



HOLY EUCHARIST

## Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

July 9, 2023  
9:00 AM

# Welcome to St. Peter's Church

*By God's grace, we strive to be an inclusive community that invites and supports each person to see Christ in every human being and to live by Jesus' example, through worship, education, parish life and outreach.*

We are glad you are with us today. It is our hope and prayer you will find it a place to encounter the God who loves you unconditionally. If you are visiting this morning, we are especially delighted you have joined us for worship. No matter where you are in your journey of faith, there is a place for you here. If you would like more information about this community of faith, please fill out a visitor card located in the pew and near the front doors of the church. Place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.



## About the Service

“BCP” page numbers refer to the red **Book of Common Prayer**. EOW refers to Enriching Our Worship, a supplemental liturgical resource offered by the The Episcopal Church to enhance our liturgical prayer. Hymn numbers may be found in the blue **Hymnal 1982** Everything you need for our worship service can be found in your worship bulletin and the hymnal. The people’s responses are in bold.

## Children and Youth

Children are always welcome in our liturgy. Crayons and coloring sheets are available in the pews and in the back of the church.

## Pastoral Care

The clergy and lay members of the Pastoral Care Team are available for home or hospital visits to those who are homebound, bereaved, or lonely. Meal delivery, visits and/or home Communion can be arranged for those in need. Please contact the church for more information.



## HOLY EUCHARIST (Rite II) at 9:00 AM

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Processional Hymn

Sanctuary

John Thompson and Randy Scuggs

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctu - ar - y, pure and  
Haz de mí, Dios, hoy, un san-tua-rio vi - vo; pu - ro y  
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a  
san - to, fiel a ti. Dan - do gra - cias, se - ré por  
liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you. you.  
siem-pre tu san-tua-rio, has-ta el fin. fin.

*To repeat  
Para repetir*      *Last time / Última vez*

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### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Gloria (*Said by all*)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord

**God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **The First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12**

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Zechariah.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 145:8-15 (Said responsively by half-verse)**

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

9 The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
**and his compassion is over all his works.**

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, \*  
**and your faithful servants bless you.**

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
**and speak of your power;**

12 That the peoples may know of your power \*  
**and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
**your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words \*  
**and merciful in all his deeds.**

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
**he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

**The Second Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a**

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Hymnal 692

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

and in your wea - ri - ness lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."  
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;

I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 and in that light of life I'll walk till pil - grim days are done.

\*The bracketed notes are to be treated as triplet groups.

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## The Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** The Rev. George R. Stevens

**The Nicene Creed (Said by all)** BCP 358

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Prayers of the People** (*The Leader and People pray responsively*)

Grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead. The Lord has acted; let us rejoice and be glad, saying, “You are our God; **and we thank you.**”

Loving God, you call your Church “my love” and “my beauty.” Look upon your Church with eyes of great compassion and love. May we generously share the love with which we have been so greatly blessed.

*Silence*

You are our God;  
**And we thank you.**

Loving God, you have blessed our nation with great freedoms. Grant us, and all the people of this land, the grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace.

*Silence*

You are our God;  
**And we thank you.**

Loving God, you promise to give rest to all those who carry heavy burdens. Lift up those who are weighed down by the burdens of violence, depression, and despair.

*Silence*

You are our God;  
**And we thank you.**

Loving God, your Son Jesus revealed your heart to be gentle and humble. We pray for those who have restless souls. We pray that all the sorrowful and the suffering may find their rest in you.

*Silence*

You are our God;  
**And we thank you.**

Loving God, you are good; your mercy endures forever: be the strength of the weak and the song of those who mourn. We pray especially for Ace, Cathy, Donna, Elvert, Kenny, Mark, Penelope, Tom, Emery, Wayne, Will, Valerie, Brian, Allie, Christopher, and those suffering with COVID. We pray also for all who serve in the military, especially Ewan, Ben, Meg, and Joey.

*Silence*

You are our God;  
**And we thank you.**

Loving God, you rescue us from death. We pray that all who have died, especially those who strived for freedom and peace, may come to know that heavenly comfort you have prepared for us.

*Silence*

You are our God;  
**And we thank you.**

I invite your own prayers of intercession or thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.

### **Concluding Collect**

BCP 395

*Celebrant* Gracious and Holy God, through the humble trust of Jesus on the cross you have showed us the path of eternal life: Give us courage and grace to follow his example of obedient love, to walk in the way of the cross, and to share in his glorious resurrection, that we may live in the power of his Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### Offertory Solo

Deeper Well Christopher Williams

#### Doxology

*Please stand*

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.  
*People* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

#### The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer ABCP 355

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### Sanctus (*Said by all*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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 Breaking of the Bread**

BCP 364

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### **Fraction Anthem (Said by all)**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### **The Invitation**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

### **Ministration of the Sacrament**

### **Communion Solo**

Come to the Waterfall

Richard Colligan

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

BCP 365

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
*All* Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Blessing**

*Celebrant* Life is short,  
And we do not have much time  
to gladden the hearts of those who  
travel the way with us.  
So...be quick to be kind  
make haste to love.  
And the blessing of God,  
who made us,  
who loves us,  
and who travels with us  
be with you now and forever. **Amen.**



## **Closing Hymn**

Stand Up, Friends

Brian Wren and David Haas



1. Praise the God who changes places, Leaves the lofty seat,  
2. Praise the Rabbi, speaking, doing All that God intends,  
3. Praise the Breath of Love, whose freedom Spreads our waking wings,  
4. Praise, until we join the singing Far beyond our sight,



Wel-comes us with warm em-bra-ces, Stoops to wash our feet.  
Dy - ing, ris - ing, faith re-new-ing, Call - ing us his friends.  
Lift - ing ev - 'ry blight and bur-den Till the spir - it sings;  
With the End - ing and Be-gin-ning Danc - ing in the light.



Stand up, friends! Hold your heads high! Free-dom is our song! Al -



le - lu - ia! Free-dom is our song! Al - le - lu - ia!



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## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude

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Announcements for Sunday, July 9, 2023

- **Coffee Hour After 9AM Service!** Join us at coffee hour following the 9AM service for conversation and community.
- **B-SAFE Save-the-Date and Donate!** Thanks to those who have already signed up to contribute to our B-SAFE week. The field trip to Ashland Park will be on Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. We can still use more food donations and volunteers for BBQ'ing and clean up, so please consider signing up! If you would like to contribute to the cost of buses, please use the Realm donation page. For those who have volunteered to contribute food, if you are not coming to the field trip, please leave your contributions in the Kitchen/Fridge at St. Peter's no later than 5PM Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. If you will be at the field trip and are contributing food, please plan to be there no later than 10AM (the BBQ gets started early)! See the weekly newsletter for more information as well as the link to the Realm donation page and the SignUp link to register for cookout items!

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#### **Assisting at the 9:00am Service**

Sharon McGinnis, *Lector*      Cheryl Murphy, *Litanist*

*The Altar Flowers are given for the Glory of God*

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## Our Mission

*By God's grace, we strive to build a welcoming, joyful community,  
transforming lives by serving God in Christ, one another,  
and those in need with love and acceptance*