \* and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \* and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \* and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \* and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

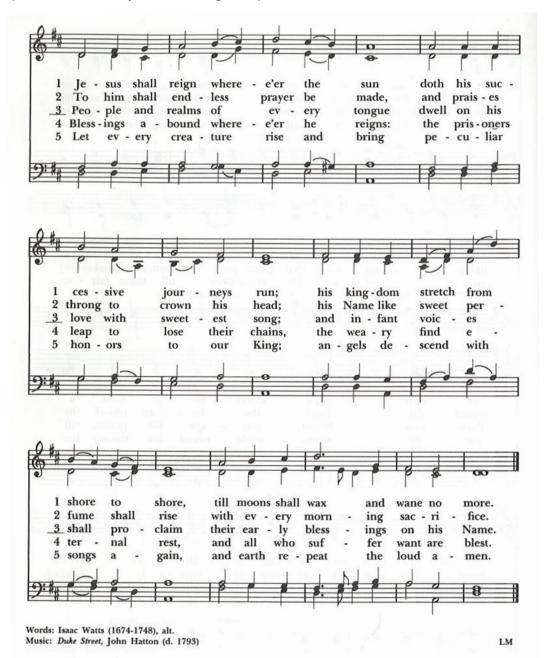
7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

#### THE SECOND LESSON (Ephesians 1:15-23)

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



#### THE GOSPEL (Matthew 25:31-46)

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON Kelsey Aebi

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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

BCP 383

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

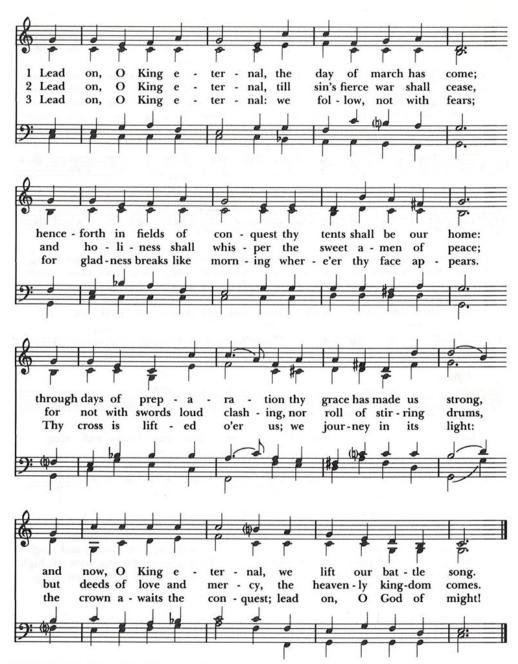
The Eucharistic table is set and the ushers collect offerings from the congregation.

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#### THE OFFERTORY

#### OFFERTORY HYMN: "Lead On, O King Eternal" (Hymn 555)



Words: Ernest Warburton Shurtleff (1862-1917) Music: Lancashire, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

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#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### Sursum Corda

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

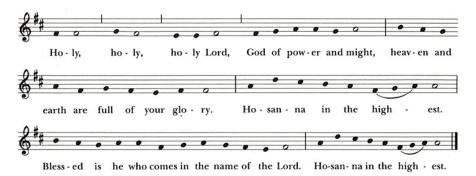
People We lift them to the Lord.

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)



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.

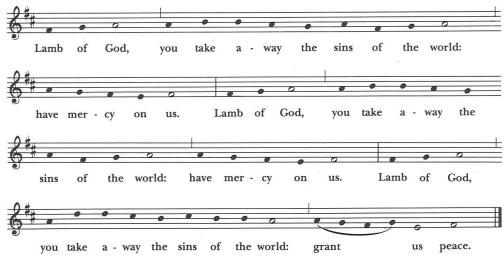
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead 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)



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."



# AMONG THE ROSES

EXPLORING
THE MARIAN
DEVOTION
OF THE
ROSARY
WITH
KELSEY AEBI



Sunday Evenings in Advent (December 3, 10, 17) @ 5:30pm

#### COMMUNION HYMN: "Praise the Lord Through Every Nation" (Hymn 484)











Words: Rhijnvis Feith (1753-1824); para. James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.
 Music: Wachet auf, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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#### 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.

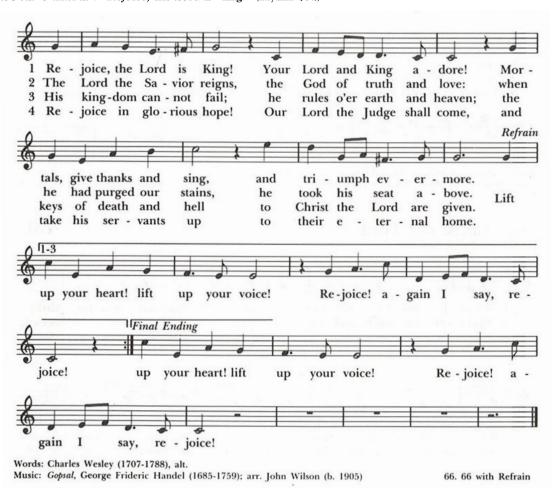
#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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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: "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" (Hymn 481)



#### THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Lectors: Bob Gary (OT), Susan Self (NT)

Intercessor: Laura Burgess; Livestream / Audio: Tony Burgess

Eucharistic Ministers: Joani Koch, Beth Janney

Acolytes: Noah Dumitru, Colette Crowe, Eleanor Crowe

Ushers: Bill James, Kris Riefler; Greeter: Patti Amorello

Healing Altar: Beth Janney

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

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

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### YOU ARE INVITED: CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS

Members of the Vestry invite you to participate in congregational conversations in connection with our Priest-in-Charge search. These conversations will take place in small group settings and will focus on your experiences at St. Peter's and how you might envision St. Peter's in the future.

With that in mind, please consider attending one of the following sessions:

Tuesday, November 28, at 6:30 pm in person

Thursday, November 30, at 6:30 pm, Zoom only

Sunday, December 3, at 8:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am in person

Your input is critical to our search, and our goal is to have as much participation as possible. As your Vesty, we are excited to listen to each of you, and we are confident that what we learn from these conversations will guide our search in the coming months.

#### St. Peter's Church Staff

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