



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 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

Sarabande

Gluck

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

Opening Hymn

Hail, though once despised Jesus

Hymnal 495

(IN BABILONE)

The people standing, the Celebrant sings

Celebrant
Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

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.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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)

Isaiah 5:1-7

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

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
but heard a cry!

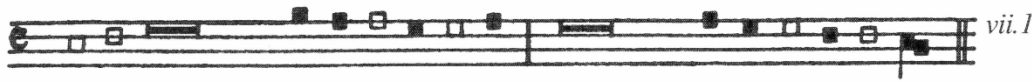
After each reading, the Lector says "The Word of the Lord" and the People respond: **Thanks be to God.**

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 80:1-2,8-19

Qui regis Israel



- 1 HEAR, O thou Shepherd of Israel,
thou that ledest *Jo-seph* like[^]a sheep; *
show thyself also, thou that sittest up-*on* the Cher[^]u-bim.
- 2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma-nas-seh, *
stir up thy strength, and *come* and help us.
- 8 Thou hast brought a *vine* out[^]of E-gypt; *
thou hast cast out the *hea-then*,[^]and plant[^]ed it.
- 9 Thou *mad*-est room[^]for it; *
and when it had taken *root*, it filled[^]the land.
- 10 The hills were covered with the *shad*-ow of it, *
and the boughs thereof were like the *good*-ly ce[^]dar trees.
- 11 She stretched out her branches *un*-to the sea, *
and her boughs *un*-to[^]the Riv-er.
- 12 Why hast thou then *bro*-ken down[^]her hedge, *
that all they that go *by* pluck off[^]her grapes?
- 13 The wild boar out of the *wood* doth root[^]it up, *
and the wild beasts of the *field* de-vour it.
- 14 Turn thee again, thou God of hosts, look *down* from heav-en, *
behold, and *vis*-it this vine;
- 15 And the place of the vineyard that thy *right* hand[^]hath plant-ed, *
and the branch that thou madest so *ströng* for[^]thy-self.
- 16 It is burnt with *fire*, and cut down; *
and they shall perish at the re-*buke* of[^]thy coun[^]te-nance.
- 17 Let thy hand be upon the *man* of[^]thy right hand, *
and upon the son of man,
whom thou madest so *strong* for thine[^]own self.
- 18 And so will not we go *back* () from thee: *
O let us live, and we shall *call* up-on[^]thy Name.
- 19 Turn us again, O *Lord* God of hosts; *
show the light of thy countenance, and *we* shall be whole.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

(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.)

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*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.** O Lord our Governor, how excellent*

Is thy Name in all the world:

*thou hast set thy glory above the heavens. **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 12:49-56

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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 Reverend Tobias Haller

(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.)

(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 and 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.**

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

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
(LYONS)

Hymnal 637


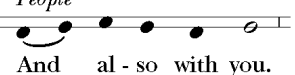
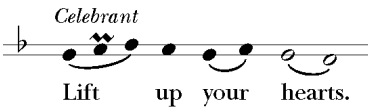
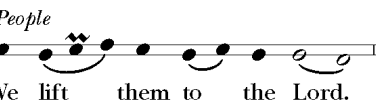
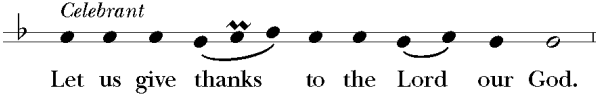

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Hymnal S-120

(In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. This is essentially one long prayer with four parts. Each part corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread & wine as a sacrament of his Body and Blood. We begin this prayer with the "Sursum corda," Latin for "Lift up your hearts.")

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And al - so with you.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	
	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</p>

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

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 & 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 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 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

*O think upon thy servant, as concerning thy word,
Wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust:
the same is my comfort in my trouble, for thy word hath quickened me.*

Communion Hymn

Holy God, we praise thy Name
(GROSSER GOTT)

Hymnal 366

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

I want to walk as a child of the light
(HOUSTON)

Hymnal 490

Dismissal

People:

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Trumpet Minuet

Clarke

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, Sheri Hofmann, Hugh and Linda Thompson, Ho Kim, 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.

Repose 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.

*(Names remain on the Repose 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.**

Parish Announcements

PASTORAL CARE REQUEST

Bishop Rodney Michel is in need of transportation to and from church.

He lives at Harmony Hall., 6336 Cedar Lane In Columbia.

If anyone is available to drive one or both ways, occasionally, or on a regular basis, please contact pastoralcare@stpetersec.org. A signup email will be sent to you.

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:

8/17 Little Pantry Monitor- Katie Shaw

8/20 Little Pantry Monitor- Kaye Pryor

8/22 Little Pantry Monitor- Sharon Sachs

8/24 Little Pantry Monitor- Sharon Sachs

Some Outreach Housekeeping:

Pantry Shelves

If you take or are asked to take items from the church pantry, please only take items from the main pantry shelves, which are the two shelves in the corner next to the boiler room door. The other shelves are dedicated to other outreach programs, and the removal of those items creates a problem when it comes time to fulfill our commitments. If in doubt, please ask a member of the Outreach team.

Parishioner Food Donations

Donated food items taken to the altar should be left on the kitchen counter (not on a shelf) after the service. This enables proper tracking and shelving of the items.

Donations for Rummage Sale?

A few items have mysteriously shown up in the kitchen near the pantry shelves, which presumably are to be included in the annual rummage sale. Please only bring items when it is time, as storage space is at a minimum.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Crab Feast

6:00 PM- 10:00 PM

Sunday, August 24, 2025 (Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)

9:45 AM Eucharist

The Rev. Tobias Haller

Coffee Hour to Follow in St. Joseph's Hall

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

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 Patti Shaffer in Memory of Lewis Birthday.

SERVING THIS WEEK	
Altar Guild	Doug Pryor, Kaye Pryor
Acolyte	John Rogers
Bell Ringer	Tom Donohue
Celebrant	The Reverend Tobias Haller
Flag Guild	Nicole Busch
Flower Guild	Mary Milano
Intercessor	Patti Shaffer
Lector 1	Jonnie Widener
Lector 2	Jeff Loveless
Livestream/AV	Katherine Schnorrenberg
Preacher	The Reverend Tobias Haller
Tellers	Sharon Sachs, Diana Pon
Usher	Sara Radcliffe