



# ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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## The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost - 26 September 2021

**WELCOME to St. Peter's Church.** *We are glad you are here!* The clergy and laity welcome all joining us for worship this morning in the Name of Christ. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to the clergy and sign our guest book and give us a chance to get to know you. Please, join us in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. Come forward to the communion rail, stand or kneel to receive the bread in your hand. If you wish to receive only a blessing, cross your hands over your heart and the Priest will bless you.

**Mission Statement:** We are an inclusive, forward-looking Episcopal parish that seeks to grow in Christ through worship, education and fellowship, serves Christ by ministering to local and global communities and shares Christ in following His command to "Love one another as I have loved you." **Vision Statement:** Our vision at St. Peter's is to be an inclusive, vibrant Christian community honoring our Episcopal heritage by achieving excellence in worship, mission, education and fellowship.

### + We Gather In God's Presence +

[Silence for prayer and preparation] [\* indicates all standing - + indicates all kneeling - \*\*indicates all sitting]

Prelude

\*Hymn 473 *Lift high the cross*

Crucifer

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

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.**

Glory to God **S280** [front of blue hymnal] **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 Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. Collect of the Day **O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### + We Listen To The Word Of God +

\*\*First Reading – Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them!"

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

\*\*Psalm 19:7-14 [read at 8:00; sung at 10:00 – S415]

<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the | soul; \*

the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the | innocent.

<sup>8</sup> The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the | heart; \*

the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the | eyes.

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for | ever; \*

- the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous alto | gether.  
<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine | gold, \*  
 sweeter far than honey, than honey in the | comb.  
<sup>11</sup> By them also is your servant en | lightened, \*  
 and in keeping them there is great re | ward.  
<sup>12</sup> Who can tell how often he of | fends? \*  
 cleanse me from my secret | faults.  
<sup>13</sup> 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 of | fense.  
<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your | sight, \*  
 O Lord, my strength and my re | deemer.

\*\*Second Reading – James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

\*Hymn 343 *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*

St. Agnes

\*The Gospel – Mark 9:38-50 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.

*[following the reading]*

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

Sermon: Fr. Sam

*[Following the sermon, please observe a few moments of silence]*

\*The 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. 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.**

**+ We Ask God To Listen To Our Prayers +** *[The Leader and People pray responsively]*

+Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world, we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; for this gathering; for all ministers, especially Sam our Rector; for David, our retired priest; Joseph, our Deacon; the Vestry; the congregation; and all those who participate in the ministries of the church. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our world leaders, especially Joseph, the President of our Country, Tom, the Governor of our Commonwealth; Antonio, the Secretary General of the United Nations and the men and women who are serving in our armed forces. We pray that they may work together to achieve justice and peace in the world. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Pray for all who struggle for freedom and wholeness around the world especially for the migrants and victims of human trafficking, and those who are fleeing violence, religious persecution and ethnic cleansing. Pray for our work in God's mission both in our neighborhood and in El Salvador with Cristosal Foundation. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We ask your blessing for Joan Grunwell, James Tackett, Dahlia Boone, Cathy Sullens, Helen Young and Curt Quaintance who celebrate birthdays this week; Clem and Marva Young who celebrate a wedding anniversary this week. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We remember especially: **John, Pat, Harland, Peter, Laura, Shawn, Joan, Vernet, Greg, Lane, Anna, Joyce, Karen, Bob, Dolores, Diana, Jenn, Ralph and Clyde.** (You may add the names of the people who weigh in your heart at this time.) Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died especially Joseph Murray. (you may add names of people close to you who have died recently.) that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** [The Celebrant adds a concluding collect]

#### +Confession and Absolution

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

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 Peace [All stand facing center aisle] [please be seated following the peace]

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

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Anthem

In Remembrance

Beryl Red

Doxology-Hymn 380 verse 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.**

#### + We Share Holy Communion +

\***The Great Thanksgiving** [The people remain standing.]

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him 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.

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 **S125** [front of blue hymnal] **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, 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: **S135 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. **S146 AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, ***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.*** Christ our Passover **S155** [front of blue hymnal] ***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

Prayer of humble access: ***We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen***

+Communion of the People          *Panis Angelicus*          Marty Bloem, soprano          Cesar Franck

+Post Communion Prayer          Let us pray.          ***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

+The Blessing

Announcements

\*Hymn **344**          *Lord dismiss us with thy blessing*          Sicilian Mariners

\*Dismissal

Postlude

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### **Blessing of Backpacks**

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day. We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers. Today we give you thanks for these your children, and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect. May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school and in Sunday School. May they be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. **Amen.**

**Back Pack Blessing** - On Sunday Sept 26th we will be holding the annual back pack blessing. We will be holding the event outdoors and families are invited to attend after church at approximately 11:30 am on the East lawn of the church. We will have a brief activity for the young children while we wait for Father Sam and will serve light snacks for all. A Drive-through option will also be available.

**Ladies' Lunch** – We have some interest in resuming the Ladies' Lunch once a month. The first outing will be Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 12:30 at O'Grady's in Phoenixville. We'll see if the monthly date and the location need some tweaks, but please try to join us. For a general head-count, please contact [Bevburkhardt@comcast.net](mailto:Bevburkhardt@comcast.net) or [dhope321@comcast.net](mailto:dhope321@comcast.net) if you can attend.

**Request** - Pat Howse is seeking several volunteer drivers to bring her to church on a rotating basis. Please contact Pat at 610-382-7283 OR [pathowse28@gmail.com](mailto:pathowse28@gmail.com)

**The Diocese is planning to support Afghan refugees through these organizations based in Philadelphia.** They are looking for parishes that would be drop off places for items needed. They are asking if GMC can find parishes to be drop off sites. Would your parish be a drop off site? The Diocese will then transport the items to the needed places. **Donations/Temp Housing for refugee's coming from Afghanistan to Philly:** HIAS: <https://hiaspa.org/get-involved/donate/donate-now/>

Office of Immigrant Affairs: [https://www.phila.gov/departments/office-of-immigrant-affairs/?mc\\_cid=51112b383c&mc\\_eid=c1d0b8ab34](https://www.phila.gov/departments/office-of-immigrant-affairs/?mc_cid=51112b383c&mc_eid=c1d0b8ab34)  
**Coast Guard donation requests: US Coast Guard Atlantic Strike Team, ATTN: CPOA, 5614 Doughboy Loop, Fort Dix, NJ 08640**  
NO GLASS ITEMS, Pillows, or Tampons\*\* - Diaper Cream - Baby clothes for all baby ages - Baby logistics: diapers, wipes, bottles, baby food (no glass jars and no meat) spoons and new pacifiers – Towels - **MEN'S CLOTHING-IMMEDIATE NEED\*** (no shorts or tank tops)  
Women's clothing (mostly long sleeve but modest short sleeve is acceptable, no shorts, dresses or tank tops) - Children's clothes (long sleeves and pants) - Feminine hygiene product - Newborn hats and socks - New modest underwear for adults and kids - New socks for adults and kids - Hats for all ages (cold weather and warm) - Blankets (clean or new) Shoes (new or clean with very little wear) - Toys (not battery operated) – Balls – Stuffed animals - **Please NO monetary donations\* i.e.: gift cards, cash, etc. only items from the list please**

**Intercessions This Week - Please pray:** • For those who are sick, or in any other adversity, John Burkhardt, Pat Howse, Harland Johnson, Peter Fifer, Laura, Shawn, Joan Grunwell, Vernet Spence-Brown, Greg Schiele, Lane Schultz, Anna Sullivan, Joyce Paster, Karen Greene, Bob Pearce, Dolores Colores, Diana Novi, Jenn, Ralph and Clyde. • For the men and women who are serving in our armed forces. • For those with whom we give thanks especially, Joan Grunwell, James Tackett, Dahlia Boone, Cathy Sullens, Helen Young and Curt Quaintance who celebrate birthdays this week; Clem and Marva Young who celebrate a wedding anniversary this week. • For all who have died, especially Joseph Murray.

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#### **Liaison Position:**

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Property Committee  
Communication, Website, Music, Gardens  
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