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Twenty - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

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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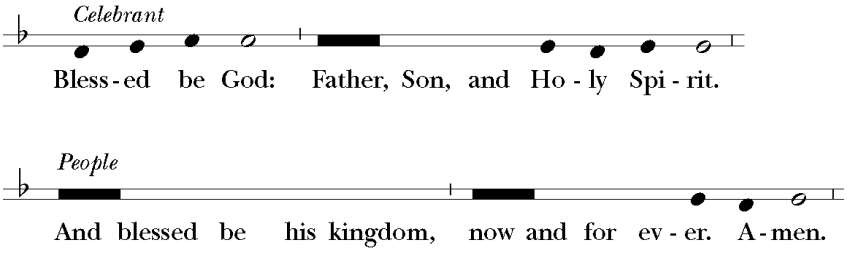
Prelude *Resting with God* Pachelbel

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

Opening Hymn *O for a thousand tongues to sing* Hymnal 493

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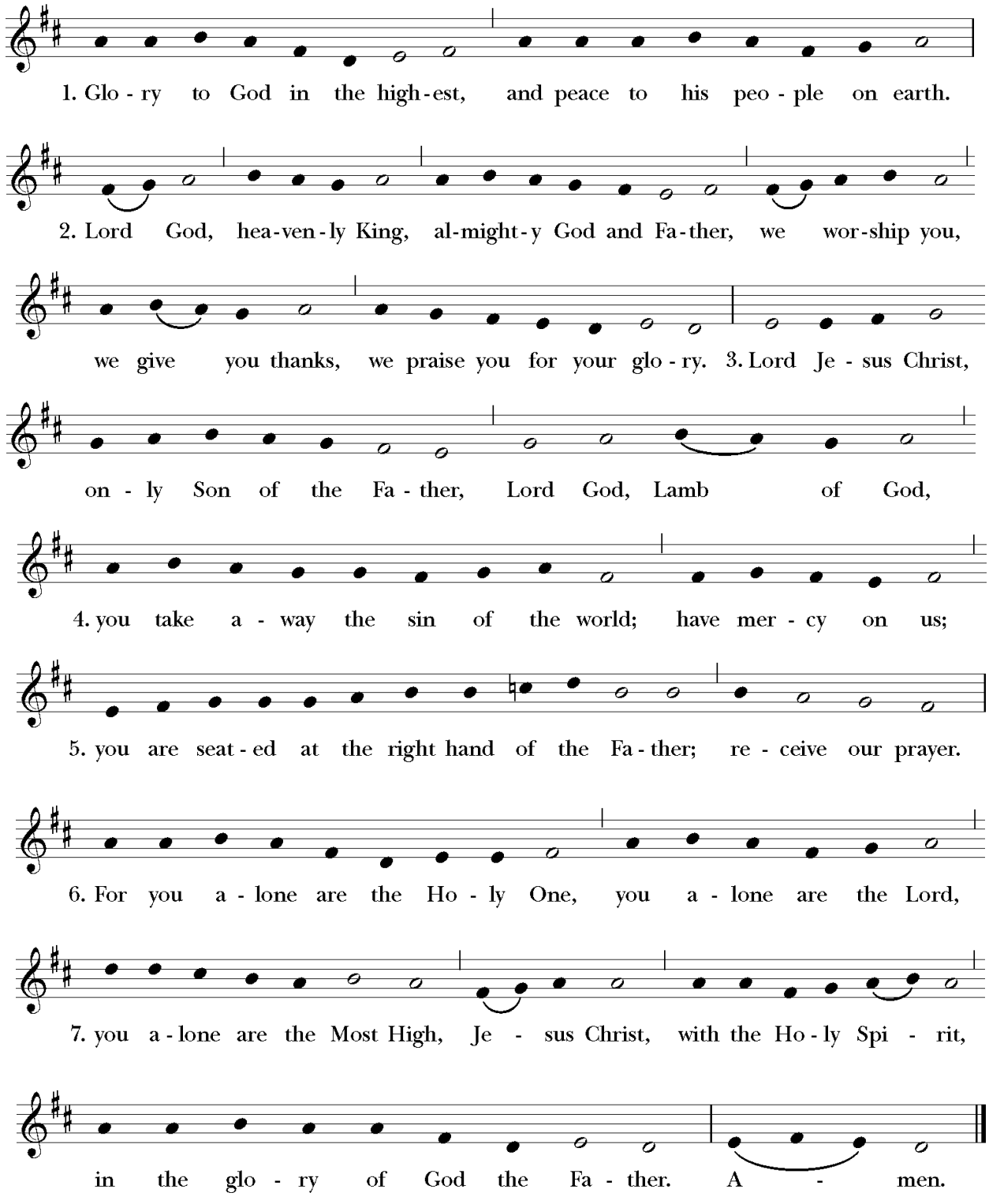
The people standing, the Celebrant sings



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

Hymnal S-277



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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

First Reading *(please be seated)* Judges 4:1-7

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

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

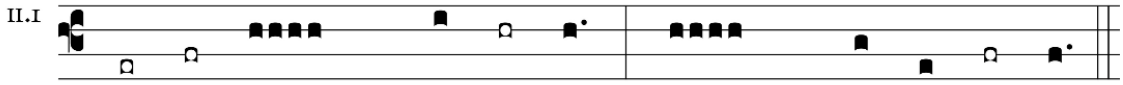
At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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 123 *Ad te levavi oculos meos*



1 TO YOU I lift up my *eyes,* *
to you enthroned in *the* heav-ens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their *mas*-ters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of *her* mis-tress,

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our *God,* *
until he show us *his* mer-cy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have *mer*-cy, *
for we have had more than enough *of* con-tempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent *rich,* *
and of the deri-*sion* of the^proud.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

(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.)

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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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.*** *Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem:*
praise thy God, O Sion. ***Alleluia.***

All remain standing for the procession and proclamation of the Holy Gospel.

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

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

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

At the end of the Gospel reading, the Celebrant and people say the following responsory:

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Rev. Jennifer Grimelli

(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.)

Nicene Creed

BCP pg. 358

(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 I

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence
The Officiant 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

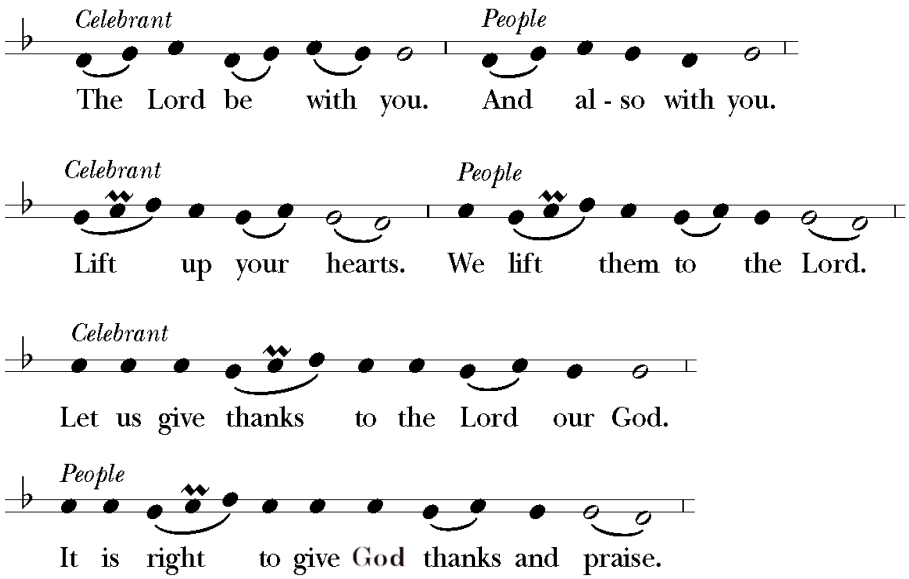
Offertory

Presentation Hymn *In Christ there is no East or West* Hymnal 529

(MCKEE)

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

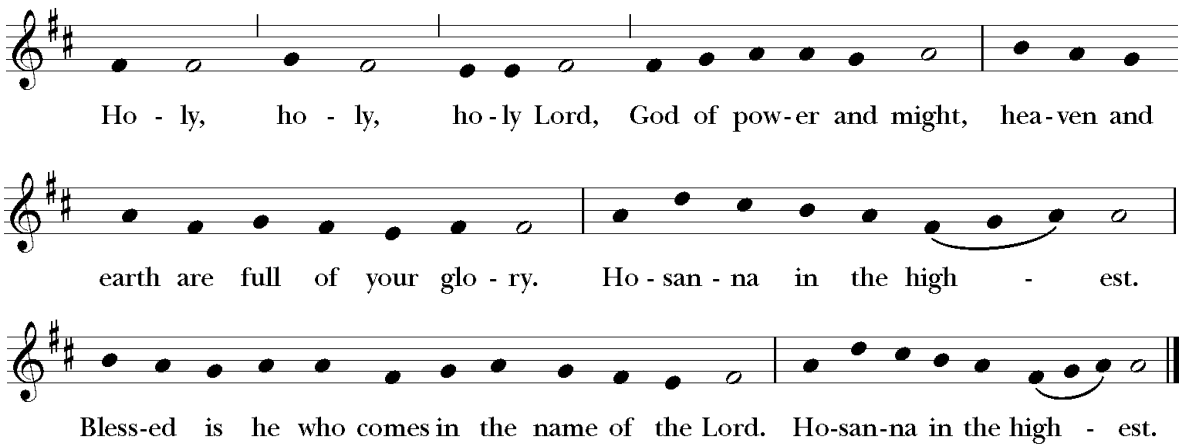


Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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-124
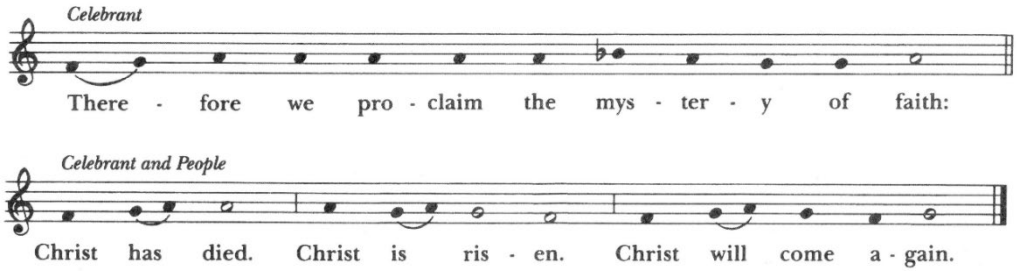


The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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."



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.

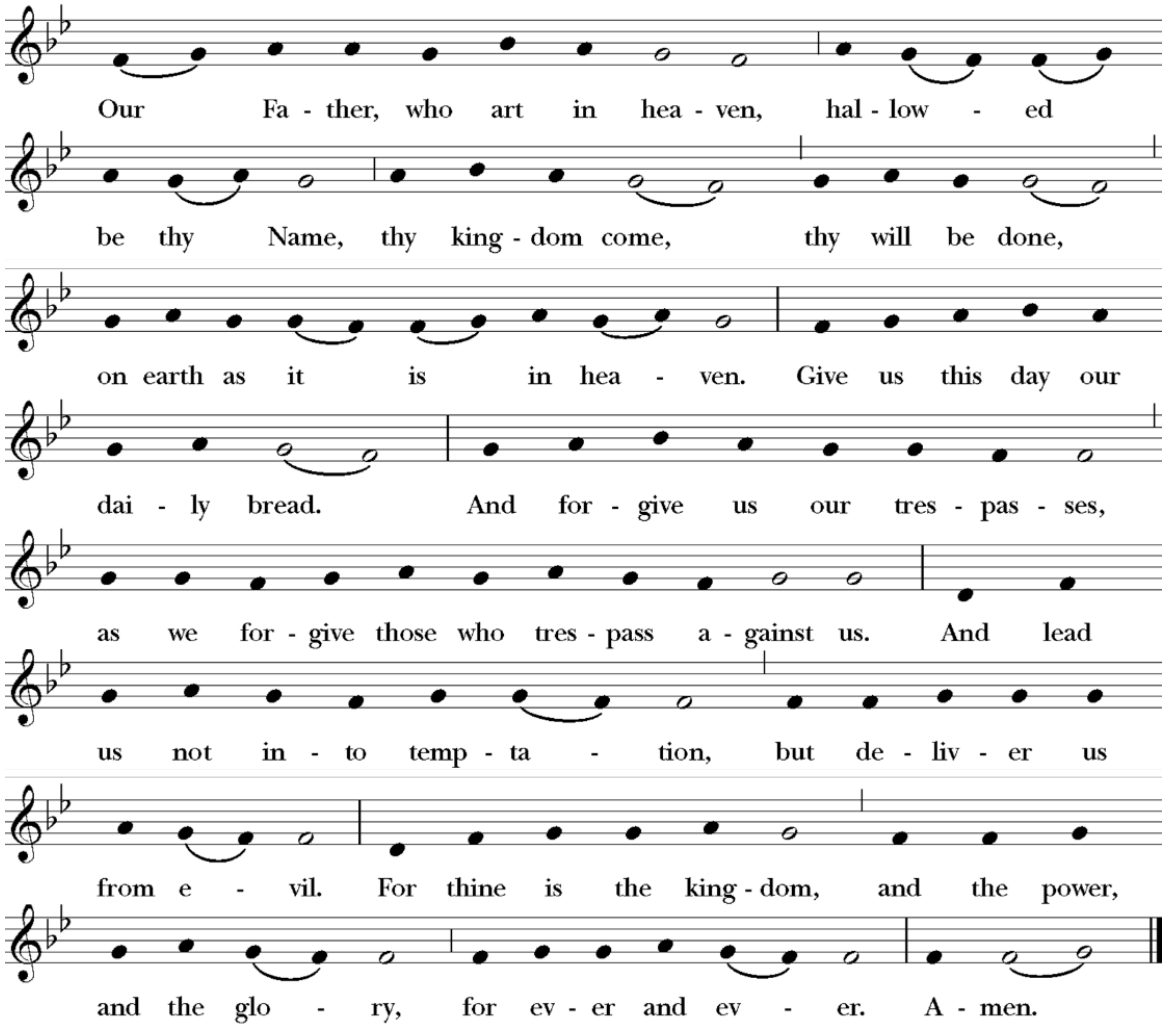
Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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,

Lord's Prayer

Hymnal S-119

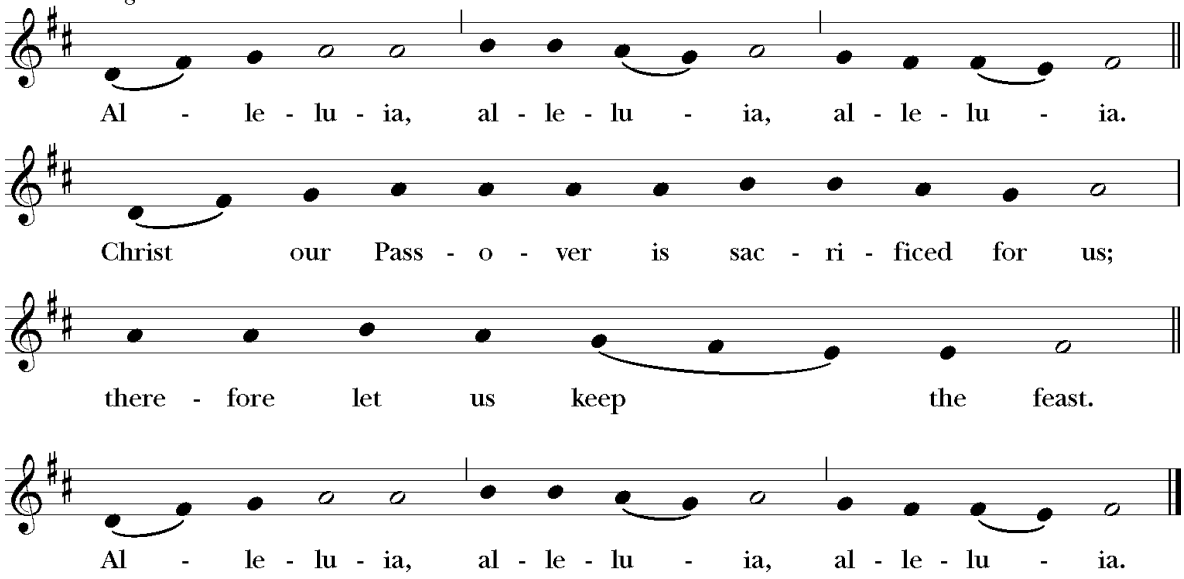


The Celebrant breaks the bread.
Silence.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-154

This setting is not used in Lent.



Invitation to Communion

In the Episcopal Church, the normative practice is that Holy Communion is offered to all baptized persons. At St. Peter's, we welcome everyone to the Lord's Table, just as Jesus did. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are invited to come forward. Bread and wine are offered; you may receive either or both. **Gluten-free bread is available upon request** — please inform a minister before the service or as you come forward. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer you a blessing. If you have mobility concerns and are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you in your seat.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

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

Thou shalt show me the path of life: in thy presence is the fulness of joy,
and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

Communion Hymn *I come with joy to meet my Lord* Hymnal 304
(LAND OF REST)

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 presider offers a blessing, and the people respond.

Amen.

Closing Hymn *Come, labor on* Hymnal 541
(ORA LABORA)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace and love to serve the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God!***

Postlude *A Mighty Fortress is our God* Pachelbel

Parish Prayer List

The Church: Sean, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Carrie, our Bishop; Jennifer, our Interim Rector; Vestry and Officers: Bill Rodney (Senior Warden), John Francis (Junior Warden), Katie Shaw (Registrar), Doug Pryor (Treasurer), Sara Radcliffe, Kimberly Jones, Joshua Bombino, Mary Milano, Jonnie Widener, Nicole Busch.

Recent Needs: ME Lynott, Ron Antlitz, Doris Chung, Pam Shaw, Irene Blade.
(Names remain on the Recent Needs Prayer List for 30 days unless notified otherwise.)

Ongoing Needs: Charles Pryor and Family, Rose Powell, Rita Buckingham, Brenda (McDuffie) Tucker and family, Walt Geffert, The Bombino Family, Lori Cox, Andrew Baker.
(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: Margaret Morelock, Iris Burns, Charles J. Kokoski.
(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.

The altar flowers are given by Katie Shaw in loving memory of Mary Beth Blasetti

Mother Jennifer has time to meet, talk, plan, and pray with you. Book an appointment by scanning the QR code, or call 443-203-8561

Pastoral Care Ministry
The pastoral care ministry offers emotional, spiritual, and social support to our church family. We send cards, walk alongside those who are grieving, arrange meals and rides when needed, and make phone calls, especially to our homebound members. We also reach out to those we haven't seen in a while, and, working with our clergy, arrange communion for anyone who is ill, homebound, or unable to attend services. We all need to look out for one another. If you or someone you know could use a helping hand, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact the rector, the church office, or pastoralcare@stpetersec.org.

November Events



November 1st- All Saints and Ingathering Celebration



November 2nd- All Souls & Election Eve Evening Prayer



November 11th- Office Closed



November 22nd- Parish Gathering



November 26th- Thanksgiving Day



November 29th- 1st Sunday of Advent

Parish Announcements

Confirmation & Reception

Confirmation & Reception classes are starting **this week.** Register with Mtr. Jennifer if you are interested in attending and/or participating in this Episcopal Rite.

Outreach

Pantry shelves are running quite low. Contributions of any kind would be appreciated to help us serve our neighbors in need.

Action Dates

11/15 Little Pantry Monitor - Katie Shaw
11/18 Little Pantry Monitor - Doug & Kaye Pryor
11/19 Pete's Packs Delivery - Stan Brown
11/20 Little Pantry Monitor - Kate Oursler
11/22 Little Pantry Monitor - Katie Shaw
11/24 Pete's Packs Delivery - Stan Brown
11/25 Little Pantry Monitor - Doug & Kaye Pryor
11/27 Little Pantry Monitor - Sharon Sachs
11/29 Little Pantry Monitor - Katie Shaw

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 22, 2026 *(Last Pentecost)*
9:45 AM Eucharist
The Rev. Jennifer Grimelli
Coffee Hour to Follow in St. Joseph's Hall & Parish Gathering

Thursday, November 26, 2026 *(Thanksgiving)*
10:00 AM Morning Prayer

Sunday, November 29, 2026 *(Advent I)*
9:45 AM Eucharist
The Rev. Jennifer Grimelli
Coffee Hour to Follow in St. Joseph's Hall
Adult Formation, 11:30 AM in St. Luke's Chapel

Sunday, December, 6, 2026 *(Advent II)*
9:45 AM Eucharist
The Rev. Jennifer Grimelli
Coffee Hour to Follow in St. Joseph's Hall
Adult Formation, 11:30 AM in St. Luke's Chapel

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!

SERVING THIS WEEK	
Altar Guild	Kofo Coker
Acolyte	Doug Pryor
Bell Ringer	Tom Donohue
Celebrant/Preacher	The Reverend Jennifer Grimelli
Flag Guild	Doug Pryor
Intercessor/Lector	Mary Milano
Livestream/AV	Kenneth Citron
Ushers	Sara Radcliffe, Clayton Radcliffe
Tellers	Diana Pon, Sharon Sachs

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