

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Season After Pentecost 2024

Liturgy of the Word with Shared Communion



Rite II, 10:00 am

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Welcome! We are pleased and honored that you have chosen to worship with St. Peter's. This service follows this leaflet, along with the readings and hymns, which are provided separately. If worship in The Episcopal Church is new to you, don't worry about not knowing all the gestures! It is our hope that the rhythm of the liturgy will carry you and that you will drink deeply from God's well.

Restrooms are located in the attached building to your right. To get to them, walk through the door on the right side of the sanctuary. Proceed to the end of the hall and up the stairs, where there is an accessible/all gender restroom to your left, and gendered restrooms are also available to your right. If you are unable to use stairs and prefer a ramp, then after entering the hallway, take the first door to your right into the courtyard. The ramp is on your left, and it will lead you into the building, then you will find the restrooms on your left.

Bell Toll and Words of Welcome

"No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here."

The Gathering

The service begins facing the entry door. The people stand for the procession with the cross; those in the congregation may (but are not required to) bow as the cross passes. The people, following the procession, gradually turn to face the altar.

Opening Hymn

Sung by all, standing; see separate leaflet for the hymns of the day

Confession of Sin

Services officiated rather than celebrated begin with the Penitential Rite
The People stand.

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

Opening Acclamation

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Officiant

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.*

Hymn

Sung by all.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

text: traditional prayer | Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev.

Collect of the Day

The people remain standing as they are able.

Officiant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

The First Reading

Proverbs 1:20-33

The people sit.

Reader A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.

At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?

How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?

Give heed to my reproof;

I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.

Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,

I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,

when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.

Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,

would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,

therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.

For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;

but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Psalm of the Day Psalm 19

Led by the Officiant; the people read responsively at the half-verse (the asterisk). The People sit.

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
**it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
**the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.**

8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
**the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
**the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.**

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
**sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
**then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.**

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Reading

James 3:1–12

The people remain seated.

Reader A reading from the letter of James

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour

forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Sung by all, standing as able.

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

text: Celtic Alleluia

The Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

Officiant Hear the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, O Christ**

Officiant

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "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, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

The people sit.

Nicene Creed

**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.
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.**

The Prayers of the People

The people stand as they are able.

Celebrant

God, we worship you our loving Creator, our just Redeemer, and our always-present Sustainer. We ask for your help in listening for your will and serving you as members of the living Body of Christ, the Beloved Community.

Intercessor

We pray that you will help us to bring about healing in the world you created; that you will help us to offer and share the transforming love of Jesus Christ; help us to follow you into the new spaces of mission and ministry where you call us.

People

We pray to you, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

Intercessor

We lift up our prayers for the church, and all who come to it in spiritual need, so that they may receive welcome and healing, and in turn share the truth of your love. We give thanks for the idea of a church, a place of spiritual refuge, a place of relationship and community where all are truly welcome into transformation.

People

We pray for the Body of Christ, the Beloved Community, the church.

Intercessor

We give thanks for all ministers, all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay leaders who serve God in the church, **especially our bishop Austin, our clergy in charge Pamela, and our vestry members Nancy, Teri, Dianne, Deborah, Joan, Paul, and Ruth Anne.** May the Holy Spirit equip us to call and cultivate the gifts in each member of the Body in ways that inspire and nurture wise and judicious leadership.

People

We pray for all those called to serve in, and through, the Body of Christ.

Intercessor

We ask for your tender care in governance around the world; may leaders seek harmony rather than power, leading with wisdom on behalf of the people they serve, toward a future on earth for all creatures that is sustainable, grace-filled, holy, and just.

People.

We pray with heavy hearts with hope for peace in the world.

Intercessor

We give thanks to you God of grace, for the comfort you provide to those suffering from sickness, financial stress, underemployment, housing challenges, prejudice, or any kind of trouble or injustice. When we or they do not find words to pray, may you intercede with sighs that transcend all words. We name those on our prayer list today:

Fr. Vern Jones, Beth Walton, Sue Andrews, Tina, Diana and Jason Ohlhaber, Dustin, Estela Hernandez, Isabel Hernandez, Ivette Melendez, Sylvia Dorsey, David Elms, Jenny Cornell, Trevor Wilson, Joan Brumleve, Scott Weber, Nancy Stevens, Pamela Stevens, Jim Runyeon, Melissa Utecht, Monica Pang, Peggy Trei, and Tom Kennedy,

People.

We lift up our siblings and ourselves, for grace and healing from all distress.

Intercessor

We ask for your comfort, God, as we grieve the company of our beloved departed ones, those who have returned to you, as will we all. We name our departed:

Dory Horn, Leonard Froomin, Mark Ohlaver, Rosy Velasco, and Charlie Dunn.

People With thanks for times shared, we name our grief and pray for solace.

Celebrant

May we speak and act in ways that bring eternal life as stewards of your love in the world, our One God, the author of all Creation who in love, redeems us and Moves among us. *Amen.*

The Peace

Officiant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

All may greet each other in the name of Christ. For the safety of all, we ask that all signs of the peace be physically distanced, such as a bowing with hands together, exchanging the peace sign, or simply waving.

Blessings and Announcements from the Community

Prayers for Blessings

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand, comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if they fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of *their* life/lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Marriage Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Travel Prayer

O God, our heavenly maker, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

News and Events

Offertory Anthem

An offering is collected. Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Hymn

Sung by all, standing.

Prayers Prior to the Distribution of Consecrated Elements of Communion

The Officiant stands in front of the altar. Only a priest may celebrate the Eucharist. These elements have been consecrated by a priest for our worship service.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Officiant We lift up our hearts.

All **We lift them to God**

Officiant Let us give thanks to God

All. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Officiant. God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Officiant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Officiant. From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Officiant. Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.


People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds we are healed.**

Officiant. And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Sung by all.

Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

text: trad.; music: from A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Officiant

And so, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now come together to share these gifts, [which you have sanctified] by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption [...]

People We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.

Officiant

Lord God of our ancestors: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God of Hagar, Sarah, Rachel, Rebecca, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in your name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the [sharing] of the bread.

Officiant

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer

Officiant Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us, in the version of the *New Zealand Book of Common Prayer*, followed by the traditional version.

All say together the entirety of the bold text, followed by the traditional text to the right.

<p>Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.</p>	<p>Our Father,</p> <p>who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,</p> <p>thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.</p> <p>Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses As we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation</p> <p>But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,</p> <p>The power, The glory For ever and ever. <i>Amen</i></p>
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Communion

Ushers will invite the congregation to God's table.

All are welcome to receive Communion. The officiant will place the host (wafer) in your hand; you may either eat it and drink from a cup, or hold it and intinct (dip) the it into the wine before consuming it. Non-alcoholic grape juice and Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Hymn

Sung by all.

Post-Communion Prayer

After all have received Communion, the people stand.

Officiant Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food, 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 your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, O God, 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 Sending

Final Prayer for God's Blessing

All **May God guide us in thought and action to bring about healing and grace; and
may the blessing of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer be upon us
and remain with us for ever. *Amen.***

Closing Hymn

Sung by all.

The Dismissal

Officiant/Deacon
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

