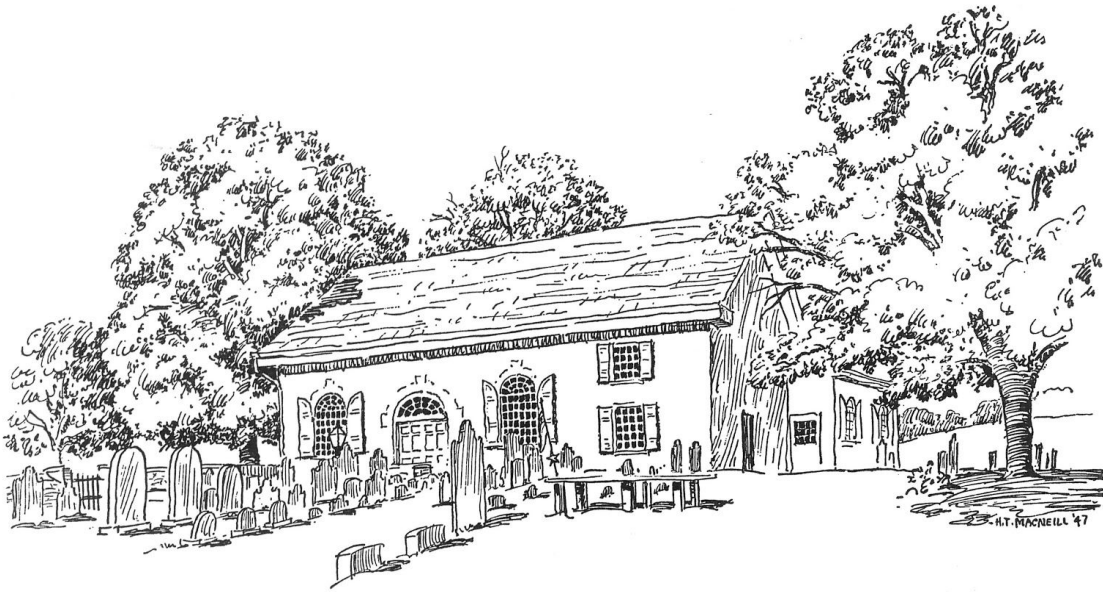


# ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY



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## THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MORNING PRAYER — RITE TWO

SEPTEMBER 13, 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 13:**

- 8:00 a.m. Outdoor Eucharist – Rite I (please sign up)
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer – Rite Two – Via Facebook Live
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour – Via Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. Sunday School Kick Off – Parish House
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group – Via Zoom

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:**

- 9:30 a.m. Abigail's Atwater Walk
- 6:00 p.m. Popcorn Theology – Via Zoom

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15:**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16:**

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study – Via Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
- 6:00 p.m. Conversation Hour, discussion of formation plans – Via Zoom

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17:**

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

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18:**

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

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20:**

- 8:00 a.m. Outdoor Eucharist – Rite I (please sign up)
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer – Rite Two – Via Facebook Live
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour – Via Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. Kite Flying Activity until 2:00 p.m. – Holy Hill
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group – Via Zoom

\* all services Via Facebook live can also be viewed on our website [stpetersgv.org](http://stpetersgv.org)

# THE WORD OF GOD

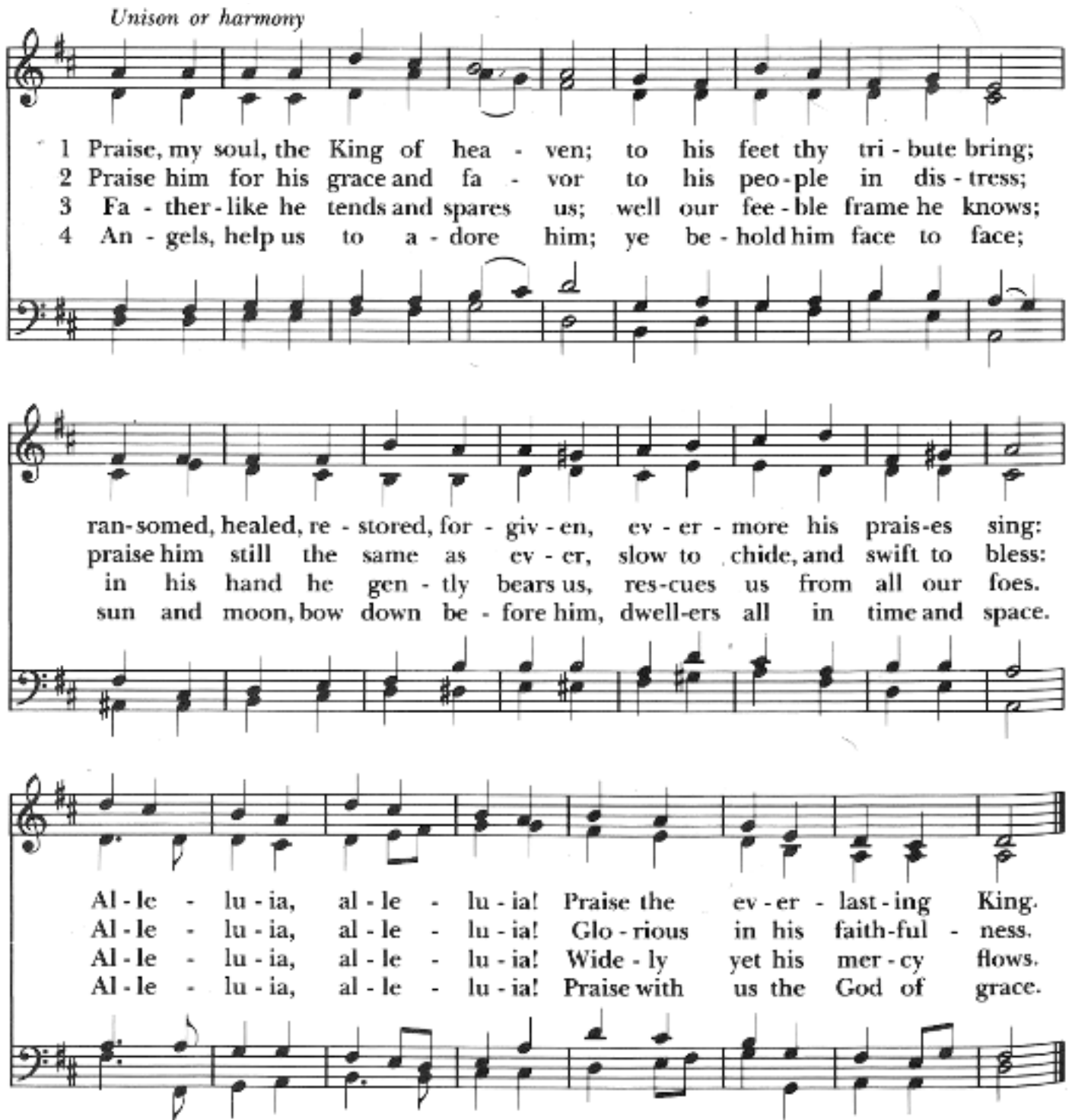
Prelude *Priere*

Jean Langlais (1907–1991)

Hymn 410 *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

*Lauda anima*

*Unison or harmony*



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
3 Fa - ther-like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais-es sing:  
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res-cues us from all our foes.  
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell-ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith-ful - ness.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

*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.**

## 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; \*

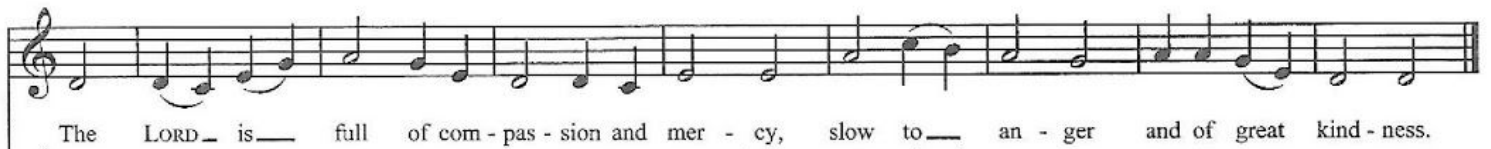
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.

**Psalm 103:(1–7), 8–13** *Benedic, anima mea*

Based on *Wondrous Love*, Hymn 439



1 [Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, \*  
and forget not all his benefits.

[Antiphon]

3 He forgives all your sins \*  
and heals all your infirmities;

4 He redeems your life from the grave \*  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

[Antiphon]

5 He satisfies you with good things, \*  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

6 The Lord executes righteousness \*  
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses \*  
and his works to the children of Israel.]

[Antiphon]

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 He will not always accuse us, \*  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

[Antiphon]

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
so far has he removed our sins from us.

13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

[Antiphon]

## The First Lesson

*Genesis 50:15–21*

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

*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**

*Romans 14:1-12*

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,

and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

*Reader* Here ends the reading.

**Canticle 16** *The Song of Zechariah*

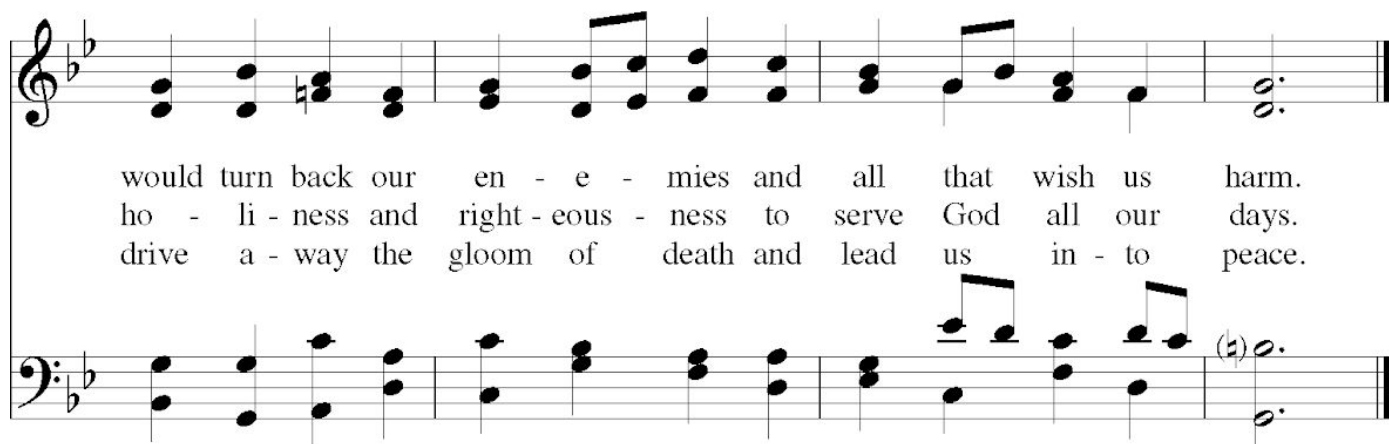
Setting: WLP Hymn 889, *Shepherd's Pipes*

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 18:21-35*

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

*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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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*

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** *There's a wideness in God's mercy*

Maurice Bevan (1921–2006)

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;

There's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;

There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind;

And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own;

And we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.  
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations in the upper home of bliss.  
  
If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word;  
And our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.

text by Frederick William Faber (1814–63)

## 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 Vincent Lauby, Jacob Jarden, Dorothy Guenther, Benkt Wennberg, and Dorothy Wennberg,  
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**

## Commissioning Of Teachers, Leaders, Catechists, and Assistants

*Presider* Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

*The Presider says to the Teachers and Leaders*

You have been called to a ministry of Christian formation, and we gratefully accept your offering of the gifts of ministry to the body of Christ that gathers in this place. Will you encourage and nurture each person as a gift from God and proclaim the Gospel to them in ways that empower them to receive and respond to God's love?

*Teachers and Leaders* **We will with God's help.**

*The Presider says to the Congregation*

Will you the people of this community support the ministry of our teachers, leaders, catechists and assistants, and will you help each person feel welcome as they grow in their life in Christ and in their participation in the life and worship of this parish?

*Congregation* **We will with God's help.**

*Presider* In the name of God and this congregation, I commission you as Sunday School teachers, youth formation leaders, and adult forum leaders.

*Presider* Let us pray.

God of all wisdom and knowledge, give your blessing and guidance to all engaged in Christian formation in your church. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen us all, that in this, and in all things, we may do God's will in the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Congregation* **Amen.**

**Hymn 397** *Now thank we all our God**Nun danket alle Gott*

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
 With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever more.

## The Dismissal

*Presider* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Blessing

**Postlude** *Toccata on “St. Anne”*

Gordon Young (1919–1998)

*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*

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## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

**Readers:** Jeanne Lockner, Bonnie Michael

**Flower Guild:** Tammy Kraig

*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

Charlotte Tellefsen

### Class of 2022

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Cathy Terlescki

Laurel Veitch

### Class of 2023

Mark Clark

Mike Harman

Lyndsay Knupp

Dave Lockner

**Youth Representative:** Honor Nestlehutt

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY STAFF

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## ST. PETER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF TODAY** 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 today between 12 noon and 2:00 p.m. 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 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** will meet on Monday, September 14 at 6:00 p.m. for a discussion of the movie *Billy Elliott* (2000) and then again on Monday, September 28 as we discuss *Waking Ned Devine* (1998). Both are 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](mailto: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!

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

**COMPLINE FOR THE AUTUMNAL SOLSTICE** at the labyrinth on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for a contemplative end of day prayer service with music provided by a local musician as we mark the change of seasons. You may sign up by following the link in keynotes or calling the parish office at 610-644-2261 or emailing [Abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:Abigail@stpetersgv.org).

**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-friendly offering. 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](mailto:Abigail@stpetersgv.org).

**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., 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. If you wish to attend this afternoon, please contact Abigail at [abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org).

**ST. PETER'S HONEY IS SOLD OUT** Thank you for all who bought this year's golden St. Peter's honey. We appreciate your support as all proceeds go to the care of our hives. We hope you are enjoying this year's crop.

**FALL FEST THANK YOU** Thank you to everyone who participated in our first Zoom Fall Fest. It was a lively and wonderful time to gather virtually during these uncertain times.

**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](mailto:elizabeth@stpetersgv.org) or call the church office at 610-644-2261 to arrange for pick up.

**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, pasta sauce. 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.

**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>

**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](mailto: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.

**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.

**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](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org). Thank you!

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:elizabeth@stpetersgv.org) or call the church office at 610-644-2261 and she would be happy to send one to 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org) or her cell at 410-829-4180 to make arrangements.

**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](mailto:elizabeth@stpetersgv.org) or call the church office at 610-644-2261 and she will be happy to send one to you. Thank you.