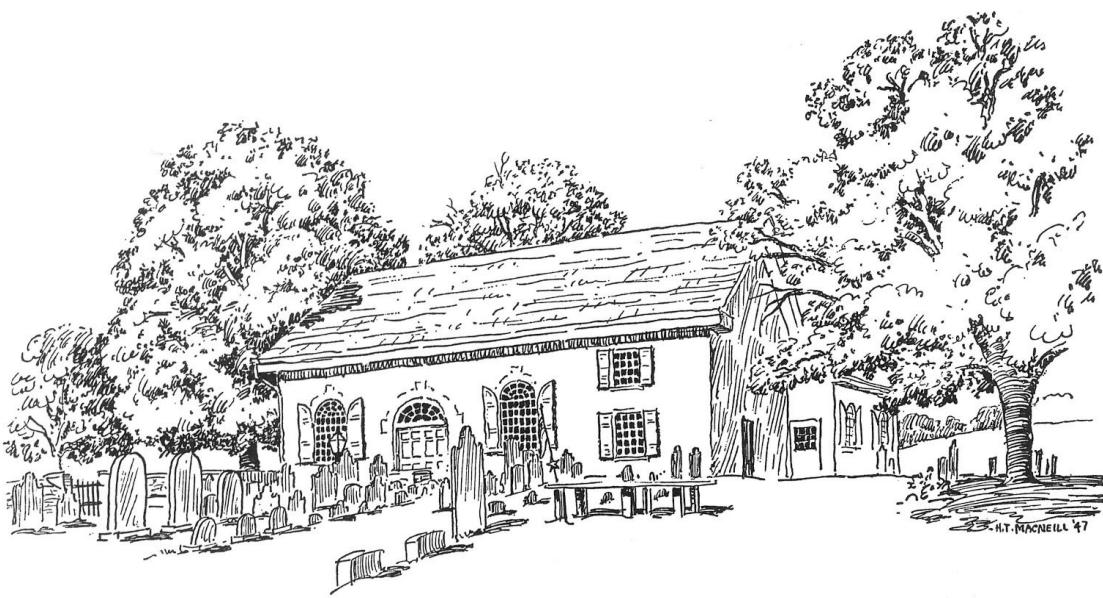


# St. Peter's Church IN THE GREAT VALLEY



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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
MORNING PRAYER — RITE TWO  
AUGUST 30, 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 30:**

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
4:00 p.m.	Outdoor Eucharist Rite II (please sign up)

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 31:**

9:30 a.m.	Atwater Walk – Limit 4 people
12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
6:00 p.m.	Popcorn Theology movie discussion – Via Zoom

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1:**

12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
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### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2:**

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, SEPTEMBER 3:**

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

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4:**

8:00 a.m.	Gathering of Men – Via Zoom
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### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5:**

10:00 a.m.	Needlework Ministry
8:45 p.m.	Movie Night for adults – Rector's Grove

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6:**

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
4:00 p.m.	Outdoor Eucharist Rite II (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](http://stpetersgv.org)

# THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude** *Prelude from "First Organbook"*

Daniel Pinkham (1923–2007)

**Hymn 432** *O praise ye the Lord*

*Laudate Dominum*

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;  
 2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,  
 \*3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;  
 4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;  
 in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;  
 each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;  
 to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,  
 praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,  
 loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,  
 For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.  
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.  
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.  
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

*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 Give judgment for me, O Lord,  
for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.

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**

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

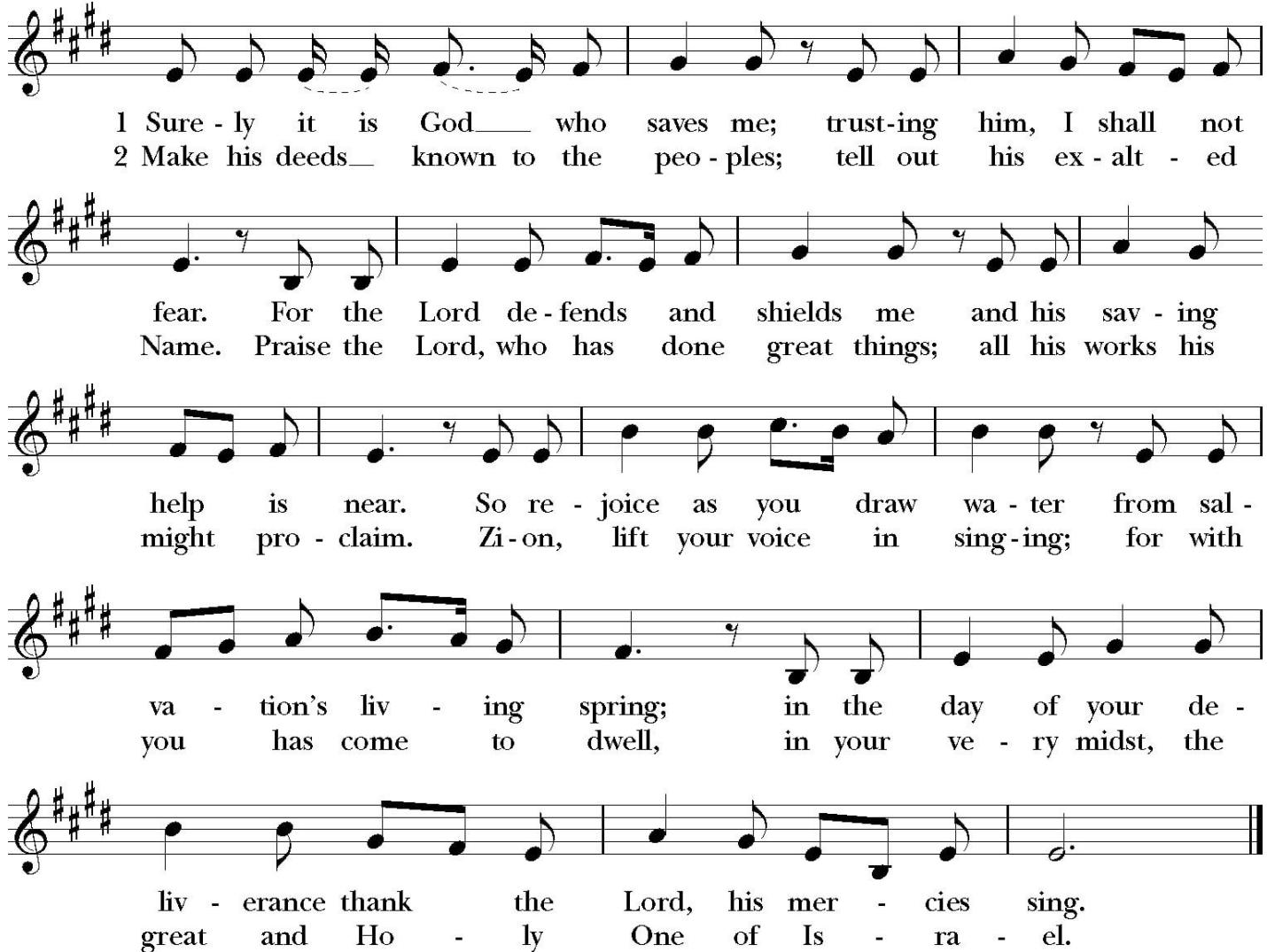
Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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.

### The Second Lesson

*Romans 12:9-21*

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

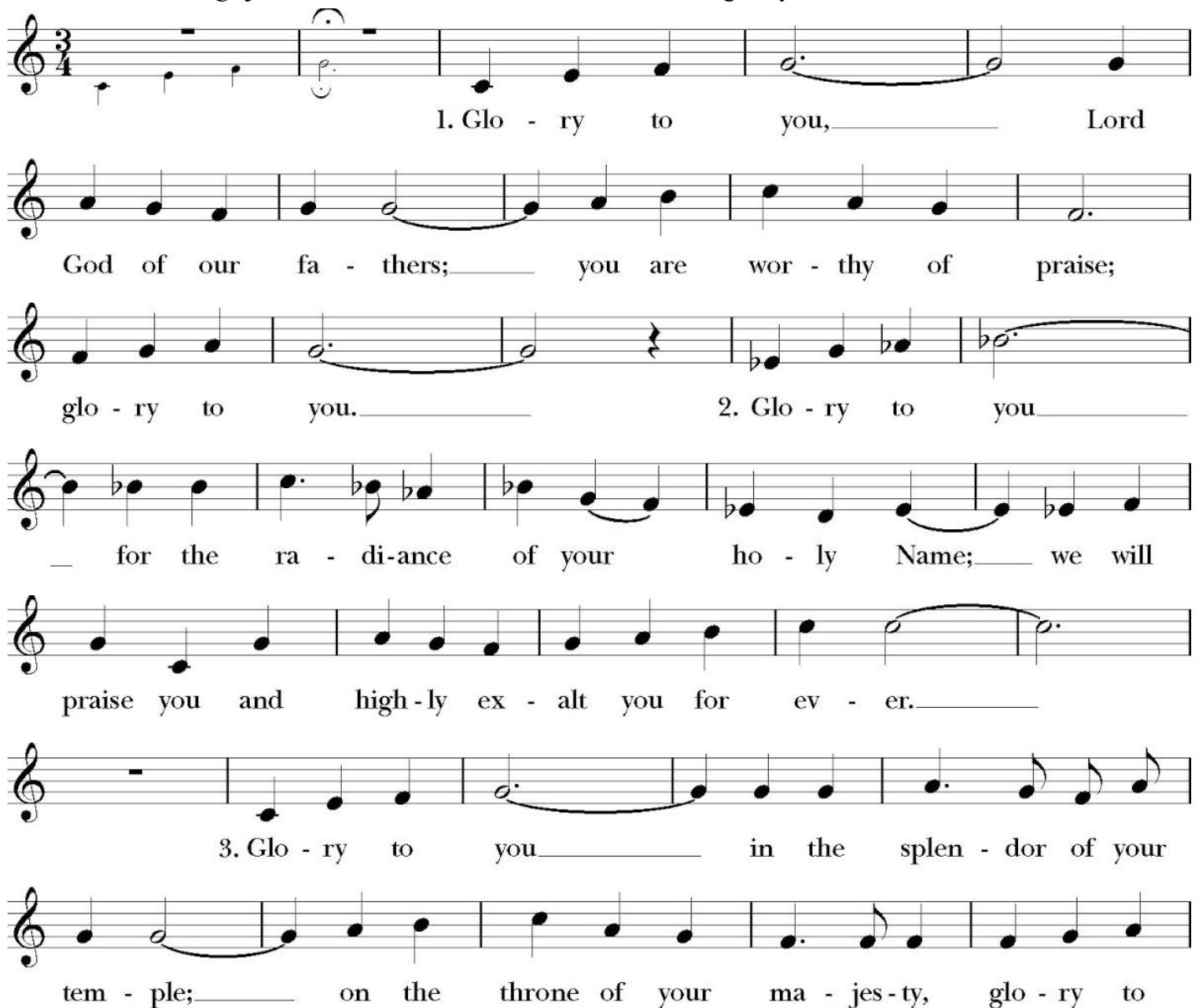


Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

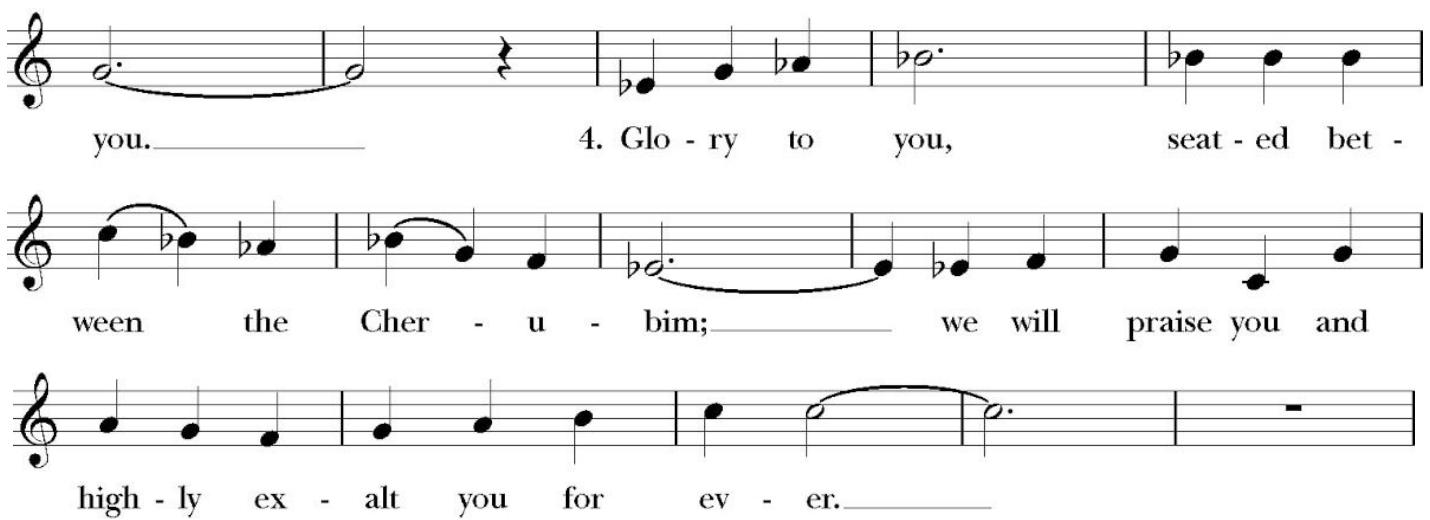
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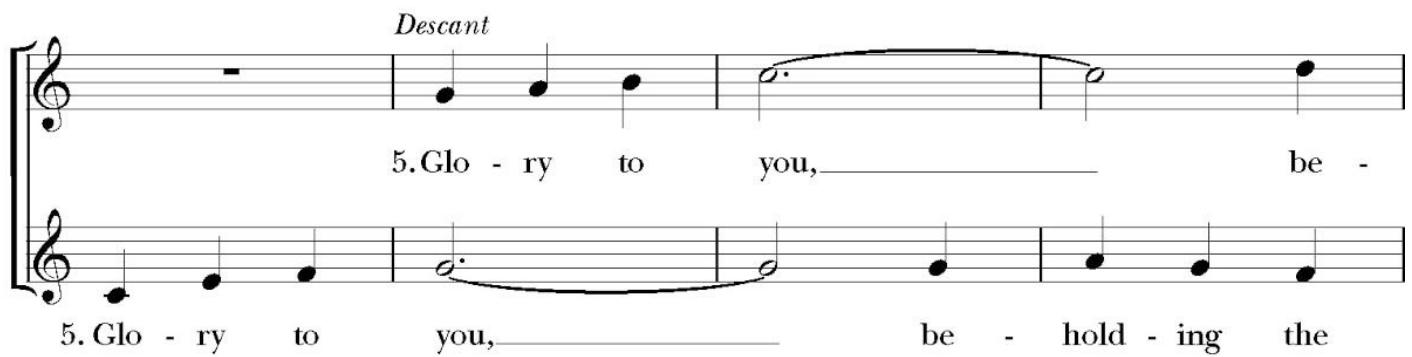
### Canticle 13 *A Song of Praise*

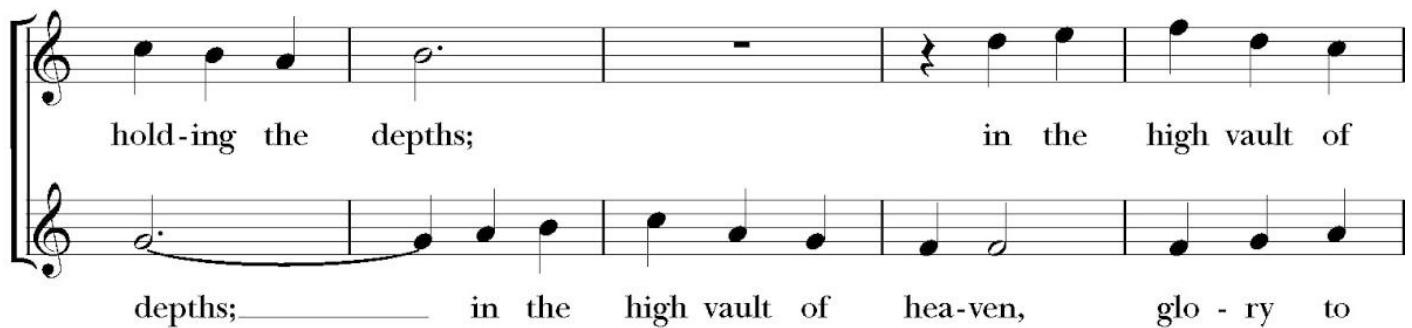
Setting: Hymnal S-236, John Rutter (b. 1945)

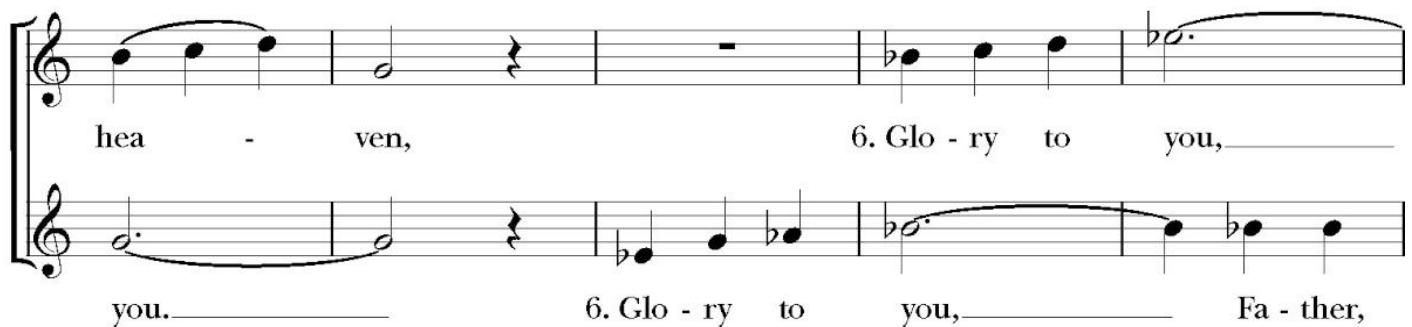


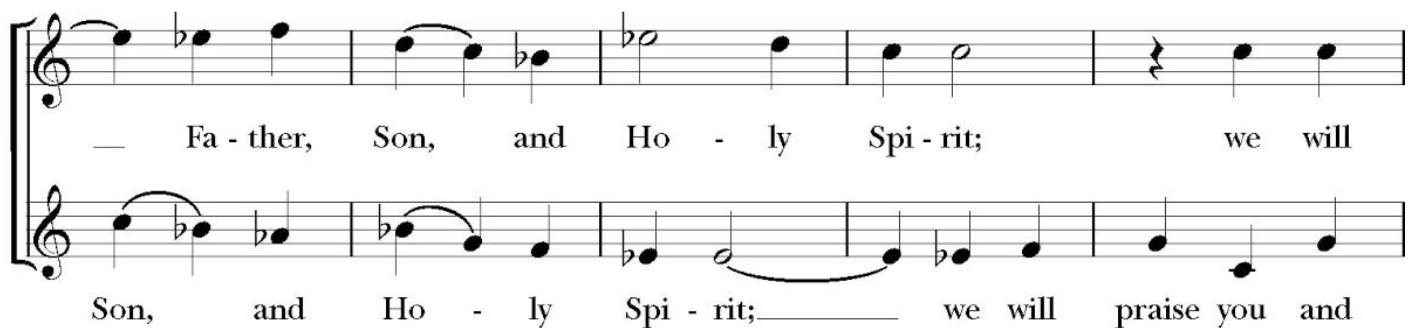
1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord  
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;  
glory to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you  
for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will  
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
3. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_ in the splen - dor of your  
tem - ple; \_\_\_\_\_ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to


 you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -  
 ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and  
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

*Descant*  

 5. Glo - ry to you, be -  
 5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the


 hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of  
 depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to


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


 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will  
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and

high-ly ex - alt you Glo-ry to you!  
high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

## The Holy Gospel

*Matthew 16:21-28*

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

*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* 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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 *Teach me, my God and King*

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Teach me, my God and King, in all things thee to see,  
and what I do in anything, to do it as for thee.

All may of thee partake; nothing can be so mean,  
which with this tincture, “for thy sake,” will not grow bright and clean.

A servant with this clause divine: who sweeps a room,  
as for thy laws makes that and the action fine.

This is the famous stone that turneth all to gold;  
for that which God doth touch and own cannot for less be told

text: George Herbert (1593–1633)

## 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.*

## A Litany for Changing Times

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

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 and for 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. May our love for you ignite passion within us to fuel our quest to protect the planet.

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

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

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

Our solidarity with all races, with the incarcerated, with those deprived of housing, education, and health care is bound by the Eucharist, Christ's

manifestation of God's love for all. Kindle in us the aspiration to elevate the dignity of every human being.

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

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

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

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

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

We 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 make it possible for us to stay connected online and in our first steps towards gathering safely in person. Continue to comfort, strengthen, and support the community of St. Peter's and all who join us in learning and prayer from near and far.

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

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

## A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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

## Announcements

*Please see last page of the leaflet*

## Blessings for Back to Schooling

### Blessing of Students and Educators

Eternal God, father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our great teacher and savior, bless these your servants as they begin the school-year. Your Son was once himself a child learning and teaching in the temple. Grant that all who enter into places of learning as students and educators this year be filled with your grace and heavenly wisdom—that all their efforts be directed by your Holy Spirit, and work to your praise and glory. **Amen.**

### Prayer for Instruments of Teaching, Learning, and Backpack Tags

Almighty God, we hold up before you these instruments of teaching and of learning. We pray that your Holy Spirit of wisdom go forth with all who carry them this year: that all bearers of briefcases and of backpacks will rest secure in the knowledge of your abiding strength, peace and love. May these backpack tags remind them each day that they are the beloved of God. May they, like the young Jesus, grow in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and with society. **Amen.**

### Blessing of Parents and Caregivers

Gracious and loving God, like Joseph and Mary who had to set the feet of Jesus upon the path of knowledge and truth, we set before you parents and caregivers. Grant them patience and understanding, wrap your arms of love around them so that they may feel the peace that passes all understanding. Let them know that they are not alone in their struggles and their joys. Give them the confidence necessary to help them and their children succeed this year. **Amen.**

Hymn 390 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Lobe den Herren*

*Descant*

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -  
 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with  
 a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle-wings, safe - ly his  
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais-es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 prais-es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

or - gan, and song, sound-ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

## The Dismissal

*Presider* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## The Blessing

**Postlude** *Postlude from "First Organbook"*

Daniel Pinkham

*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:** Bobbie Wade, Katharine Mallon-Day

**Litany:** Gail Malcolm

**Flower Guild:** Diane Martineau

**Acolyte:** Rebekah Campagna

*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 Trycleckyj 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

### Class of 2022

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Linda Holden

Cathy Terlescki

Laurel Veitch

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**Treasurer:** Peter Kreek

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**Youth Representative:** Honor Nestlehutt

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## ST. PETER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**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** Please join us on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. or this Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. for Holy Eucharist, weather permitting. In each case sign ups, masks, and distancing will be required, for now, and details will be sent to those who register. Sign up information is available in Keynotes. If you wish to attend this afternoon, please contact Abigail at [abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org).

**BACKPACK TAG BLESSING TODAY** Today, we bless backpack tags and other essential items needed for school (including the parents, teachers and administrators and tech). The backpack tags will be available for pick up in the parish office during the week of August 31 (until noon). Chris and Holly are also happy to come and drop the tags off to those who wish to receive them. Contact Chris ([Chris@stpetersgv.org](mailto:Chris@stpetersgv.org)) to make arrangements to have the backpack tags delivered.

**POPCORN THEOLOGY** on Monday, August 31 at 6:00 p.m. "Pilgrimage remains the theme, but you do not need to have participated in the first movie discussion to join this one. The movie is *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*. "A fisheries expert is approached by a consultant to help realize a sheik's vision of bringing the sport of fly-fishing to the desert, and embarks on an upstream journey of faith and fish to prove the impossible possible." It 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](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!

**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!

**PRAAYER GROUP IS BACK** on September 3. Join us Thursday mornings at 1:15 p.m. via Zoom. Please contact Chris for the link details at [chris@stpetersgv.org](mailto:chris@stpetersgv.org).

**NEEDLEWORK MINISTRY** Please join us Saturday, September 5 at 10:00 a.m. outside. We will be following all Covid procedures of wearing a mask and 6 feet distancing. Attendees must pre-register by contacting Brenda Grove at [knitters@stpetersgv.org](mailto:knitters@stpetersgv.org). She is also listed in the parish directory or you may call the parish office at 610-644-2261 for her contact information.

**ADULT MOVIE NIGHT** is Saturday night, September 5 at 8:30 p.m. (We think it will be dark enough by then). Please use the attached link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CMTWFHP> to vote on the movie to be shone on the Grove. This will be adults only. Voting will be open until Tuesday. Please email Chris at [chris@stpetersgv.org](mailto:chris@stpetersgv.org) to let him know you are coming.

**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](mailto:lsmander@gmail.com). She is also listed in the parish directory or you may call the parish office at 610-644-2261 for her contact information.

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

**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 [pinfotuna@msn.com](mailto:pinfotuna@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](mailto:lsmander@gmail.com) or 610-613-5358.

**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. Small jars are available for purchase for \$7.50 for a small jar while supplies last! *We are sold out of the large jars.* Proceeds support the care of our hives. Please make checks available to St. Peter's GV. Please contact Elizabeth at [elizabeth@stpetersgv.org](mailto: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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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](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.

**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](mailto:SundaySchool@stpetersgv.org).

**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.

**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.

**PRAAYER 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.

**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!