



HOLY EUCHARIST

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

July 2, 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

All Are Welcome

Hans Peterson and Larry Olson

All are wel - come, friend and stran- ger at the ban - quet of the Sav - ior.

All are wel - come. All are wel - come here.

From the - wo ones - man who who comes cry - ing,
From the - ones to the feel streets for and got - ten,
Go in - to the the the the cit - ies,

leav - ing tears at Je - sus' feet, to the man who the
those who sense their place is gone, to the ones who the
to the farms and fam - i - lies, tell a bout the
knows the right way but can - not see.
live in hun - ger, here you be - long.
sple - did ta - ble, God's mer - cy.

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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.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Reader A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 (Said responsively by half-verse)

- 1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"
- 15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! *
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.
- 16 They rejoice daily in your Name; *
they are jubilant in your righteousness.
- 17 For you are the glory of their strength, *
and by your favor our might is exalted.
- 18 Truly, the Lord is our ruler; *
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

The Second Lesson: Romans 6:12-23

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

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and

enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**



Sequence Hymn

Make Me A Captive, Lord

MBW 604

1 Make me a cap - tive, Lord, and then I shall be free;
 2 My pow'r is faint and low till I have learned to serve;
 3 My heart is weak and poor un - til it mas - ter find;

force me to ren - der up my sword, and I shall con-quer'r be.
 it lacks the need-ed fire to glow, it lacks the breeze to nerve;
 it has no spring of ac - tion sure, it var - ies with the wind.*

I sink in life's a - larms when by my - self I stand;
 it can - not drive the world un - til it - self be driv'n;
 It can - not free - ly move till you have wrought its chain;

im - pris - on me with - in your arms, and strong shall be my hand.
 its flag can on - ly be un - furled when you shall breathe from heav'n.
 en - slave it with your match-less love, and death - less it shall reign.

*wind, as in a spring-driven clock or music box

TEXT: George Matheson (1890), alt.

TUNE: George William Martin (1862). Arr. Arthur Sullivan (1874)

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The Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

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

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

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple--truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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.**”

Lord God, you have freed your Church from sin: sanctify us that we may be wholly dedicated to you and your purposes.

Silence

You are our God;
And we thank you.

Incarnate God, help us to welcome Christ by welcoming the other. Give us eyes to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Silence

You are our God;
And we thank you.

O Lord, we put our trust in your mercy. We pray you make joyful the hearts of our neighbors—especially the displaced and sorrowful.

Silence

You are our God;
And we thank you.

O Lord, answer those who cry out in their pain. Comfort those who feel forgotten. Give peace to those who are perplexed and grieving.

Silence

You are our God;
And we thank you.

O Lord, 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.

Gracious God, your free gift is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord: Bless and keep 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

Lay It Down

Matt Maher and Brenton Brown

Doxology

Please stand

Hymnal 380, v. 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

Holy Spirit

Bryan Torwalt and Katie Torwalt

Post-Communion Prayer

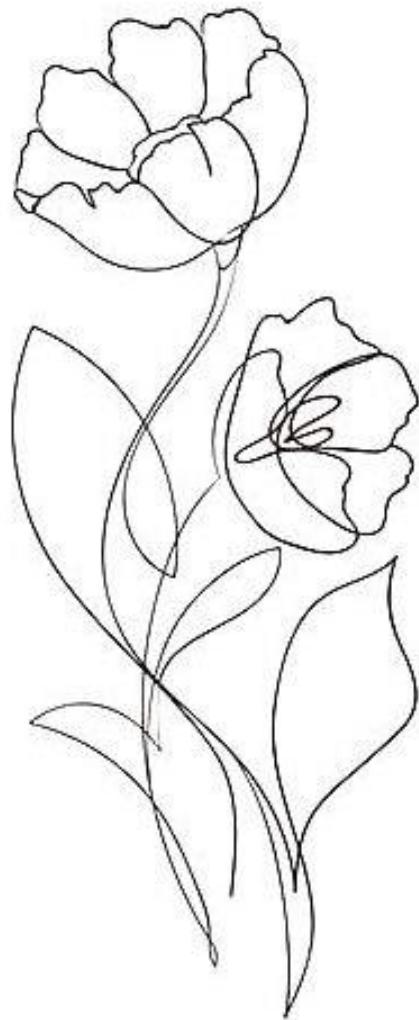
BCP 365

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

1 Je - sus, Mas - ter, whose I am, pur - chased yours a - lone to be,
 2 Hav - ing turned from oth - er ways, now your name a - lone to bear,
 3 Je - sus, Mas - ter, I am yours; keep me faith - ful, keep me near;

by your blood, O Spot - less Lamb, shed so will - ing - ly for me,
 your dear voice a - lone o - bey is my dai - ly, hour-ly prayer.
 as your ra-diance through me pours all my home-ward way to cheer.

let my heart be all your own, let me live to you a - lone.
 Look - ing up to heav'n I see no one else my joy can be.
 Je - sus, at your feet I fall. O be now my all in all!

TEXT: Frances R. Havergal (1865), alt.
 TUNE: Simeon Comenius Chitty (1831-1902)

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 GRACEHAM (581 K)

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 2, 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!** This summer St. Peter's will once again partner with St. Elizabeth's Church in Sudbury and host two events to benefit the students of St. Stephen's Church in Boston: a cookout/field day and much needed groceries for 30 families. Please 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!

Assisting at the 9:00am Service

Lucy Bradley, *Lector*

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*