



HOLY EUCHARIST

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

July 23, 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

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Hymnal 470

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson: Isaiah 44:6-8

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 86:11-17 (*Said responsively by half-verse*)

11 Teach me your way, O Lord,

and I will walk in your truth; *

knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *

and glorify your Name for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; *

you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,

and a band of violent men seeks my life; *

they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *

slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *

give your strength to your servant;

and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor,

so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *

because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

The Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-25

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

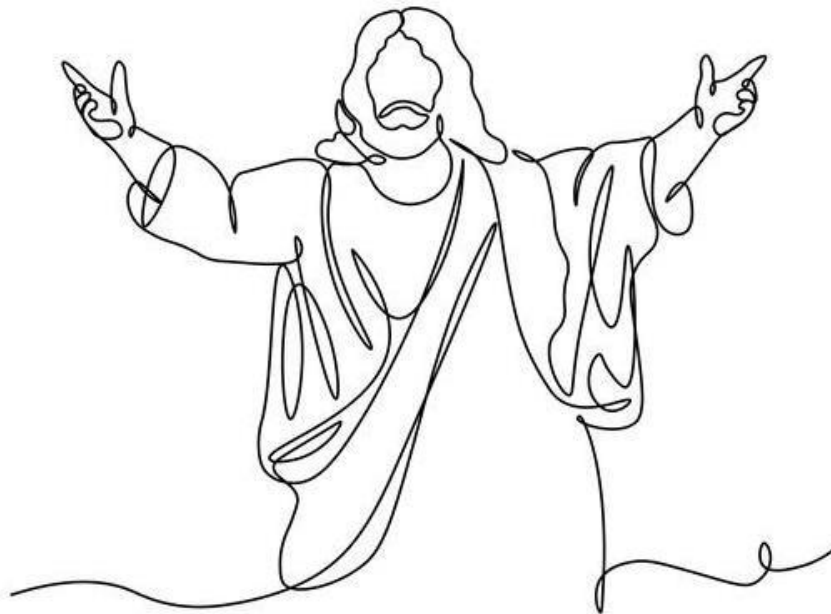
Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of

God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Sequence Hymn

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in

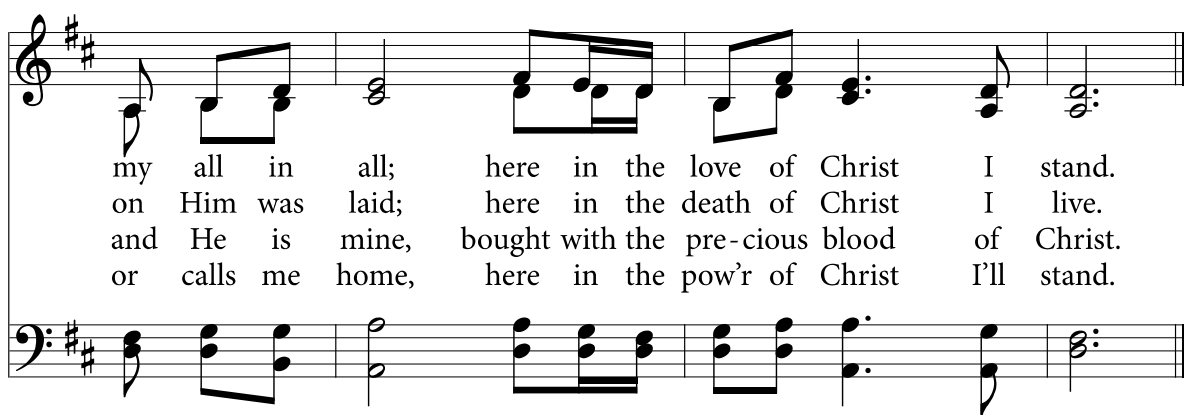
song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
babe; this gift of love and right-eous - ness, scorned by the
slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day— up from the
me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com-

fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Je - sus
grave He rose a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to -
-mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of

peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease! My com - for - ter,
died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied. For eve - ry sin
-ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His
man can ev - er pluck me from His hand. Till He re - turns

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The Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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.**”

O Great Parent, you have adopted us as your own children. You have made us joint heirs with Christ. You love us. Lead us by your Spirit and strengthen our hope.

Silence

You are our God;

And we thank you.

God our King, you have planted us in a complex and often confusing world. Give us patience to live with each other, not judging our neighbors but trusting in your wisdom.

Silence

You are our God;

And we thank you.

God of Light, darkness is not dark to you. Brighten the places in our city where darkness serves as a cover for crime and violence. Redeem all who are lost.

Silence

You are our God;

And we thank you.

God of Glory, we wait in hope for the day when we will be set free from the bondage of decay. Even now, free the suffering from pain and the sorrowful from heartache.

Silence

You are our God;

And we thank you.

God of Love, 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, Elvert, Kenny, Mark, Penelope, Tom, Emery, Wayne, Will, Valerie, Brian, Allie, Christopher, Everett, 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.

Eternal God, may the righteous shine like the sun in your kingdom. We trust that, even in the grave, you are with us. In hope, save the dying and the dead.

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

God of the Harvest

Larry Olson and Karol Baer

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 A

BCP 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

Rededication

Rachel Marie Schachter

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

Cry of My Heart

Baptist Hymnal 2008, 526

5 It is the cry of my heart to fol - low You. It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.

9 It is the cry of my heart to fol - low All of the days of my life.

REPEAT to Chorus

13 to Verse

VERSE

1. Teach me Your ho - ly ways, O Lord, see The
2. O - pen my eyes ly so I can see The

16 So I can walk in Your truth. Teach me Your ho - ly ways,
won - der - ful things that You do. O - pen my heart up more

19 **CHORUS**

O Lord, And make me whol-ly de-vot - ed to You. It is the cry of my heart
and more, And make it whol-ly de-vot - ed to You.

23 to fol - low You. It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.

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26 REPEAT to Verse

D G A F# G A D

It is the cry of my heart to fol - low All of the days of my life.

30 to Chorus CHORUS

D B sus B E *f* A B A

It is the cry of my heart to fol - low You.

33 E A B C#m B E A B G#

It is the cry of my heart to be close to You. It is the cry of my heart to fol - low

37 REPEAT to Chorus ENDING

A B E C#m B A B C#m B

All of the days of my life. All of the days of my life,

41 A B C#m B A B E A B E

All of the days of my life, All of the days of my life.

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 23, 2023

- **Coffee Hour After 9AM Service!** Join us at coffee hour following the 9AM service for conversation and community.
- **Welcome The Rev. Martha Hubbard!** This weekend, our Sunday service will be covered by the Rev. Martha Hubbard. As you know, Martha serves as the Regional Canon for St. Peter's. This means that, among many other things, she is responsible for the clergy transitions for this congregation. To that end, Martha will be available following the service to answer questions about where we stand in our search for the next clergy leader for this congregation. Thank you for welcoming Martha warmly!
- **George's Vacation** Later this month, my family and I will head to Martha's Vineyard where I take a Summer Chapel called Trinity, Oak Bluffs for two weeks. You will be in great hands! The first week including Sunday, July 23rd our Sunday service will be covered by The Rev. Martha Hubbard. Martha, as you may remember, is our Regional Canon and handles (among many other things) congregations in transition. In addition to preaching and celebrating, Martha will be available following the service to talk about our search for a Priest-In-Charge here at St. Peter's. The week of Sunday, July 30th will be covered by the Rev. Skip Windsor. Skip and Kathy are on a marvelous trip to the Arctic Circle this month, so be sure to ask them about it! I am grateful for the time away with my family and look forward to being back with you in August!
- **Women's Pot Luck!** The next Women's Pot Luck will be held this Wednesday, July 26th at 6PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome! No RSVP required.

Assisting at the 9:00am Service

Judy Campos, *Lector*

The Altar Flowers are given in Loving Memory of Nancy and Perry Woodbury by Betsy and Ted Rowe

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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*