



# ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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## The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost - 3 October 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 376 *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* Hymn to Joy

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 **Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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 – Genesis 2:18-24

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

\*\*Psalm 8 *[read at 8:00; sung at 10:00 – S415]*

- 1 O Lord our | Governor, \*
- how exalted is your Name in all the | world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and | children \*
- your majesty is praised above the | heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your | adversaries, \*
- to quell the enemy and the a | venger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your | fingers, \*
- the moon and the stars you have set in their | courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of | him? \*
- the son of man that you should seek him | out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the | angels; \*
- you adorn him with glory and | honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your | hands; \*

you put all things under his | feet:  
8 All sheep and | oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the | field,  
9 The birds of the air, the fish of the | sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the | sea.  
10 O Lord our | Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the | world!

\*\*Second Reading – Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

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

\*Hymn 416 *For the beauty of the earth*

Festival Canticle

\*The Gospel – Mark 10:2-16 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

[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 Marjorie Hairsine, Karen Hartman, Diane Hope, Sharon Schiele and Marva Young who celebrate birthdays 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 Winifred 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

*As the Deer Longs by the Waterbrooks*

Peter Pindar Stearns

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

Hymn **222 LEVAS**  
Hymn **325**

*Jesus Loves the Little Children*  
*Let us break bread together*

George F. Root  
Let Us Break Bread

+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 **819 WLP**

*Guide my fee Lord*

African-American spiritual

\*Dismissal

Postlude

**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, Marjorie Hairsine, Karen Hartman, Diane Hope, Sharon Schiele and Marva Young who celebrate birthdays this week.. • **For** all who have died, especially Winifred Murray.

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#### **Liaison Position:**

Communication, Social Media

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Property Committee

Communication, Website, Music, Gardens

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Junior Warden, Children's Faith Formation, Youth Group

Clerk of the Vestry

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