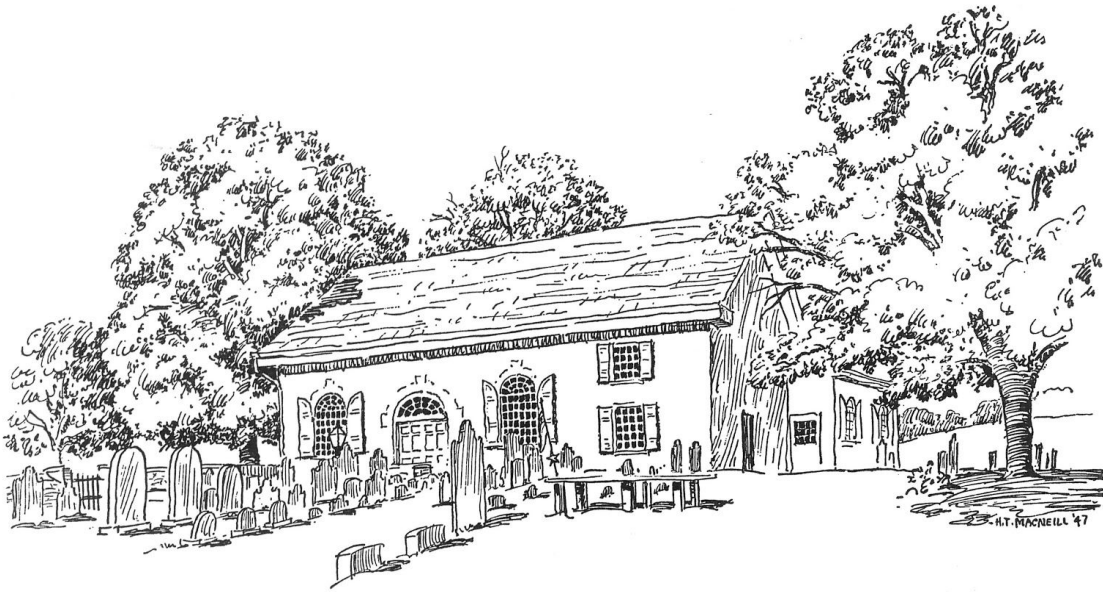


ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING PRAYER — RITE TWO

OCTOBER 4, 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, OCTOBER 4:

- 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
- 1:00 p.m. Pop Up Pantry until 3:00 p.m. – Barn Parking Lot
- 4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals – Outside Historic Church

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5:

- 9:30 a.m. Abigail's Atwater Walk
- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
- 6:00 p.m. Pub Theology – Via Zoom

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6:

- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7:

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study – Via Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Formation on Pilgrimage – Via Zoom

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8:

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9:

- 8:00 a.m. Gathering of Men – Via Zoom

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11:

- 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
- 1:00 p.m. Pop Up Pantry until 3:00 p.m. – Barn Parking Lot

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

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *Siciliano* from *Concerto Grosso in D Minor, Op.3, No.11*

Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741)

Hymn 313 *Let thy Blood in mercy poured*

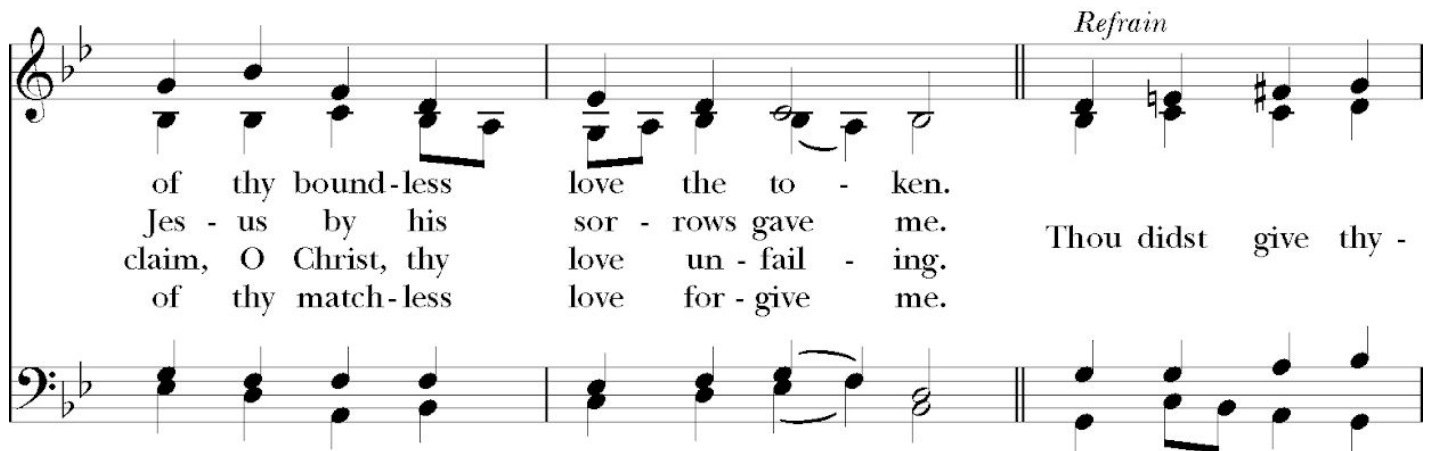
Jesus, meine Zuversicht



1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound
 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -



Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,



of thy bound-less love the to - ken.
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
 of thy match-less love for - give me.



self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Presider Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

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.

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.

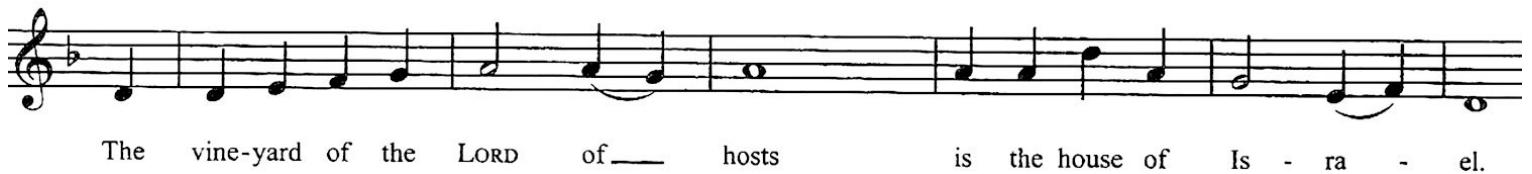
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
 and into his courts with praise; *
 be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

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.

Psalms 80:7–14 *Qui regis Israel*

Based on *Picardy*, Hymn 324



7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
 you cast out the nations and planted it.

[Antiphon]

9 You prepared the ground for it; *
 it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
 and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
 and its branches to the River.

[Antiphon]

- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

[Antiphon]

The First Lesson

Isaiah 5:1-7

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!

Reader Here ends the reading.

Canticle 11 *The Third Song of Isaiah*

Setting: Donald Pearson

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.
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 Second Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

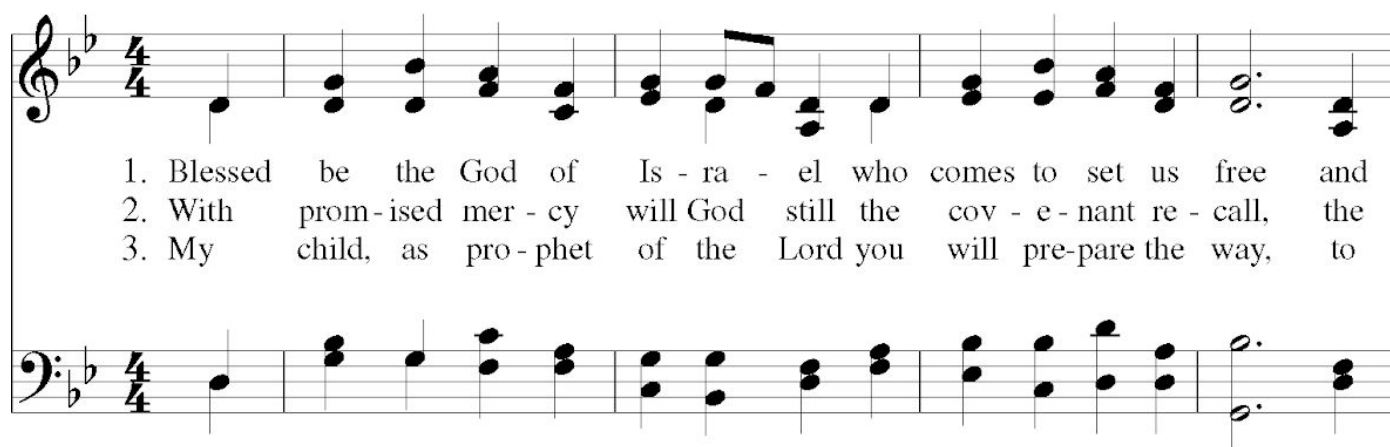
Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

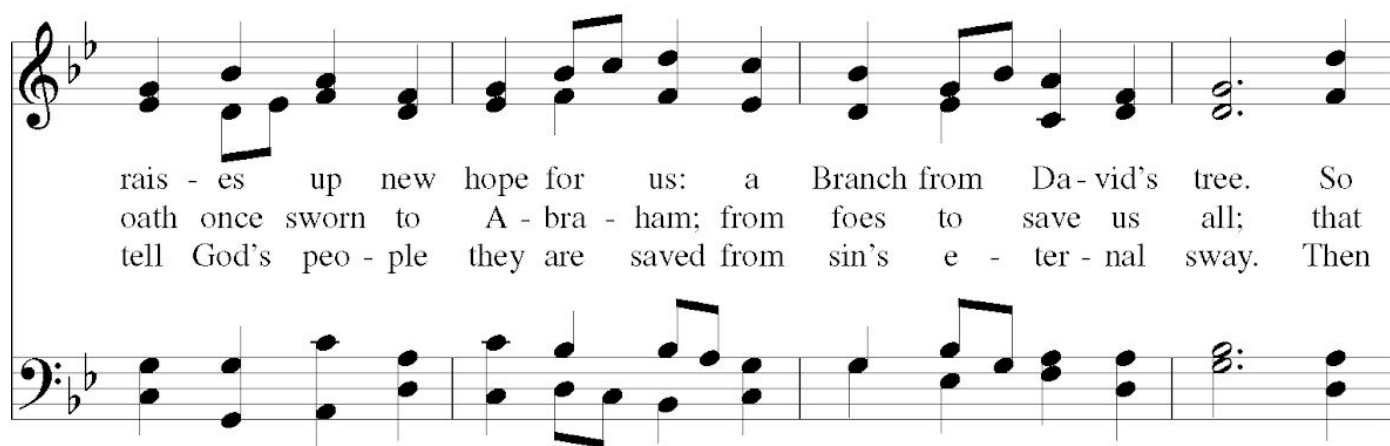
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Canticle 16 *The Song of Zechariah*

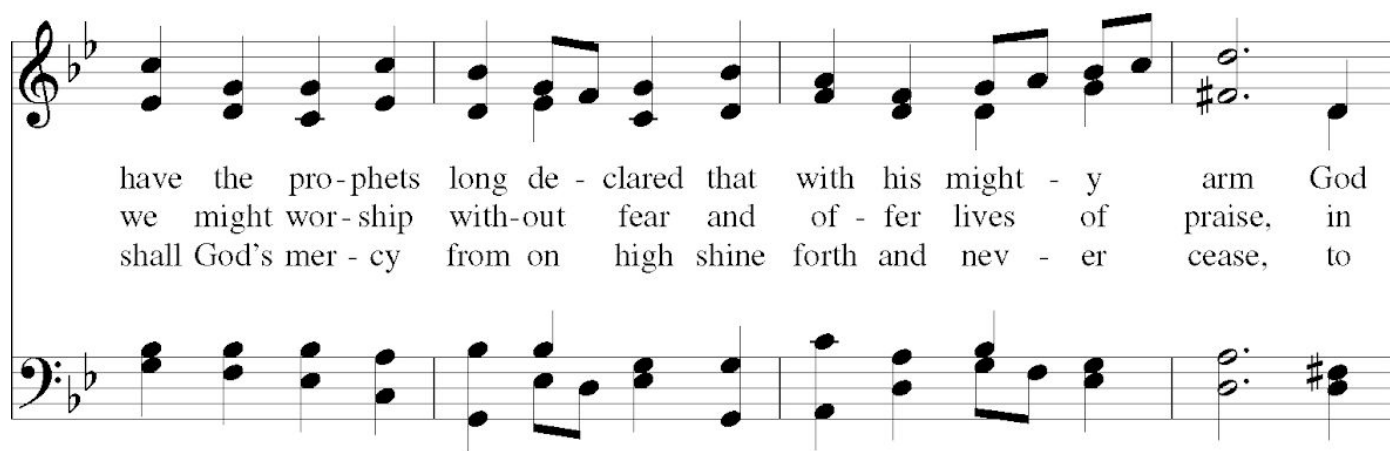
Setting: WLP Hymn 889, *Shepherd's Pipes*



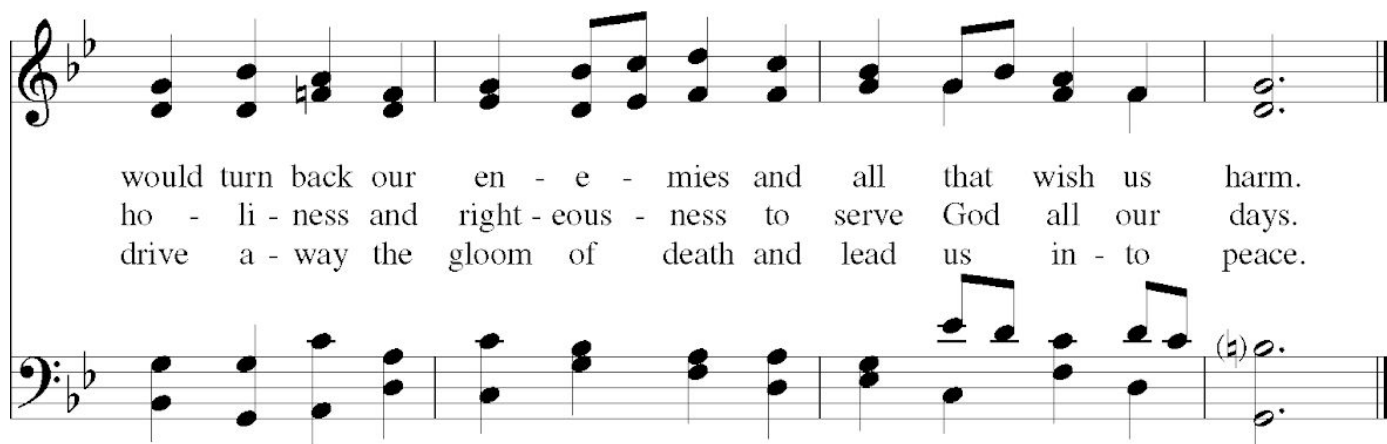
1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free and
 2. With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call, the
 3. My child, as pro - phet of the Lord you will pre-prepare the way, to



rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree. So
 oath once sworn to A - bra - ham; from foes to save us all; that
 tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway. Then



have the pro-phets long de - clared that with his might - y arm God
 we might wor-ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise, in
 shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease, to



The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33–46

Jesus said, “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
 has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing,
 and it is amazing in our eyes’?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Presider Here ends the reading.

The Sermon

The Reverend Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt

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 Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Day by day we bless you;

People **We praise your name for ever.**

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People **For we put our trust in you.**

In you, Lord, is our hope;

People **And we shall never hope in vain.**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Presider continues

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Anthem *Jesus Christ the apple tree*

Elizabeth Poston (1905–1987)

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be
of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

text from '*Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs*', 1784

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 E. Berry Hey, Marjorie V. L. Hudson, and Dave Hanbury, for whom our altar memorials are given.

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. 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 495 *Hail, thou once despised Jesus*

In Babilone



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
to a - bid; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

The Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

Postlude *Fantasia in C Major*

Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713–1780)

*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*

From The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop

During this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, I continue to pray for all affected by this virus in any way. At this particular moment, I ask that all Episcopalians also pray for the president and first lady, and all in the White House or government who have been infected by this virus.

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your children, the president and first lady, and all in the White House or government who have been infected by this virus, that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *For Recovery from Sickness, Book of Common Prayer, p. 458*

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Readers: Gail Malcolm, John Biggar

Flower Guild: Mary Lou Dunn

Thank you to Mark Clark for assistance with filming.

Thank you to Jeanne Lockner for providing beautiful photographs.

Thank you to Liam Reid for his technical assistance and film editing skills.

Thank you to Michael Trycieckyj for making it possible to hear our choir singing together even when they are in their separate homes.

THE VESTRY

Rector's Warden: Eileen Klein

Vestry Warden: David Graves

Class of 2021

Don Cheetham

Doug Jones

Eileen Klein

Charlotte Tellefsen

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Youth Representative: Honor Nestlehutt

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ST. PETER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY! ST. FRANCIS DAY BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Bring your furry, fuzzy, scaly, or stuffed friends for our annual service of Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. in front of the historic church. All are welcome for this naturally covid-safe offering. Concord Pet Food & Supplies Store will have complimentary pet food samples available. We are also doing a collection for Faithful Friends Animal Society which is a non-profit animal welfare organization with a No Kill shelter. They are in need of dog leashes, Kong Easy Treats, cat toys, cat treats and small to medium fleece blankets. Masks will be required and we will ensure that appropriate distance is kept among households. Please sign up by following the link in keynotes or by calling the parish office at 610-644-2261 or emailing abigail@stpetersgv.org.

POP UP PANTRY The Food Ministry is expanding our assistance to those who are food insecure by hosting a "Pop-up" Pantry to provide pre-bagged groceries for those who drive by our Barn parking lot on three Sundays between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on October 4 and 11. Volunteers are needed to set-up, pack food, and distribute items. Donations of books are needed so that attendees can also have something to enjoy. Book donations can be left on the porch of the Parish House. Donated food can still go to the porch and will be given to Alianzas or CYWA as promised previously. For consistency, the Outreach Commission will purchase items for the pantry. To volunteer, 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.

PUB THEOLOGY will gather Monday night, October 5 at 6:00 p.m. We will begin to discuss the topics of Theodicy. Why do bad things happen? Why is there suffering? Why are there wars? Our first gathering on this topic will discuss the various positions that have been taken throughout the history of the church. Please contact Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org to sign up to receive the Zoom link for our gathering.

ADULT FORUM THIS WEDNESDAY The Rev. Jeff Conway, a current St. Peter's parishioner and a Presbyterian pastor for 35 years will lead a conversation on pilgrimage. What is a pilgrimage? Jeff will discuss Celtic spirituality and his time in Iona this Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. Zoom information will be sent out by keynotes on Tuesday. On October 21 he will continue the theme of pilgrimage and talk about his past and upcoming journeys along the Camino de Santiago and why there is a renewed interest in pilgrimage. Please join us for one or both of these presentations.

POPCORN THEOLOGY will meet next on Monday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m. as we discuss *Rabbit Proof Fence* (2002, Australia) which is available on Amazon Prime as well as other online platforms. If you have any questions about how to access the movie or wish to participate, please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org or 610-644-2261 so that I can be sure that you have the information you need and/or the Zoom link. Thank you!

VIRTUAL BINGO Join us Saturday, October 24, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. for a fun night of virtual bingo hosted on Zoom. Be sure to invite your family and friends for an evening of fun and prizes for winners! Bingo cards will be sent electronically to those who register on Ticketleap. Price: \$20 for four cards, \$30 for a family pack of 12 cards (cards can be reused for every game). The Zoom link will be sent Friday evening, October 23 via email, along with the digital cards. We recommended you print them out. Questions can be directed to Elizabeth at elizabeth@stpetersgv.org or by calling the parish office at 610-644-2261. Members may pay by check if online payment services are not available. Community members are welcome to join us by registering online. You may register online at stpetersgreatvalley.ticketleap.com/bingo. Registration closes at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21. Proceeds from this "Fun"draiser will support St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley Outreach Ministries.

TRUNK OR TREAT is October 25 from 5:00 p.m. – 6 p.m. For the second year in a row, St. Peter's in the Great Valley is hosting a "Trunk or Treat". Trunk-or-treating is a version of trick-or-treating, but instead of children going door to door to collect candy, they go from trunk to trunk. Thankfully, this can easily be done in a Covid safe manner. Please consider decorating and hosting a trunk (Trophy awarded to the best one there). For more information, see the announcement in the October Beacon, or contact Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org.

ST. PETER'S CRAB APPLE JELLY is available in the Parish House. The jelly is made from St. Peter's crabapple trees and the cost is only \$5 per 4oz jar. Please email Elizabeth at elizabeth@stpetersgv.org or call the parish office at 610-644-2261 to reserve your jar. Supplies are limited so call and come by to pick up your jar.

NEW PATTERN TO WEDNESDAY EVENINGS The program year has begun and we are making a few adjustments. Wednesday evenings will take on a new pattern. Typically, the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month will be a Zoom version of our Adult Forum with speakers addressing a variety of topics. The 2nd Wednesday each month will be the Gathering of Women. The 4th Wednesday of each month will be our usual fellowship for all who wish to join us. For now we will meet at 6:00 p.m., as usual, and the Zoom link will go out via special keynotes on Tuesdays.

YOU ARE INVITED FOR OUTDOOR EUCHARIST Please join us on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. for Holy Eucharist, weather permitting. To assist us with planning, please sign up by following the link in keynotes or by phoning the parish office at 610-644-2261. However, if you do not have a chance to register or if you decide to attend at the last minute, please do! All are welcome. Masks are required, but chairs are optional. We will set up some chairs or you are welcome to use your own. Also, we will arrange worship so that parishioners are seated on the firm ground of the parking lot with a view of the historic church in order to make the space accessible to all. Thank you!

PANDEMIC RELATED UPDATES We are making a few adjustments to our 8:00 a.m. service of Holy Eucharist, outdoors. For your convenience and because we are able to accommodate many people outside, signing up for worship will become optional. Please sign up, if you are able, because it assists us with planning, but please do join us even if you have not had a chance to register. Also, in an effort to make the 8:00 a.m. service more accessible, we will set up in a way that allows parishioners to sit on the firm ground of the parking lot, while still facing the lovely backdrop of the historic church. Finally, the bring your own chair policy will become optional. We will set up folding chairs in the worship area. You are welcome to bring your own, or sit in one that is provided. We anticipate moving to indoor worship as the weather becomes cooler—mid-late October—with the 8:00 a.m. moving into the historic church and then with opening the 10:00 a.m. service for those who wish to attend in person. Worshipping online will remain an option for the foreseeable future. In early October we will send a new survey to assess the comfort level of parishioners, though please do not hesitate to reach out to Abigail with any comments or questions at abigail@stpetersgv.org or 610-644-2261.

ST. PETER'S MASKS We have complimentary, 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.

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE 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.

FOOD MINISTRY The Food Drive will continue for the foreseeable future, although the receiving agencies may vary. The Outreach Commission will move specific support to Alianzas in Phoenixville in September. Please continue to put your non perishable food contributions in the bins on the porch of the parish house. Alianzas will welcome staple basics of rice, beans, tortillas, sauce - mainly. These staples are needed for about 50 families currently. 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.

FRESH PRODUCE UPDATE 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 will continue to take place on Wednesday mornings via Zoom. If you would like to participate, please contact Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org for the necessary details.

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

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.

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.

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!

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.