

St. Peter's Church IN THE GREAT VALLEY



THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
MORNING PRAYER — RITE TWO
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 — 10:00 AM

*Welcome! We are so glad that you are joining us virtually this morning. Corporate worship is important to us and we want to do whatever we can to maintain our sense of community even when we cannot be together physically. We encourage you to leave comments and even post pictures of yourself. In this way we can see one another even when we are not able to be with one another. In this leaflet the words to be said by all are **bolded**.*



THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6:

8:00 a.m.	Outdoor Eucharist Rite I (please sign up)
10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer – Rite II – Via Facebook Live
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour – Via Zoom
5:00 p.m.	Youth Group – Via Zoom

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7:

Office closed in observance of Labor Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8:

12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
7:15 p.m.	Finance Meeting – Via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9:

10:00 a.m.	Bible Study – Via Zoom
12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
6:00 p.m.	Gathering of Women – Via Zoom

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10:

12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
1:15 p.m.	Prayer Group – Via Zoom

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:

8:00 a.m.	Gathering of Men – Via Zoom
6:00 p.m.	Fall Fest – Via Zoom

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13:

8:00 a.m.	Outdoor Eucharist Rite I (please sign up)
10:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer – Rite II – Via Facebook Live
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour – Via Zoom
12:00 p.m.	Sunday School Kick Off – Parish House

* all services Via Facebook live can also be viewed on our website stpetersgv.org

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele* (BWV 654)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Hymn 518 *Christ is made the sure foundation*

Westminster Abbey

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter
bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Presider Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O God, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalm 19:14*

Confession of Sin

Presider 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 Invitatory and Psalter

The people standing, the Presider says

Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Jubilate Deo Psalm 100

Setting: John Ireland (1879–1962)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; *
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise; *
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson*Ezekiel 33:7–11*

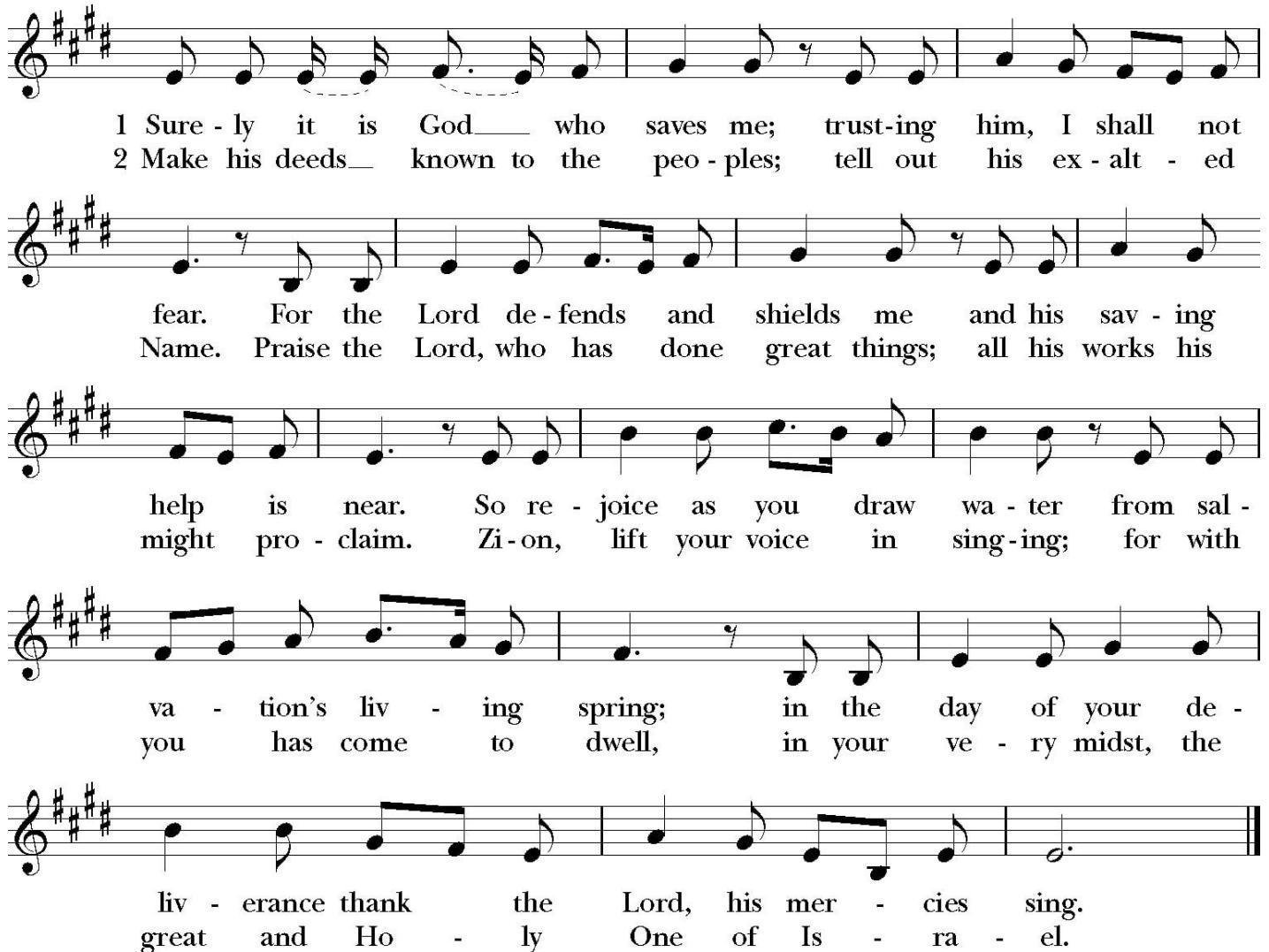
You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader Here ends the reading.

Canticle 9 *The First Song of Isaiah*

Setting: Hymn 679, *Thomas Merton*



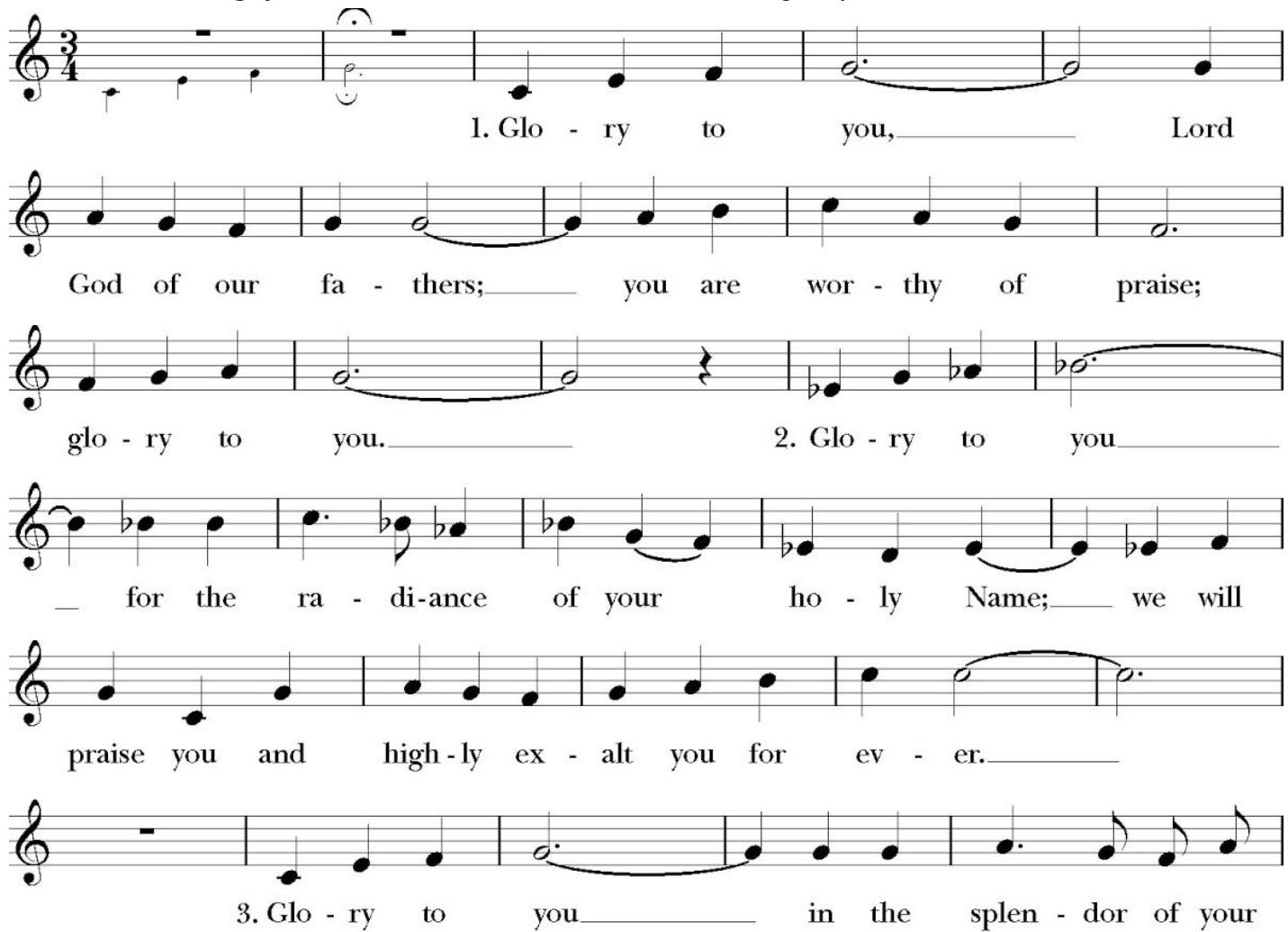
Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader Here ends the reading.

Canticle 13 *A Song of Praise*

Setting: Hymnal S-236, John Rutter (b. 1945)



1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord
 God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;
 glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you
 for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will
 praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____
 3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
 you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, be -

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the
 hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of
 depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to
 hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,

you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
 high-ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Presider Here ends the reading.

The Sermon

The Reverend Christopher Exley

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

People 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 Suffrages

Presider Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People **And grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People **Let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth;

People **Your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Presider continues

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Anthem *O for a closer walk with God*

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the lamb.

text by William Cowper (1731–1800)

Intercessions

We invite you to pray for any concerns or thanksgivings either aloud, via Facebook comment, or in the silence of your hearts.

We pray for all those on the St. Peter's parish prayer list.

*We pray especially for Mary E. Tremper Bordogna, Ruth Saunders O'Grady, and Gladys Stevens,
for whom our altar memorials are given.*

A Litany for Changing Times

O God, we welcome your presence with the faith community of St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley as we respond: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, this pandemic has clarified our call to be stewards of the gifts you have given to us. May our love for you ignite passion within us to fuel our quest to protect the planet.

God of our natural world, **Hear our prayer.**

Compassion without action does violence to those who are oppressed. Jolt us from our comfort and help us commit to walking and working alongside those who are fighting to have their voices heard.

God of justice and equality, **Hear our prayer.**

Our solidarity with all races, with the incarcerated, with those deprived of housing, education, and health care is bound by the Eucharist, Christ's manifestation of God's love for all. Kindle in us the aspiration to elevate the dignity of every human being.

God of compassion, **Hear our prayer.**

We yearn to gather and to enjoy the presence of others. Strengthen us to remain committed to common safety and the greater good as we support those at risk. At a time like no other, help us to celebrate the meaning and the power of your love.

God of unity, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the safety of our families and loved ones and for those who are providing essential services. We pray for teachers, students, administrators and parents. We pray for the elderly and the sick, for the poor and the homeless, and for all who live alone. We pray for all who are ill and for the souls of those who have died. May they rest in peace with you.

God of comfort and healing, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Donald, our president, Tom, our governor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all those in authority.

God of peace, **Hear our prayer.**

We thank you for our clergy, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our Bishop, and Abigail and Chris, our priests. We thank all those who make it possible for us to stay connected online and in our first steps towards gathering safely in person. Continue to comfort, strengthen, and support the community of St. Peter's and all who join us in learning and prayer from near and far.

God of love, **Hear our prayer.**

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen**

Announcements

Please see last page of the leaflet

Hymn 400 *All creatures of our God and King*

Lasst uns erfreuen



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless-ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

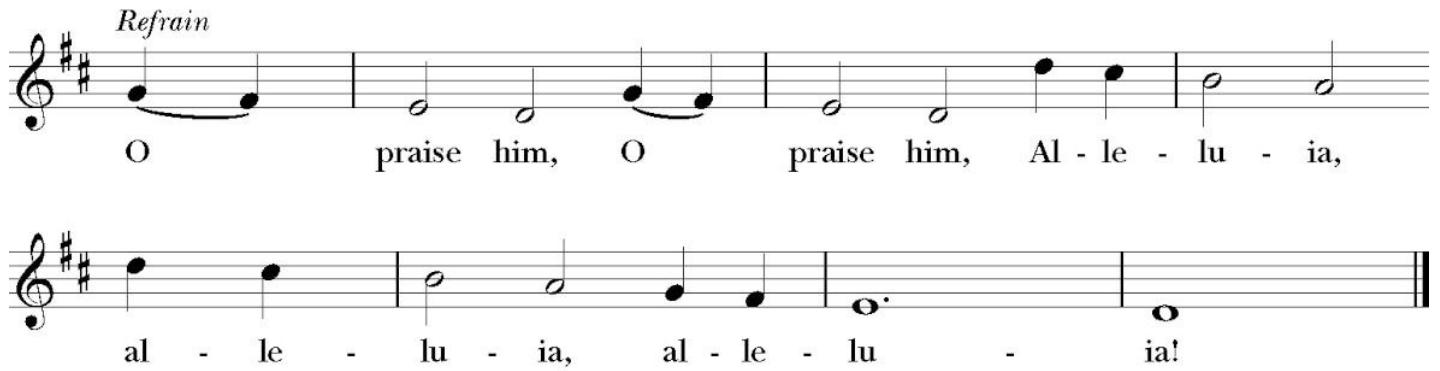


1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O____ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O____ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O____ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O____ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O____ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

Postlude *Prelude in c minor* (BWV 543)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with grace. Our worship and programs are happening virtually at this time, but we remain a community in which all are welcome

ST. PETER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

PICTURES OF YOUR COVID SUMMER, PLEASE We are preparing for a fun filled Fall Fest--2020 style, which means virtual. Traditionally, Fall Fest is when we all regather after the summer to visit, swap stories about our adventures, and look forward to the upcoming program year. To get the conversation started, Abigail is preparing a slideshow of summer happenings around St. Peter's and among St. Peter's parishioners. She needs your help. Please send in pictures of what you have been up to since May. Graduations, college send offs, smaller than originally planned weddings, backyard visits, remote hikes, cake baking, jam making, puzzling, reading, mowing the lawn, you get the idea. Please send your treasures to abigail@stpetersgv.org by September 8. Thank you! And save the date of Friday, September 11 to join for us for this and other creative ways to connect. (more information below)

PANDEMIC RELATED UPDATES At the end of August Bishop Gutierrez moved the diocese to Phase 3. This expands our limits on indoor and outdoor worship and generally puts us closer to where the rest of the state is in terms of guidelines. Over 200 people responded to our survey about returning to indoor worship and results show that 40% are ready to do so and 60% are not. Also, the Chester County Health Department issued a recommendation that schools begin and continue online until October 9. Parishioner feedback and scientific facts lead us to continue with outdoor and online worship for now. We are preparing for indoor worship and will move indoors when circumstances allow. Until then we will offer meaningful worship, outreach, fellowship, formation, and pastoral care in ways that are safe right now. Also, we will continue to assess the situation and maintain good communication.

PARISH HOUSE PROCEDURES In order to keep everyone safe, our clergy and staff continue to work from home as much as possible. Typically there is someone in the parish office on weekday mornings. Please call in advance to confirm. The number is 610-644-2261. Please note that masks are required inside the parish house and we request that you not enter individual offices. We love visiting with you, but please help us to keep you healthy by visiting from the hallway. Thank you!

YOU ARE INVITED FOR OUTDOOR EUCHARIST Please join us on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. for Holy Eucharist, weather permitting. In each case sign ups, masks, and distancing will be required, for now, and details will be sent to those who register. Sign up information is available in Keynotes. Please contact Abigail if you have any questions at abigail@stpetersgv.org.

ST. PETER'S MASKS We have complementary, white masks available with a small St. Peter's logo on the side available for parishioners. If you would like one, please email Elizabeth at elizabeth@stpetersgv.org or call the church office at 610-644-2261 to arrange for pick up.

PRAYER GROUP IS BACK Join us Thursday mornings at 1:15 p.m. via Zoom. Please contact Chris for the link details at chris@stpetersgv.org.

PRAYER LISTS Because our leaflets are now on a public platform each week, they do not include the parish prayer list, however we are happy to share it with you at your request. Please contact Elizabeth at elizabeth@stpetersgv.org or call the church office at 610-644-2261 and she will be happy to send one to you. Thank you.

GATHERING FOR WOMEN This month we will meet again via Zoom on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m. The topic is: tell us about someone who most influenced you in life. Just give this some thought and prepare a few sentences so we can hear from everyone. Please look for a Zoom link from Abigail on Tuesday. Hope to see you all then.

FALL FEST GOES VIRTUAL Fall Fest returns on Friday, September 11 and everyone is invited! Whether you are a newcomer or an old-timer we hope you and your and your family will join us via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. for this annual evening of fun and fellowship that officially kicks off our program year. We look forward to hearing your tales about your summer adventures in this most unusual year! This year we plan to do something a little special and send out special recipes before the party in hope that you will join in the fun of virtual sharing by serving one or more of them in your home that evening. For beverages, we hope to hear about any creative fall fest libations you have created. If you have any questions, please contact Paige Infortuna. She is listed in the parish directory or you may call the parish office at 610-644-2261 for her contact information. Mark your calendar now for this not to be missed event.

PLEASE RSVP FOR FALL FEST by emailing Elizabeth at elizabeth@stpetersgv.org or call the church office at 610-644-2261. You may also use the Sign Up Genius link that will be included in the official invitation that you will receive through Keynotes. The festivities will take place on Friday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. by Zoom. We have a plan that will allow time for visiting and also a little bit of fun as a whole group. Please let us know that you will be there. We cannot wait to see everyone. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF Even though Sunday school will be virtual this fall, we still want to kick it off with a flourish! So all families are invited to come to the parish house between 12 and 2 on Sunday afternoon, September 13, to pick up a treat bag and visit with the Sunday school teachers, Holly Hardester, and Chris (at a safe distance and masked, of course). This is a great way to see each other and to help us stay connected with one another. There's no need to RSVP—just come on over whenever you can between noon and two that afternoon

POPCORN THEOLOGY Since our first two “popcorn theology” sessions were well received, we will continue offering it at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The idea behind it is as simple as it is enjoyable: we watch a film and then discuss its spiritual, religious, moral, and ethical themes via Zoom. On September 15, the movie is *Billy Elliot* (2000); on September 28, it is *Waking Ned Devine* (1998). Both are available on Amazon Prime as well as on other platforms. If you wish to participate, please contact Abigail (abigail@stpetersgv.org or 610- 644-2261) to be sure you receive the Zoom information, or to ask her any questions you may have.

KITE FLYING ACTIVITY Come Fly a Kite on the Holy Hill. Bring your favorite kite to St. Peter's between 12 and 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, September 20, and enjoy an afternoon of kite-flying and fellowship on our beautiful campus. Space is currently limited to 25 people at a time, so, let Chris know at Chris@stpetersgv.org that you and your family are coming and at what time.

PUB THEOLOGY Starting September 21, we will gather virtually at 6 p.m. for conversation about a variety of theological topics on the first and third Mondays this fall. Our topics and conversation will follow the natural curiosity of the participants and will also be influenced by the focus of the scripture readings for the coming Sunday. Our first discussion will center on this verse from Philippians 2:13, “Work out your own salvation.” What does that mean? How do we do that? What if I can’t? If you wish to participate, please contact Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org or 610-644-2261 and he will send you the Zoom information. When our Covid days are behind us, we hope to be able to meet at a variety of local establishments and share both conversation and food in person!

AUTUMNAL EQUINOX COMPLINE Join us for an outdoor compline service at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, the day of the autumnal equinox. Weather permitting, this simple, beautiful candlelight service for the end of the day will take place at the labyrinth and will feature a local musician. Sign up by contacting Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org or 610-644-2261. Details will appear later this month in Keynotes.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT Now that the sun is setting earlier and earlier, we will again try to hold a family movie night on Saturday evening, September 26. We should be able to start the movie at about 7:30, or earlier if we can. Bring your chairs, masks, and food and drink for your family (no sharing with others, though), and enjoy Disney's *Moana*, seated safely distant from others. RSVP to Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org.

ST. PETER'S HONEY God promised a land flowing with milk and honey. No milk here, but the bees of St. Peter's have provided us with beautiful, golden honey. **We have 10 small jars left.** They are available for purchase for \$7.50 while supplies last! *We are sold out of the large jars.* Proceeds support the care of our hives. Please make checks available to St. Peter's in the Great Valley. You may contact Elizabeth at elizabeth@stpetersgv.org or call the church office at 610-644-2261 to let her know when you would like to pick up your honey.

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE Despite our summer heat waves, it's not too early to think about cozy nights by the fireplace this fall and winter. The Bad Boys & Girls have a large supply of split, seasoned hardwoods, mostly oak & walnut, ready for delivery. Scheduling a pick-up-truck load of wood is as easy as emailing Dave Tatum at davetatum@aol.com or calling the church office. The minimum cost for a truckload is \$150, but you can give more if you wish; please make your check payable to St. Peter's in the Great Valley and write BB&G4J on the memo line. Thank you.

FOYERS DINNER UPDATE Since many of the Foyers groups didn't get to complete their dinner gatherings before the pandemic began, we won't be mixing up the groups this fall. As things open up, plan to get together with your current group. With luck, we can revisit this in the future. We won't add any new groups or members at this time, since gatherings are so uncertain. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Mander. She is listed in the parish directory or you may call the parish office at 610-644-2261 for her contact information.

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL VIRTUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE Back-to-School supplies are needed for the students who will be attending in person at the St. James School. Each student has a personal desk kit and can not bring items from home. The collection will be taking place virtually through their wish-list link. This list is updated on an on-going basis and does include a range of items. As always, they are in need of the following but other options are on their wish list too. If you would prefer the Outreach Commission add to their contribution and to purchase on your behalf, please designate this goal on a check sent to the Parish Office. Needed: Tissues (boxes and individual sizes); Pencils (not mechanical); Erasers (either the pencil topper kind or hand-held); Highlighters; Pens; Folders (with 3 holes punched for binders) You can find the link to the Amazon Wish List under the donation options at <https://stjamesphila.org/donate>

NEEDLEWORK MINISTRY COMFORT Do you know someone who is struggling due to illness or grief or could simply use encouragement? The Needlework Ministry has created items to meet those needs. You can request a prayer shawl or lap blanket for someone who is ill in almost any weight or color. These also come with a cloth gift bag and booklet of prayers. If someone has lost hair due to chemo treatments, we have prepared chemo caps too. Other people could be sent a simple prayer square. If you wish to support someone in this way, please contact Elizabeth in the Parish office to make arrangements to pick up (in a Covid-safe way) a shawl or cap. Or, she can mail you a prayer square.

FOOD COLLECTION UPDATE Food collection continues. Please place any fresh produce that does not require refrigeration (squash, apples, potatoes, tomatoes) in the laundry baskets, ONLY on Wednesday for the Thursday delivery. *Thank you to all who left us small containers which previously held fruits and veggies to help us safely transport these items. At this time we have plenty.* Please do not leave fresh items at other times to prevent wild animals from being attracted to the porch.

FOOD MINISTRY The Food Drive will continue for the foreseeable future, although the receiving agencies may vary. The Outreach Commission is supporting the Community Youth and Women's Alliance (CYWA) Food Pantry in Coatesville with a financial contribution. One Commission member is helping to unload, sort and pack donated food and prepare it for distribution. Please continue to put your food contribution of canned goods, rice and beans in the bins on the porch outside of the Parish House. *We have received notice that pet food is welcome as well!* As always, the need is greatest for protein items including tuna fish and peanut butter. For questions or to volunteer to deliver, please contact Eileen Klein. She is listed in the parish directory or you may call the parish office at 610-644-2261 for her contact information. Thank you for your continuing support.

VISITING SAFELY AT YOUR HOME OR AT CHURCH We cannot sit with you inside your home, but Abigail and Chris are happy to stop by your house for a visit in your driveway or yard. You can stay at a safe distance, but enjoy a bit of face to face company. Also, our beautiful campus offers plenty of spaces to visit outdoors, and we would be happy to meet with you at St. Peter's if you prefer, following whatever the most current guidelines are at the time. Please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org if you or someone you know would welcome a visit.

TECHNOLOGY HELP Since we have moved all church programming into the virtual space, you may be struggling with how to connect to some of the events we are having. Help is available anytime, to handle your technology and connection issues and questions. We want to help you, in any way possible, to participate in our events and worship. Please reach out to Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org or call the office at 610-644-2261.

NOONDAY PRAYER To help keep us grounded in this time, Abigail and Chris have added daily Noonday prayer to our offerings. This will be available on Facebook live at 12:00 p.m. Monday–Thursday. Please join us virtually as you are able. Also, if you wish to spend time in either the historic church or bank barn for private prayer, please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org or her cell at 410-829-4180 to make arrangements.

ATWATER WALKS Join Abigail on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for a 45-60 minute walk through the neighborhood adjacent to St. Peter's, weather permitting of course. Limit of 4 people. Please contact Abigail directly if you wish to attend.

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES Please join us on Wednesday mornings via Zoom. If you would like to participate, please contact Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org for the necessary details.

THE GATHERING OF MEN Please join Cliff Castle every Friday at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom. All men in the parish are invited to this virtual morning gathering. If you would like to join this group, please contact Cliff to receive the zoom link. Cliff is listed in the parish directory or you may contact the parish office at 610-644-2261 for his information.

DAILY DEVOTIONS BOOKLETS for August through October are available through the church office. While we are apart, if you would like to receive a Day by Day Daily Devotions for Disciples booklet please contact Elizabeth at elizabeth@stpetersgv.org or call the church office at 610-644-2261 and she would be happy to send one to you.

PLEASE DRIVE GENTLY One of the blessings of this pandemic time is that we are seeing a large, but safe, number of visitors on our beautiful church grounds. Many of them walk or jog over from Atwater. If you are driving on campus, please be especially careful, particularly at the turn in the exit road. Thank you!

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

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