



St. Peter's Church
IN THE GREAT VALLEY
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1700

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 1, 2023 — 10:00 AM
HOLY EUCHARIST — RITE TWO

THE WORD OF GOD

*Welcome! It is our wish that you feel at home in this place, and that you experience God's presence in heart, mind, and spirit.
You are warmly invited to enter into silence to best appreciate the music that is offered.*

In this leaflet the words to be said by all are bolded.

Voluntary *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele*

J.S. Bach

Hymn 339 *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

Schmücke dich

The people standing, the Presider says

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God,

People 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.

Hymnal S-236 *Benedictus es, Domine*

John Rutter

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider prays the collect as printed on the insert.

The First Reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 *Attendite, popule*



Thomas Jackson

The Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 574 *Before thy Throne, O God*

St. Petersburg

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

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

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

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt

The Nicene Creed

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

Intercessor In peace let us pray to the Lord saying,

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the United States of America and all the nations of the world, and for all in authority, especially Joseph our President and Joshua our Governor, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our local communities and for all communities around the world, that they may be places of safety in which all may live in a spirit of concord and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For wise and responsible care of this beautiful earth that God has created, that we may be faithful, and wise stewards of God's gifts to us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

For deliverance from all afflictions, strife, and poverty, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially E. Berry Hey, Marjorie V. L. Hudson, and Dave Hanbury for whom our altar memorials are given, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

In union with Saint Peter and all the saints we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord.

God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice; and have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who are gathered in your name; fulfill now, we pray, the prayers and longings of your people as maybe best for us and for your kingdom. Grant us in this world to know your truth, and in the world to come to see your glory. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

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

Silence may be kept.

People **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.**

Presider 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

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements



THE HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited and encouraged to feast at God's table. Please let the priest know if you would like a gluten-free wafer. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing.

Offertory Anthem: *Ave Verum Corpus*

Ave verum Corpus, natum de Maria Virgine:
Vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:
Cuius latus perforatum, unda fluxit sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

*Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary,
Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for man,
Whose pierced side overflowed with blood,
Be for us a foretaste in the test of death.*

Text: Sequence Hymn for Corpus Christi

The Doxology

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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 on all Sundays as appointed.

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:

Hymnal S-130 *Sanctus*

Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Presider continues

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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

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 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now as Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Anthem *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

Charles. H. H. Parry (1848-1919)

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives, Thy service find,
In deeper rev'rence praise.
In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow Thee.
Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease:
Take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace,
Breathe thro' the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak thro' the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

Text: J. G. Whittier

The Post-Communion Prayer

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Presider blesses the People.

People **Amen.**

Hymn 411 *O bless the Lord, my soul!*

St. Thomas (Williams)

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Allegro in G.*

J S. Bach/J. Ernst

Please join us for celebratory refreshments as we welcome Steven Patchel, our Organist and Choir Director.

This Week at Saint Peter's Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II – bank barn*
4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals – historic church lawn
Hospitality follows each service

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

11:00 a.m. Staff meeting
3:00 p.m. Echo Lake Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Women on the Hill – historic church, parish hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

10:00 a.m. Bible Study – via Zoom

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

10:30 a.m. Praying our Prayer List – via Zoom
12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:00 a.m. Gathering of Men – parish house

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00 a.m. Youth Confirmation Class – historic church
10:00 a.m. Needlework – historic church, parish hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I – historic church
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist – Enriching Our Worship –bank barn
9:00 a.m. Sunday school – bank barn, lower level
10:15 a.m. Adult Forum – bank barn
11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II – historic church*

Hospitality follows each service

* The asterisk indicates which service will be live streamed each week.

*Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with grace.
All are welcome at St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley.*

ST. PETER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY CARE is available in the nursery room near the elevator on the lower level of the barn. Our youngest worshippers are welcome to join us for the service or you may choose for them to be cared for in the nursery by our wonderful team of providers. .

SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH GROUP and **ADULT FORMATION** have resumed. Sunday school meets at 9:00 a.m; Adult Formation will take place at 10:15 a.m; youth will provide leadership for Blessing of the Animals at 4:00 p.m.

COMING UP AT THE ADULT FORUM The Reverend Roy Almquist will lead a two-week Adult Faith Formation series on October 8 and 15, 10:15 in the Barn. The topic will be Reinhold Niebuhr, the most significant Christian thinker of the last century, whose insights continue to challenge and inspire. Come and learn about this amazing man.

WELCOMING OUR NEW ORGANIST AND CHOIR DIRECTOR We are welcoming Steven Patchel to St. Peter's this morning, October 1. After the service, please join us for celebratory hospitality.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS This afternoon, October 1 at 4:00 p.m., our annual service in honor of St. Francis Day will take place in front of the historic church. Bring your animals—fuzzy, furry, scaly, stuffed, or photographed—for a brief service, special blessing, and the chance to visit and connect with others. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to St. Peter's, so please help us spread the word. All are welcome. Thank you!

YOUTH GROUP FALL DATES

October 1 at 4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals

October 29 at 4:00 p.m. Youth Group fun at St. Peter's followed by Trunk or Treat

Please keep an eye out for emails with more information. If you are not on the email list, please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org. Thank you!

WOMEN ON THE HILL will welcome Ethan Snyder, Public Programs & Collections Manager of the Wharton Esherick Museum on Monday, **October 2** in the parish hall at 7 p.m. **Women and men** alike are welcomed and bring a friend!

OCTOBER is CANNED TUNA and CHICKEN MONTH Shopping carts in both the historic church and the barn will accept donations. These needed donations will be shared with CYWA (Coatesville) and Alianzas de Phoenixville. **THANK YOU** for your generosity.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS will take place next weekend, October 7-8. If you have not yet, please contact Abigail at 610-644-2261 or abigail@stpetersgv.org to let her know of your interest. Friends are welcome to participate as well!

COMMUNION INSTRUCTION for Kindergarten through 2nd graders, October 9 at 4:30 p.m. We welcome all to receive communion regardless of age. Also, we want to offer our young worshipers the opportunity to learn about the Eucharist and ask any questions they may have. Please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org if you have any questions. Thank you!

POPCORN THEOLOGY On Monday, October 9 at 6 p.m., we begin our Popcorn Theology Fall Series—exploring the topic of “The December of Life” examining the late stages of our mortal lives with their joys, challenges, and losses—with the film Living (2022) PG-13. This is the story of an ordinary man, reduced by years of oppressive office routine to a shadow of existence, who at the eleventh hour makes a supreme effort to turn his dull life into something wonderful. With Bill Nighy, Aimee Lou Wood, Tom Burke, and Alex Sharp. For those unfamiliar with Popcorn Theology, simply watch the film in advance of the meeting date (films may be streamed on Netflix, Apple TV, Amazon Prime Video, Hulu, Google Play or by DVD from your local library). Then use the Zoom link, which is sent out the Sunday before each meeting, and join in for a conversation exploring the moral, ethical, spiritual, and cinematic aspects of the film. All are welcome! For more information, contact Mark Nestlehutt (mark.nestlehutt@gmail.com) or Steve Ockenden (steveock@verizon.net).

CRABAPPLE JAM Thanks to Susy Baum, St. Peter's crabapple jam is back and ready for purchase. Proceeds to benefit the BB&G4J fund for: restoration toward windows of the historic church, Hadley's Preschool Playhouse, and the newly erected dumpster fence enclosure. Jars can be found in the parish house, historic church and the bank barn.

4 ounce jar \$5.00 8 ounce jar \$10.00

BIBLE STUDY takes place on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. If you would like to participate, please contact Jeff at jeff@stpetersgv.org for the necessary details.

FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE – THANK YOU for your generous support to our monthly porch food donations!!! OCTOBER and NOVEMBER donations will be delivered to Alianzas de Phoenixville. They appreciate ALL donations, but especially RICE (white), BEANS (canned and dry), TOMATO SAUCE, TORTILLAS (flour and corn), and PASTA (especially spaghetti). PLEASE no peanut butter for folks just coming into the country. Any questions or if you could make a delivery contact Eileen Klein. THANK YOU !!!

SEASONAL REMINDER School is back in session, cold and flu season is fast approaching. It is time for our annual reminder that some people may prefer to pass the Peace with a nod and smile rather than a handshake. Also, if you feel unwell please worship with us via livestream. If there is anything you need as you recuperate, please let us know by calling the parish office at 610-644-2261. Thank you!

PRAYING THE PRAYER LIST Join us on Thursdays via Zoom. Please contact Deacon Jeff for more information at jeff@stpetersgv.org.

THE GATHERING OF MEN Please join Rod Platt every Friday at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom or 1st Friday's, in person. All men in the parish are invited to this morning gathering. If you would like to join, please contact Rod to receive the Zoom link.

Altar Guild: Gail Guthridge

Eucharistic Ministers: Allison Duncan, Paige Infortuna

Intercessor: Tony Wirtel

Ushers: Dave Laurence, Roger Tellefsen

Verger: Joe Franz

Livestream: Cole Benner-Smith

Flower Guild: Susy Baum

Greeter: Paige Infortuna

Readers: Shannon Almquist, Charlene Hanbury

Sound: Joe Franz

Hospitality: Melissa Shaner and Luci Russell

THE VESTRY

Rector's Warden: Melissa Shaner

Vestry Warden: Luci Russell

Secretary: Laurel Veitch

Treasurer: Paige Infortuna

Class of 2024

Philip Cauffman
Kate Mallon-Day
Steve Ockenden
Luci Russell

Class of 2025

Janet Himmelreich
Gail Malcolm
Nicholas Mosvick
Melissa Shaner

Class of 2026

Liz Andersen
Amy Fisher
Tim Hepp
Dave Tatum

ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY STAFF

The Rev. Abigail Crozier Nestlehatt, Rector
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