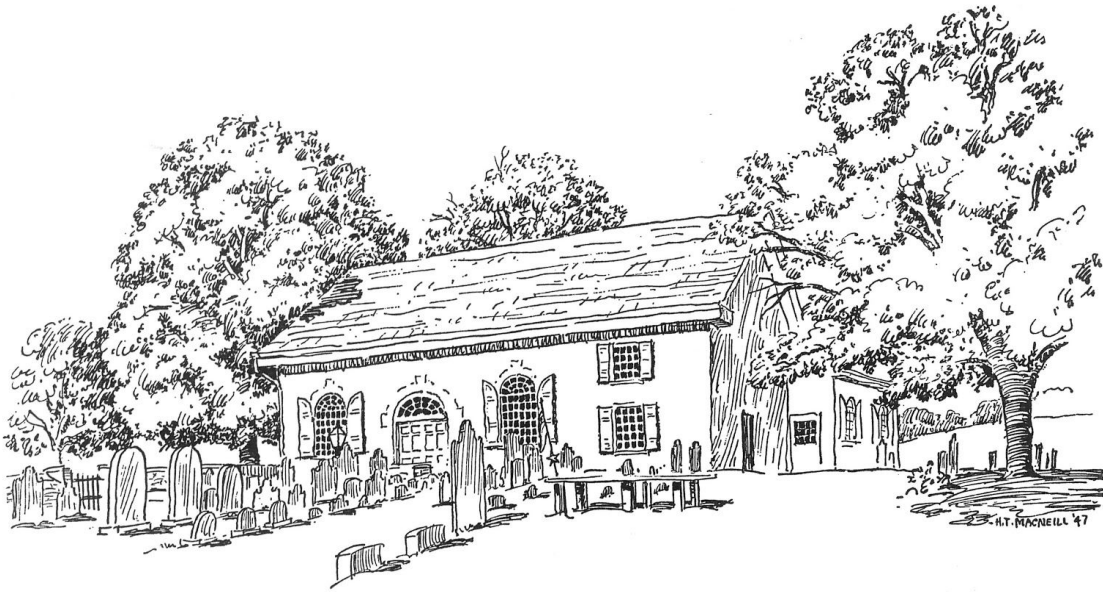


ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING PRAYER — RITE TWO

AUGUST 23, 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, AUGUST 23:

- 8:00 a.m. Outdoor Eucharist (please sign up)
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer – Rite Two – Via Facebook Live
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour – Via Zoom
- 4:00 p.m. Outdoor Eucharist (please sign up)

MONDAY, AUGUST 24:

- 9:30 a.m. Atwater Walk – Limit 4 people
- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
- 5:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting – Via Zoom
- 7:15 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting – Via Zoom

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25:

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26:

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study – Via Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
- 6:00 p.m. BYOB Social Hour – Via Zoom

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27:

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28:

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29:

- 9:00 a.m. Stewardship Meeting – Via Zoom
- 8:45 p.m. Youth Group Movie Night – Rector's Grove

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30:

- 8:00 a.m. Outdoor Eucharist (please sign up)
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer – Rite Two – Via Facebook Live
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour – Via Zoom
- 4:00 p.m. Outdoor Eucharist (please sign up)
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group – Via Zoom

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

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Hymn 379 *God is Love, let heaven adore him*

Abbot's Leigh



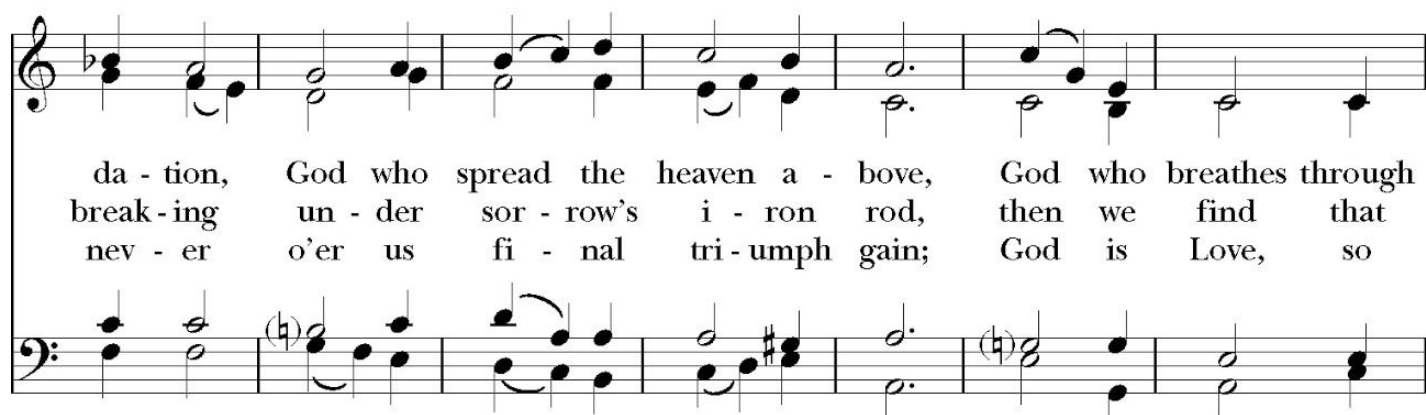
1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all



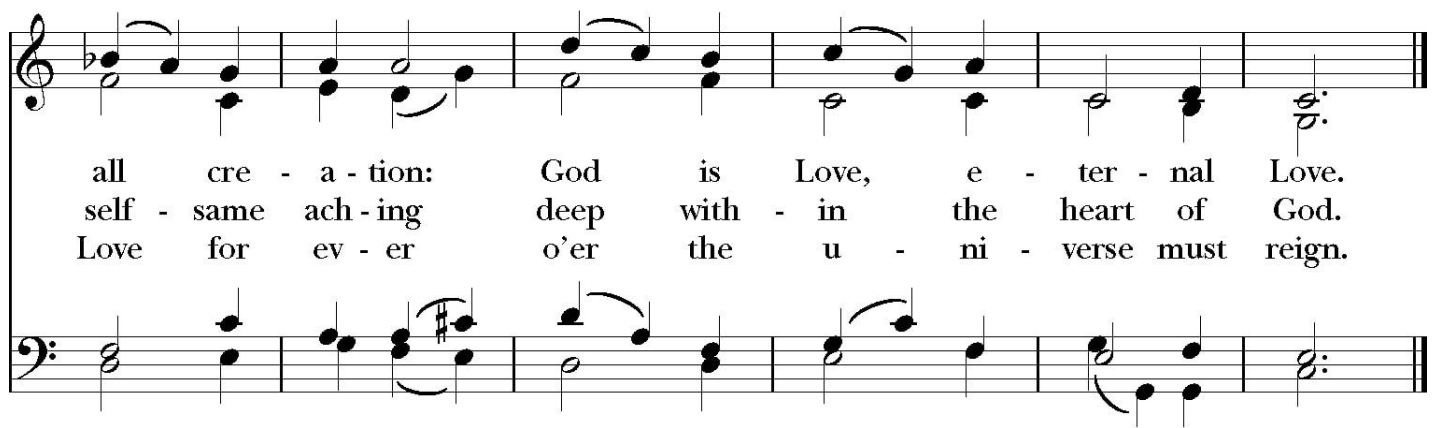
earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness



and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall



da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so



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.

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

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

Isaiah 56:1-6

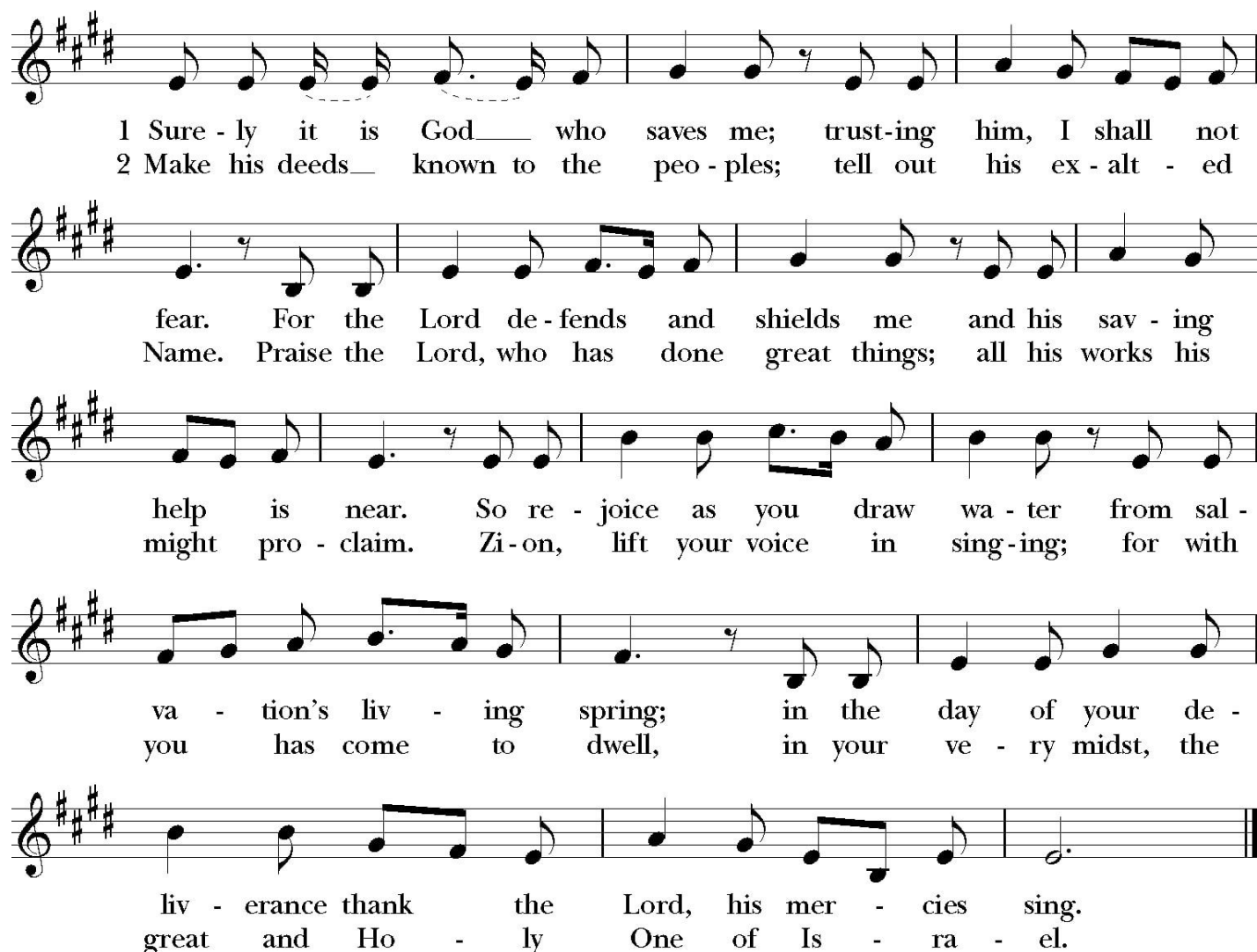
Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Reader Here ends the reading.

Canticle 9 *The First Song of Isaiah*

Setting: Hymn 679, *Thomas Merton*



1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed

fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his

help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with

va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the

liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

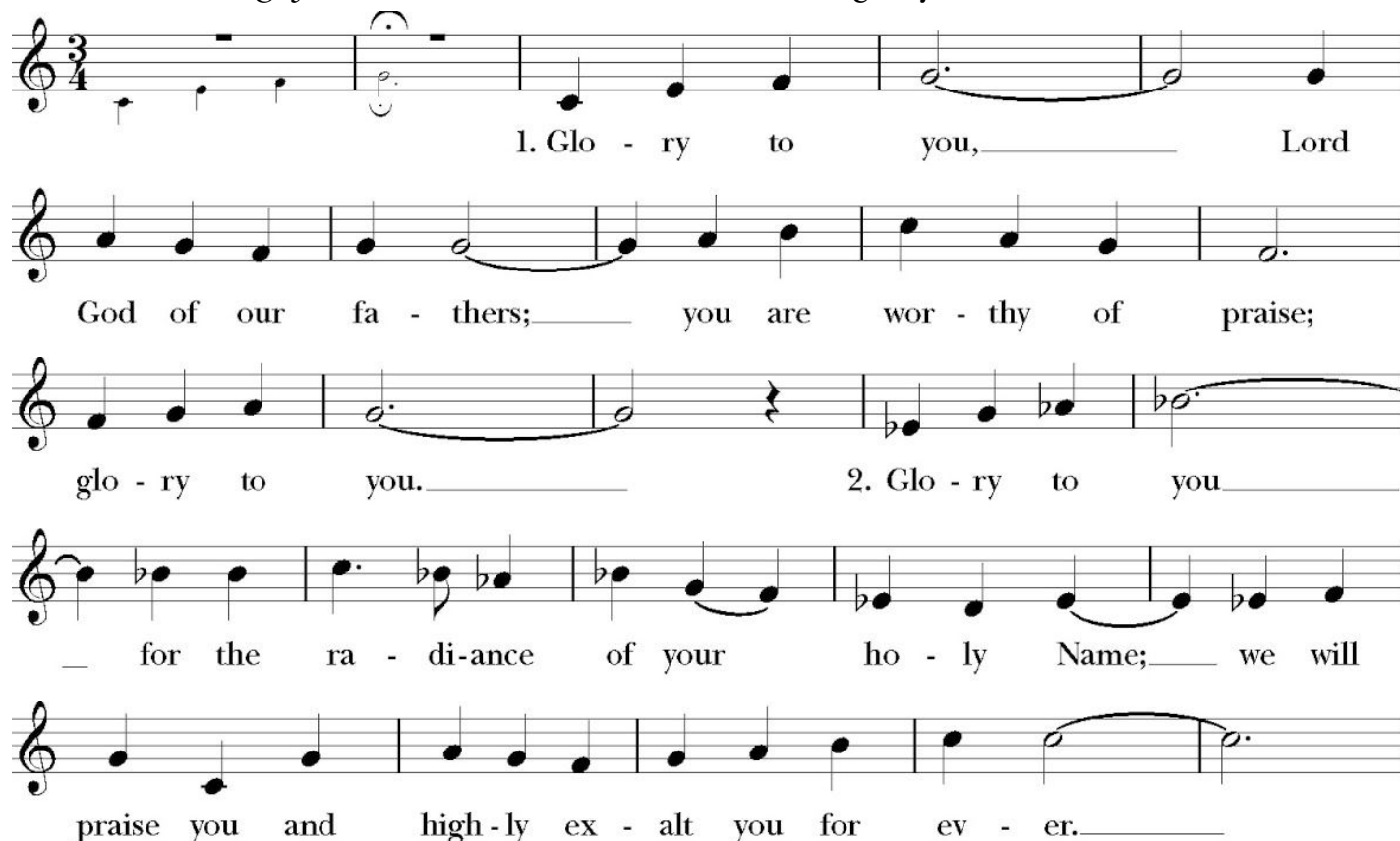
I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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. _____

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 5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -
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 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 16:13–20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 *Tu es Petrus*

Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

Tu es Petrus,
et super hanc petram aedificabo
Ecclesiam meam.

*You are Peter,
And upon this Rock I will build
my Church.*

text: Matthew 16:18–19

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 Veronica Gancio Haley, for whom our altar memorials are given

A Litany for Changing Times

O God, we ask for strength and wisdom in this uncertain time. We welcome your presence with the faith community of St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley as we respond: **Hear our prayer.**

God of all gifts and blessings we are thankful for the natural world that reminds us of our ever-present God. We are thankful for the gift of mindfulness, time spent gardening, and seeing the beauty of nature that surrounds us.

God of serenity, **Hear our prayer**

Lord, this pandemic has clarified our call to be stewards of the gifts you have given to us. We pray for the tools and will to conserve the bounty of our natural world. 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 cannot breathe for want of nutrition, education, health care, economic opportunity, political agency, legal justice or personal liberty. 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.**

Summer beckons and we yearn to celebrate the simple pleasures of the season. Curb our appetites and waken us to our duty toward our common safety and the greater good. Guide us to find joy in modest services and help us to support those at the greatest risk. In a summer 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 all those who continue to care for our minds and bodies, especially those who are providing essential services. 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 now seriously 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 thank you for our clergy, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our Bishop, and Abigail and Chris, our priests as they continue to provide spiritual guidance and wisdom. We thank all those who have contributed to allow us to stay connected through worship, online dialogue, and 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**

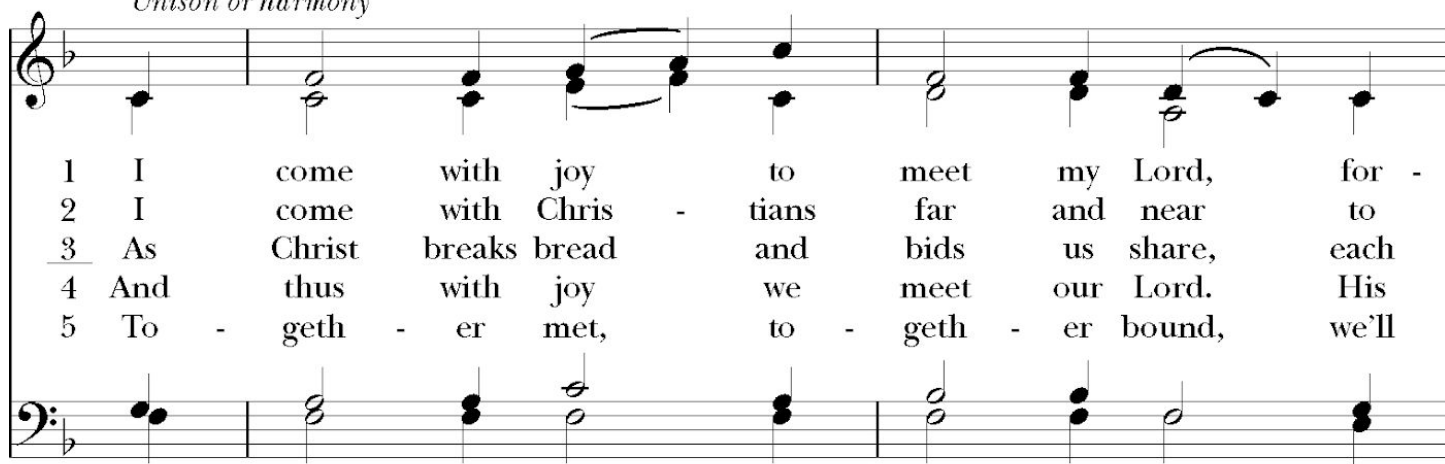
Announcements

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Hymn 304 *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

Land of Rest

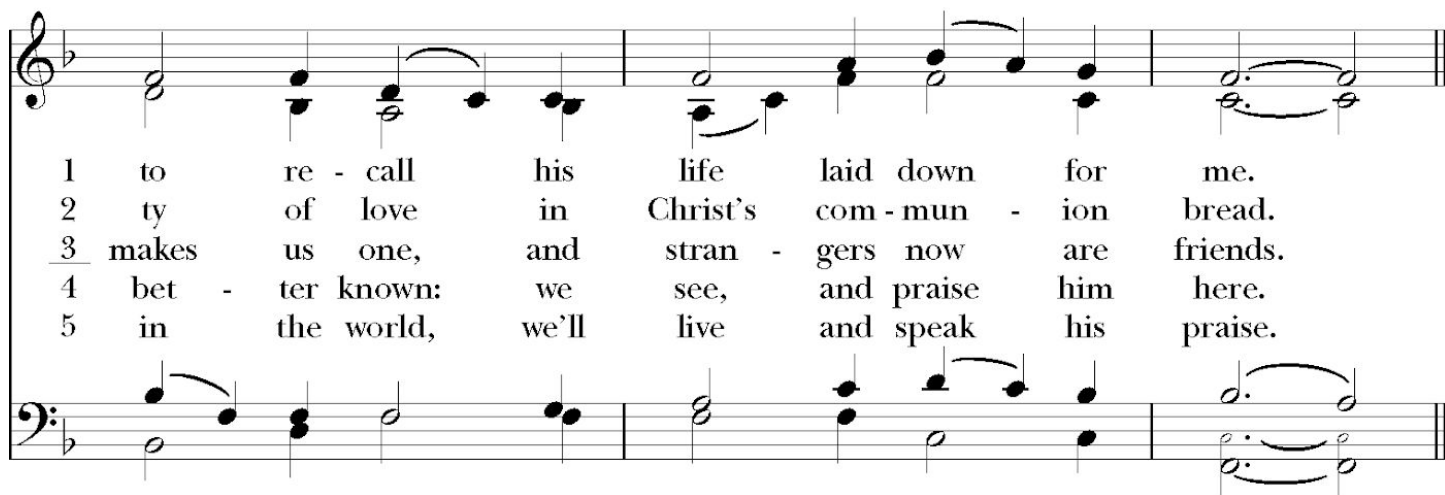
Unison or harmony



1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll



1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple



1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

The Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

Postlude *Fugue 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!*

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Readers: Trudi Graves, Katie Franz

Litany: Sandy Mannix

Flower Guild: Ginger Dagit

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

Secretary: Susy Baum

Treasurer: Peter Kreek

Class of 2021

Don Cheetham

Doug Jones

Eileen Klein

Alix Markee

Class of 2022

David Graves

Linda Holden

Cathy Terlescki

Laurel Veitch

Class of 2023

Mark Clark

Mike Harman

Lyndsay Knupp

Dave Lockner

Youth Representative: Honor Nestlehutt

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ST. PETER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHILE WE ARE APART please check our website stpetersgv.org for updates and resources during the pandemic.

COVID RELATED UPDATES Diocesan rules keep us in Phase 2 until at least September 1. At this time all in-person gatherings remain restricted to 25 or fewer people and no food or drink is allowed. At St. Peter's we will continue to add outdoor in-person offerings throughout the summer. Our main Sunday morning worship will continue online until September. In late August we will begin to transition from pre-recorded, produced services to live-streaming worship. From there, when we are ready, we will add in-person, indoor Sunday morning services. Worshipping from home, virtually, will remain an option for the foreseeable future.

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 Confident that it is safe to do so, we are adding more in-person, outdoor worship opportunities. *Please join us on Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. or Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. for Holy Eucharist*, weather permitting. The services will be simple and spoken with Tuesdays being a bit simpler than Sundays. In each case sign ups, masks, and distancing will be required, for now, and details will be sent to those who register. Our numbers remain restricted by diocesan rules. Sign up information for this coming Tuesday and for services in August is available in Keynotes. If you wish to attend this afternoon, please contact Abigail at abigail@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. Jars are available for purchase, \$15 for a large jar, \$7.50 for a small jar, while supplies last! Proceeds support the care of our hives. Please make checks available to St. Peter's GV. Please 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.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REQUESTED As we continue planning for the upcoming program year we want to hear from you. We will offer many of our usual programs and services in virtual or covid-safe ways, but also will be developing new opportunities. If you have ideas or feedback, please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org. Thank you!

PRAYER GROUP UPDATE There will be no prayer group meeting for the month of August. We will continue to pray, but we will not be meeting. Regular virtual gatherings will resume on Thursday, September 3.

MOVIE NIGHTS ARE COMING for all ages. We will once again use our inflatable movie screen and projector to show movies on the Grove. Physical distancing and masks will be required. You may bring items to drink and eat, but may not share it with others, and when not actively eating and drinking, you will need to wear your mask. For children and youth movies, at least one parent must stay. Bring your own chairs. A signup genius will be going out for you to let us know you are coming. Limited to 25 people for each movie. Email Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org if you have questions.

YOUTH GROUP MOVIE NIGHT is Saturday, August 29 at 8:45 p.m. Youth Group members (rising 6th graders and up) are welcome to the next movie on the Grove.

ADULT MOVIE NIGHT is Saturday night, September 5 at 8:30 p.m. (We think it will be dark enough by then). A survey will go out for adults to vote on the movie to be shown on the Grove. This will be adults only.

GATHERING FOR WOMEN Mark your calendar now for the first fall Gathering of Women on September 9 at 6:00 p.m. As of now we are not sure if we will be meeting in person or via Zoom. As the date gets closer we will let you know in Keynotes. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Mander at lsmander@gmail.com or 610- 613-5358.

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.

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL VIRTUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE Back-to-School supplies are needed for the students who will be attending in persona 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>

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 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. To RSVP to Fall Fest simply call Elizabeth in the office at 610-644-2261 or use the Sign Up Genius link that will be included in the official invitation that you will receive through Keynotes. If you have any questions, please contact Paige Infortuna at pinfortuna@msn.com or 610-608-2093. Mark your calendar now for this not to be missed event.

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 at lsmander@gmail.com or 610-613-5358.

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.

RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP USHERS NEEDED The situation with Covid-19 remains uncertain and so we are making plans knowing that we must be flexible as well. It is possible that we will return to in-person, indoor worship in September. To make sure this happens smoothly and safely we need ushers who are trained in our new procedures. If you feel comfortable returning to indoor worship in the fall and wish to serve as an usher, please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED The Stewardship Commission is looking for new members. Our commission plans and executes the annual St. Peter's stewardship season. We generally meet once a month during the summer and fall months. Our group shares the workload in a collegial fashion and with a bit of fun thrown in. If you are interested in joining the Stewardship commission, please contact Helen Ockenden. She is listed in the parish directory or you may call the parish office at 610-644-2261 for her contact information.

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.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL While we are apart, each week we are sending the parents of the Sunday school children emails with attached pictures, puzzles, coloring pages and games related to the scripture lessons for the coming Sunday. Families not already receiving these Sunday school emails are welcome to join us by emailing SundaySchool@stpetersgv.org.

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.

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.

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 SEND YOUR PICTURES/VIDEOS As we have become better at moving our worship experience online, we are seeking to include more members of our parish. One of the things that we miss is seeing you and hearing your voices. We usually 'go live' about 15 minutes before the service starts. During this time, we have been just showing a title page that says that the service will begin at 10am. We would like to augment that with pictures and/or videos of our parish family. Please consider sending some digital pictures or a very short (15-30 second) video to Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org. We will include them in the gathering time video played before worship begins. We need to receive anything you send no later than Thursday for inclusion on Sunday.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PASTORAL PURPOSES We are beginning to keep a list of designated emergency contacts for parishioners. This list will be made available to ushers, clergy, and staff to be used in the case of emergency on campus or in the event that we wish to reach you for pastoral purposes, but you are not available at your usual number. This is entirely voluntary and offered as a service for those who wish. If you would like for the contact information for your designated emergency person to be kept on file at the parish, please email the following information— your name and phone number, any allergies you have, the name, phone number and email address of your emergency contact person to: pastoralcontact@stpetersgv.org. 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.

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.

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.

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.

BYOB IS STAYING VIRTUAL The sensibly conservative guidelines of the diocese do not allow us to gather for any events where food or beverages are consumed. For this reason, we will continue to meet via Zoom for our Wednesday BYOB social hour until restrictions are eased. Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to visiting virtually!