



St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

Bay Shore ✠ New York

*We extend a warm welcome to everyone, and especially any visitors who may be worshipping with us today.
If you do not already have a church home, please feel welcome to join this Parish family.*

*Our Services begin with the Opening Voluntary. You are invited to enter
quietly into the spirit of worship as the music is played.*

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 19A

The Liturgy of the Word: Rite II

13 SEPTEMBER 2020 ✠ 10:00 am

Opening Voluntary—Chorale Prelude on “How brightly shines the Morning Star” Sigfried Karg-Elert

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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.

The Song of Praise—Glory to God in the highest

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 (Proper 19, Year A)

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop 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 Lessons

The First Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31

Lector A Reading from the Book of Exodus

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114

- 1 Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
 O Jordan, that you turned back?
 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
 you little hills like young sheep?
 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
 at the presence of the God of Jacob,
 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
 and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

The Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

Lector A Reading from the Letter to the Romans

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
 and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Bishop The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow

slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Bishop The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Johny Itty

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.

The Prayers of the People: Form VI

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel, and William, Bishops of the Diocese of Long Island; and for Johny, our Bishop-in-Residence; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For those who have asked our prayer, especially Alan, Andrea, Ann, Annakutty, Anthony, Autumn, Ben, Betty, Betty C., Caroline, Chris, David, Diane, Donna, Elinor, Emily, Gary, George, Greg, Hannah, Helen, Joanne, Joel, John, Joy, Kamryn, Ken, Lorraine, Mark, Matthew, Michelle, Nancy, Roger, Sarah Grace, Shanti, Steve, Sue, Theresa, Tria, and William.

For Bishop Itty and Dawn Johnston, preparing for surgeries this week, may they through the healing gifts and skill of surgeons and nurses be swiftly restored to good health.

For those in military service, especially for Christian, Dave, Eileen, John, Robert, and Stephen.

For our companion Dioceses Torit & Ecuador-Central; and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by the COVID-19 Pandemic, natural disasters, terrorism, war, famine, tyranny, or injustice.

Hear us Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The people may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop

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.*

Bishop

And let us pray in the words our Savior taught us,

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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 Blessing of the Offerings

Announcements

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Closing Voluntary– Chorale Prelude on “Now thank we all our God”

Sigfried Karg-Elert

Parish Financial Snapshot for the Week ending September 6, 2020			
Compared with the First Weekend in September, 2019			
	Total 2020 Annual Budget	2020	2019
Total Parish Expenses Per Week		\$6,991	\$7,465
Donations First Weekend in September		2,354	3,341
LPL Transfer		1,865	1,865
Weekly (Overage) Deficit		(2,772)	(2,259)
Year-to-Date Deficit		(\$80,706)	(\$82,321)

— Parish Notices —

Due to Bishop Itty's hip surgery tomorrow, services for the next three Sundays will be Morning Prayer, officiated by members of the congregation with reflections on the lessons offered by members of the congregation. The schedule will be: 9/20: Brian Clark, Officiant, Rosemary Johnson, Reflections; 9/27: Joe Goncalves, Officiant, Bob Birch, Reflections; 10/4: Mark Engelhardt, Officiant, Juanita Moon, Reflections.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR OFFERING IN ONE OF THE OFFERING PLATES near the Altar before the service begins. If you came in late, please place it in the plate immediately following the service.

Please also remember, *per the mandates of the State of New York and the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island*:

- **Face Masks are required to be worn by all in attendance at all times.**
(We have a supply on hand, if you forgot yours.)
- **Social Distancing of 6 feet must be maintained at all times**, and pews are marked for that purpose.
- **One-time use paper bulletins will be provided, and must be taken away by the user.**

— Prayers for the Week —

We pray for those seeking healing: Alan, Andrea, Ann, Annakutty, Anthony, Autumn, Ben, Betty, Betty C., Caroline, Chris, David, Diane, Donna, Elinor, Emily, Gary, George, Greg, Hannah, Helen, Joanne, Joel, John, Joy, Kamryn, Ken, Lorraine, Mark, Matthew, Michelle, Nancy, Roger, Sarah Grace, Shanti, Steve, Sue, Theresa, Tria, and William.

We pray for those who have died; and those grieving the death of a loved one, remembering especially all those whose lives have been lost in this pandemic, that they may they find comfort and peace;

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Christian, Dave, Eileen, John, Robert, and Stephen;

We pray for the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer chronic illness, and for all caregivers;

We pray for our companion dioceses of Torit & Ecuador-Central; and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters, terrorism, war, famine, tyranny, or injustice;

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Garden of St. Francis, North Bellmore; Primates of the Anglican Communion; The Racial Justice & Reconciliation Commission; Zion Church, Douglaston; Church of Grace and Resurrection, East Elmhurst; St. James', Elmhurst; The Bishop of Long Island;

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of South America; and the Dioceses of Otukpo, Owerri, Owo, Oyo (Nigeria); Central Busoga (Uganda); Kisangani (Congo); Central Ecuador, Central Florida, Central Gulf Coast, Central New York (The Episcopal Church); Kita Kanto (Japan); Oxford (England); Central Melanesia (Melanesia); Pacong (South Sudan); Central Newfoundland (Canada); Kitale (Kenya).

*The flowers today are given by the Itty Family to the Glory of God and
in thanksgiving for the birthday of Julie Anne Itty.*

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The Right Reverend Johncy Itty, DD

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Assisting Bishop

Assisting Bishop

Bishop-in-Residence

Associate for Administration, Liturgy, and Music

Financial Administrator

The Wardens and Vestry of the Parish

Brian Clark, *Senior Warden*

Joe Goncalves, *Junior Warden*

Class of 2021

Roger Burmeister

Bill Crawford

Clyde Payne

Class of 2022

Stephanie Campbell

Eric Eastman

Lisa Hallett

Class of 2023

Marc Johnston

Bill Kern



Praising God, Serving Neighbor

We seek to worship the Lord as one loving family

by serving our parish and community

through prayer, music, education, and outreach