

# Morning Prayer

on the

## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*(Proper 13A)*

2 AUGUST 2020



10:00 AM



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

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## Welcome to St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

*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.*

### — Parish Notices —

**We will have another Parish Cleanup Day on August 15 from 10am until noon.** All are invited! Please let Lisa Hallett know if you can help.

**We have a refrigerator in the kitchen** that we would like to sell. If interested, please speak with Brian Clark.

**AN UPDATE FROM STEPHANIE CAMPBELL ON THE FARM:** Last Tuesday, Brian Clark and I made our first delivery of St. Peter's Farm fresh organic produce to Father Juan Reyes and his wife of Christ Church in Brentwood. Many thanks to our gardeners who donated extra produce! Father Juan, also an avid gardener, was so gracious and noted that the produce would be helpful to local families. His Church also has plans to start a garden like St. Peter's Farm so we invited him to visit, with hopes that our communities can find ways to help each other. The Episcopal Ministries of Long Island has been so supportive of St. Peter's Organic Victory Garden. We will be making another delivery next Tuesday so anyone with extra produce who would like to add to our delivery, please contact Stephanie Campbell or Brian Clark.



## — Prayers for the Week —

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

**We pray for those who have died;** all those who have lost their lives to the COVID-19 virus, and those grieving the death of a loved one, 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 Epiphany and St. Simon, Brooklyn; The Standing Committee of the Diocese; Grace Church, Brooklyn; Church of the Holy Apostles, Brooklyn; Asian-American Ministry Commission; Church of the Holy Spirit, Brooklyn; Episcopal Relief and Development;

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for the new Province of Alexandria (Created from the former Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa in the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East); and the Dioceses of Karnataka Central, Karnataka North, Karnataka South (South India); Ogbaru, Ogbia, Ogbomoso, Ogoni, Ogori-Magongo (Nigeria); Bondo, Katakwa (Kenya); Kasai-Mbujimayi, Brazzaville (Congo); Bor (South Sudan); Umzimvubu (Southern Africa); Botswana (Central Africa); Brandon (Canada); Brasilia (Brazil); Brechin (Scotland).

### Parish Financial Snapshot for the Week ending July 26, 2020 versus July 28, 2019

|                                       | <b>Total 2020 Annual Budget</b> | <u>2020</u>           | <u>2019</u>           |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Total Parish Expenses Per Week</b> | <b>\$363,544</b>                | <b><u>\$6,991</u></b> | <b><u>\$7,465</u></b> |
| <b>Donations Last Weekend in July</b> |                                 | <b>1,886</b>          | 1,238                 |
| <b>LPL Transfer</b>                   |                                 | <b><u>1,865</u></b>   | <u>1,865</u>          |
| <b>Weekly Deficit</b>                 |                                 | <b><u>(3,240)</u></b> | <u>(4,362)</u>        |
| <b>Year-to-Date Deficit</b>           |                                 | <b>(\$71,098)</b>     | (\$76,502)            |

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August 2, 2020

**Opening Voluntary**—Hymn Prelude on “Amazing Grace”

arr. George Shearing

*The congregation stands at the sound of the bell, and remains standing through the Psalm.*

## Opening Sentence

*Bishop* O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill,  
and to thy dwelling. (Psalm 43:3)

## Confession of Sin

*Bishop* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*All* Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*Bishop* The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true  
repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Bishop* O Lord, open thou our lips;

*People* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*All* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia!

## Invitatory Psalm: Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100)

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;  
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; \*  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving  
and into his courts with praise; \*  
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

**Psalm 17:1-7, 16** (*said by all*)

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;  
give heed to my cry; \*  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
  - 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; \*  
let your eyes be fixed on justice.
  - 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, \*  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
  - 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; \*  
I have heeded the words of your lips.
  - 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; \*  
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.
  - 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; \*  
incline your ear to me and hear my words.
  - 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, \*  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.
- 16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; \*  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*The congregation is seated.*

**The First Lesson**

Genesis 32:22-31

*Lector* A Lesson from the Book of Genesis

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The congregation stands to say together the Canticle*

## **Canticle: The First Song of Isaiah**

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

## **The Second Lesson**

Romans 9:1-5

*Lector* A Lesson from the Letter to the Romans

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The congregation stands to say together the Canticle.*

## **Canticle: The Song of the Redeemed**

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done,\*  
surpassing human understanding.  
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth,\*  
O King of all the ages.  
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the holy One.  
All nations will draw near and fall down before you,\*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*The congregation remains standing for the reading of the Gospel.*

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

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

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

*Bishop* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ

## Sermon

Bishop Itty

*The congregation stands to say together the Apostles' Creed.*

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Prayers** (*The congregation may stand or kneel*)

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Bishop* Let us pray.

*All* 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 that 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.

*Bishop* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*People* And grant us thy salvation.

*Bishop* Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

*People* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Bishop* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People* For only in thee can we live in safety.

*Bishop* Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

*People* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Bishop* Let thy way be known upon earth;

*People* Thy saving health among all nations.

*Bishop* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*People* Nor the hope of the poor be take away.

*Bishop* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*People* And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

**The Collect for The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost** (*Proper 13*)

O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**A Collect for Peace**

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A Prayer for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before thee for all members of thy holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



## The Prayers of the People

### *Intercessor*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Lawrence, GERALYN, Daniel, and William, Bishops of the Diocese of Long Island; for Johncy, our Bishop-in-Residence; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those who have asked our prayer, especially

Ada, Alan, Alex, Andrea, Ann, Annakutty, Anthony, Autumn, Ben, Betty, Betty C., Chris, Curt, David, Diane, Donna, Earl, Elinor, Emily, Gary, George, Greg, Hannah, Joanne, Joel, John, Joy, Kamryn, Ken, Lorraine, Mark, Matthew, Michelle, Roger, Sarah Grace, Shanti, Steve, Sue, Theresa, Tria, and William; let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those in military service, especially for Christian, Dave, Eileen, John, Robert, and Stephen, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

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, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, remembering especially all those whose lives have been lost to the COVID-19 virus, and those grieving the death of a loved one, that they may they find comfort and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*To Thee, O Lord our God.*

### *Bishop*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

## The Receiving of the Offering

*The congregation is seated for the Announcements.*

### Announcements

### Concluding Versicle and Response

*Bishop* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Bishop* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Closing Voluntary**—Hymn Prelude on “Hyfrydol”

Paul Manz



## BULLETIN INSERTS

August 2, 2020 – Pentecost 9 (A)

### Meet Our Missionaries: Emma Wright, Young Adult Service Corps

*An update from Emma Wright, a member of the Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) serving in Oman:*

Every day at Al Amana Centre brings unique challenges and joys. One day I am discussing interfaith peacebuilding with imams and priests from Pakistan, and another I am trekking over mountains with American university students. With each short-term program, Al Amana Centre hosts participants for one to two weeks to learn about Omani culture, interfaith collaboration, and religious peacebuilding. Because each group is different, no two days are ever the same. Since arriving in August, we have welcomed a group of Muslim, Christian, Hindu and Sikh religious leaders from Pakistan, a group of Muslims and Christians studying trauma healing from Nigeria, an interfaith group of women from the US, Finland, Palestine, Tanzania, Nepal, and Myanmar, and an interfaith group of American undergraduate students from Princeton University. My role as a program coordinator is to help design and implement each short-term program, meaning I spend almost all my time with our visitors. On any given day, I can be found driving to the beach or desert, admiring the Grand Mosque, wandering through the Muttrah Souq, or of course, practicing interfaith dialogue. One method of dialogue we frequently utilize is scriptural reasoning –reading holy scriptures together across faith traditions.

#### Why did you choose to serve as a YASCer?

When I contacted Elizabeth Boe to learn more about YASC, I was working at a physical therapy clinic, discerning priesthood, and searching for a new job. I wanted to move to a new city, meet new people, learn new skills, and face new challenges. Regardless of the outcome of my discernment, I wanted to expand my skillset with new experiences. During my first conversation with Elizabeth, she told me about Al Amana Centre and its work to facilitate interfaith trust and peace for groups from around the world. Building relationships, especially with people who differ from you, is central to both YASC and Al Amana Centre. I wanted to serve as a YASCer to learn about Muslim-Christian relations in a Muslim-majority context and to strengthen my own ability to befriend people with whom I disagree. If I end up with a career in The Episcopal Church, it seems essential to me that I am actively contributing positively to interreligious relations. And this year of YASC in Oman is enabling and compelling me to do just that. By serving through YASC, I get to practice the kind of evangelism in which mutual respect prevails and Allah's love unites. *[Editor's note: Allah is the Arabic word for God, often used also by Christians in Arabic-speaking contexts.]*

#### How can we pray for you and the people you work with?

Building trust and understanding, turning strangers into friends, and striving for justice and peace. These things take time. Progress happens gradually and personally; sometimes the individual doesn't even realize when a change occurs. I ask your prayers for patience and perseverance, for empathy and compassion. I ask your prayers for the energy to continue working after long hours and for the strength to embrace discomfort. Pray for Al Amana Centre, for my colleagues: Aaro, Justin, Jeff, Tony, Catherine, and Ashok, for the Protestant Church in Oman, for the Sultanate of Oman, for the Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, for the entire Anglican Communion, for my Muslim brothers and sisters, and for all those suffering because of their faith in God. Grant us peace.



*You can continue to follow and find out about Emma's service on her blog at [walkinlove.blog](http://walkinlove.blog). Learn more about the Young Adult Service Corps at [iam.ec/YASC](http://iam.ec/YASC).*



## BIBLE STUDIES THAT WORK

Excerpted from the resource from the National Episcopal Church. The Author this week is *Dr. Joanna Benskin is an M.Div. student (class of 2021) at Church Divinity School of the Pacific and a postulant in the Diocese of Indianapolis. Before pursuing ordained ministry, she studied and taught literature, earning a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from Purdue. She feels a particular call to adult formation and scriptural education in the context of parish ministry. Joanna currently lives in Berkeley with her spouse and cats. She enjoys biking and baking and may offer sourdough starter to unsuspecting bystanders.*

### **Genesis 32:22-31**

This story of Jacob wrestling resonates with divine power and mystery. It's an eerie scene—Jacob is at a turning point in his life, not sure how things will work out, and he's alone on a riverbank at night. An unidentified figure shows up, and the two of them wrestle until dawn. Jacob holds on tight and refuses to let this person go until the person blesses him. And finally, as Jacob leaves the riverbank with both a limp and a blessing, he recognizes he's somehow been wrestling with God.

Phyllis Tribble and other Biblical scholars have used this story as a way to talk about the process of engaging with the Bible itself—we wrestle, we struggle with scripture, and we find God's blessing in that struggle. Sometimes, we're wounded when we encounter hatred and trauma within scripture. There are some parts of the Bible that feel like a blessing right away and some parts that are more of a struggle, yet God meets us in the whole process.

- Have you ever wrestled with God? Have you ever recognized God's presence in an experience after it was over?
- Do you experience scripture as a struggle? Where do you find yourself wounded, and where do you find yourself blessed?

### **Matthew 14:13-21**

It's common in our churches to hear narratives of scarcity. A budget shortfall leads to last minute appeals and difficult choices. We wonder when we'll have enough time to do the work we care most about instead of the work that's most urgent. We face shortages of resources and time, and we can often feel pressed and anxious in these conditions of scarcity. Like the disciples in this Gospel story, we may want to send people away to fend for themselves as we recognize the inadequacy of our resources.

And yet, in this situation of scarcity, Jesus offers abundance and hospitality. Instead of turning people away, Jesus invites the crowd to stay and feast in the wilderness. And the disciples—despite their previous fear—are the ones tasked with distributing this blessed feast. Instead of hunkering down and doling out the little they have among themselves, they go out among the crowd and share the delicious plenty that Jesus has provided.

This Gospel story will not magically fix our budget woes or add hours to our days—and yet perhaps it does have some power to free us from our own narratives of scarcity. The story invites us to hope and pray and live toward God's abundance, not just for our group but for everyone. We're invited to share what we have and to loosen our grip on the questions of whether we have enough and whether we are enough. And we're invited to feast on the bread Jesus blesses.

- Where do you feel the strain of scarcity right now? Are there places you see God's abundance?
- How can we be honest about real need and struggle while also questioning some of our scarcity narratives? How does this discernment work?

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

*A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island*

The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry

*Presiding Bishop*

The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano, DD

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The Right Reverend Geralyn Wolf

*Assistant Bishop*

The Right Reverend Daniel Allotey

*Assisting Bishop*

The Right Reverend R. William Franklin

*Assisting Bishop*

The Right Reverend Johncy Itty, DD

*Bishop-in-Residence*

Mark Engelhardt

*Associate for Administration, Liturgy, and Music*

Linda Ruggieri

*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*