THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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17 OCTOBER 2021



The Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:00 am



St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church 500 South Country Road • Bay Shore, New York 11706

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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 worshiping with us today. If you do not already have a church home, please feel welcome to join this Parish family.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcomed to the table to receive Holy Communion.

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 —

THIS MORNING, we will have a visitation with Mother Joanne Izzo, a Diocesan Consultant for parishes in discernment for new Clergy. Immediately following the 10am service, we will have a parish brunch in the parish hall, and Mother Izzo will join us following the brunch. PLEASE PLAN TO BE WITH US, as this is an important step in our process.

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES ON TUESDAYS AT 10:30AM AND SUNDAYS AT 9AM. All are invited!

IN PREPARATION FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP, ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO READ THE BIBLE STUDY presented in Preparing for Worship available by clicking the picture at the upper right of the Home Page on our website: www.stpetersbayshore.org

Anyone from age 8 and up (including adults) who might be interested in serving as an Acolyte is invited to speak with Bishop Itty or Mark Engelhardt.

OUR STEWARDSHIP SEASON CONTINUES! We continue the weekly meditation from The Episcopal Network for Stewardship 2021 series "Every Perfect Gift." This week's installment, printed on the facing page, focuses on the Gift of Helping a Stranger. Each meditation this season will focus on the many gifts that we receive from God and how we might respond in thanksgiving. Commitment Sunday will be on November 21st, the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN: ECW is planning a fall luncheon and meeting on Tuesday, 2 November, at 12 noon in the Parish Hall. A box lunch will be served at a cost of \$12 per person and reservations may be made by calling the Treasurer, Linda Brady at 631-665-8330. Luncheon reservations are a must and the deadline is Thursday, 28 October. All Covid-19 restrictions will apply. Tuesday, 2 November is Election Day—remember to vote before the meeting or on your way home. All women are invited to attend. Please call the President, Joan Derle, at 631-499-8234 with questions or further information.

DIOCESAN ECW BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE AND ANNUAL MEETING: The Book of Remembrance Service will be held at the Cathedral of the Incarnation on Friday, 5 November at 10am. The book of Remembrance, maintained by the Diocesan ECW, is a permanent record in memory of a relative or friend whose faithful service has furthered the work of the church. St. Peter's has submitted the names of Angela Becker, Ellen Jung, Jeanette Emory, and Nancy Rusch for their devoted service. Immediately following, the Diocesan ECW Annual Meeting with election of officers, Information and Lunch will be held located diagonally across the street at the Garden City Casino Due to Covid-19 restrictions a box lunch will be served at a cost of \$20 per person. For further information and/or lunch reservations, please call Joan Derle at 631-499-8234.

PLEASE SEE THE FEATURED "News OF THE PARISH, PARISHIONERS, AND FRIENDS" on pages 18 and 19 of this booklet, with the announcement of the upcoming "Music at St. Peter's" Piano Concert on November 14.

ISLAND SYMPHONY, Our Ensemble-in-Residence, will be playing a concert on Sunday, November 7 at 2pm at

the Patchogue Theater. See the poster on page 4 for more details.



Last summer, I ran out of gas at a gas station. The car stopped moving a few yards from the pump. To my great relief, another customer came over and offered to push my car to the pump.

Before this kind, young person drove away, I shouted "Wait!" and hurried toward him.

He shook his head from side to side. "I don't want anything for helping you," he declared.

"Not even homemade chocolate chip cookies?" I countered.

He laughed, took the bag of cookies, and thanked me.

When we share the gift of being human beings together, especially in difficult moments, we slip into an awareness of abundance. We feel full. We know goodness given and received. Travels continue. Cookies and laughter are enjoyed. Every good gift comes from God, and in sharing our gifts we become even more gifted, whether or not we are recognized or rewarded for sharing.

Sometimes we step up to help from a desire for recognition. We offer our gifts, like James and John in today's Gospel text, out of loyalty to Jesus and a desire to be useful. Our egos may be attached in healthy, or unhealthy, ways.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Are you a person who easily receives gratitude or compliments from others, or do they make you feel shy? What is it like to be recognized for your giving?

Sometimes we share a gift without expectations. We give without needing recognition. We push a car for a stranger and get a tired priest, her daughter and two dogs back on the road to Vacationland.

Making an annual financial commitment to a congregation is like offering to push a stranger's car to a gas pump. It gets ministry moving. We seek no recognition, yet are rewarded in surprising ways. We offer our gifts because doing so creates the type of world we want to inhabit — a world where strangers collaborate and laugh together during a frustrating and embarrassing experience, sharing every good gift along the way. | 1508.0rg

The Rev'd. Dina Van Klaveren is Rector of St. Andrew's in Glenwood, Maryland and a member of the TENS Board of Directors.

— Prayers for the Week —

We pray for those for whom are prayers have been asked: Abigail, Andrea, Ann, Annakutty, Anthony, Autumn, Ben, Betty, Betty C., Bill, Caroline, Chris, Cindy, Deborah, Diane, Donna, Elinor, Felix (Sr.), Gary, Greg, Hannah, Jackie, Jim, Joe, Joel, Joy, Joyce, June, Kamryn, Lorraine, Mark, Matthew, Michelle, Mike, Muriel, Riley, Roger, Sarah Grace, Shanti, Sister Joy, Steve, Sue, Vincent, and William;

We pray for those who have died; remembering especially James Patrick Morris, II, Lee Flemming's brother; Bill Krause, Nancy Maia's cousin; and Craig Taft, a friend of Brian Clark; and all those grieving the death of a loved one, that they may find comfort and peace;

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Christian, Eileen, John, Matt, 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 All Saints', Baldwin; St. Thomas', Bellerose; St. Mary's, Carle Place; The Women's Commission; St. John's, Cold Spring Harbor; Interim Clergy; St. Thomas', Farmingdale;

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies; and these Dioceses of Churches of the Anglican Communion: Goma (Congo); Gombe (Nigeria); Grafton (Australia); Grahamstown (Southern Africa); Guadalcanal (Melanesia); Guatemala (Central America).



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Voluntary Partita on the Chorale: "What God Ordains is Always Good" Johann Pachelbel

The congregation stands to sing the hymn at the Procession.

Opening Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #495

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

In Babilone



Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: In Babilone, melody from Oude en Nieve Hollantse Bacrenhites en Contradansen, 1710; harm Roy F Kehl (b. 1935) Copyright ©1984, Roy F Kehl All rights reserved. Used with permission.

The Greeting

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever Amen.

The Celebrant says 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



The Collect of the Day (The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost—Proper 24)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The congregation is seated for the lessons.

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Job 38:1-7

Lector A reading from the Book of Job

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; *

O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness! you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak * and spread out the heavens like a curtain.

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; * you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

4 You make the winds your messengers * and flames of fire your servants.

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, * so that it never shall move at any time.

6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; * the waters stood higher than the mountains.

7 At your rebuke they fled; *

at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, * to the places you had appointed for them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; * they shall not again cover the earth.

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

37b Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:1-10

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Anthem at the Sequence

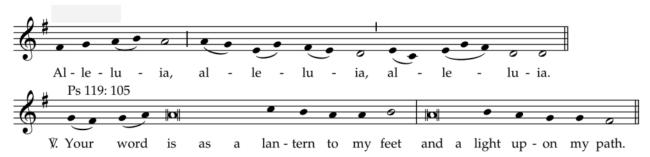
Nettleton, arr. Roland Martin

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love. Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

The congregation stands for the Gospel procession.

The Alleluia is sung first by the choir, then repeated by all. It is then repeated by all following the verse.

Alleluia Verse



The Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Right Reverend Johncy Itty

The congregation stands

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 V (BCP, p. 389)

Intercessor

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Lawrence, our own Bishop, and for Johncy, our Bishop-in Residence, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this parish, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, and especially Abigail, Andrea, Ann, Annakutty, Anthony, Autumn, Ben, Betty, Betty C., Bill, Caroline, Chris, Cindy, Deborah, Diane, Donna, Elinor, Felix (Sr.), Gary, Greg, Hannah, Jackie, Jim, Joe, Joel, Joy, Joyce, June, Kamryn, Lorraine, Mark, Matthew, Michelle, Mike, Muriel, Riley, Roger, Sarah Grace, Shanti, Sister Joy, Steve, Sue, Vincent, and William; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

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, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, remembering especially James Patrick Morris, II, Lee Flemming's brother; Bill Krause, Nancy Maia's cousin; and Craig Taft, a friend of Brian Clark; and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Peter and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Bishop says

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

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

Bishop Most merciful God,

All

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.

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.

The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

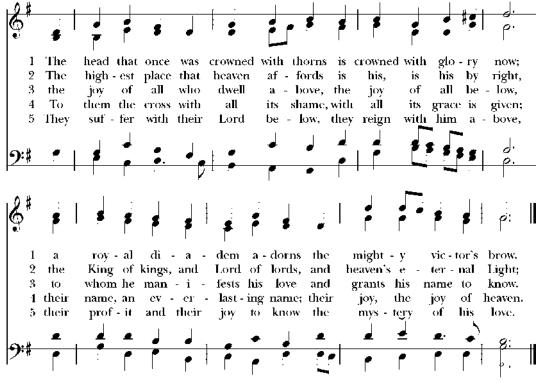
People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn at the Offertory

The Hymnal 1982, #483 St. Magnus

The head that once was crowned with thorns

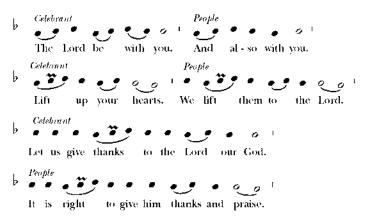


6 The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him: his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

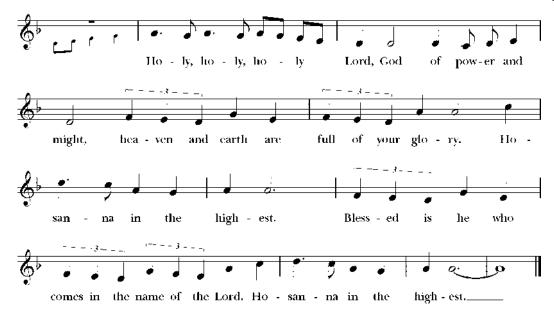
Music: St. Magaius, melody from Divine Companion. 1707; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after John Pyke Hullah (19th cent.)

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP, p. 361)



The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



The congregation stands or kneels

The Celebrant continues

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 sacri-

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

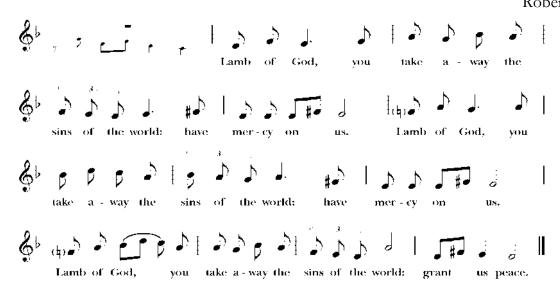
The Breaking of the Bread

Bishop Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

The Hymnal 1982, S165
Robert Powell

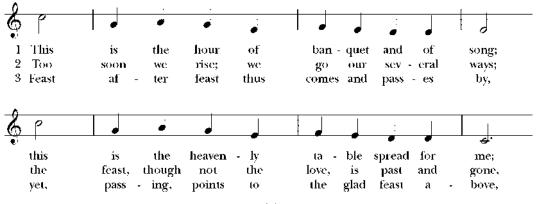


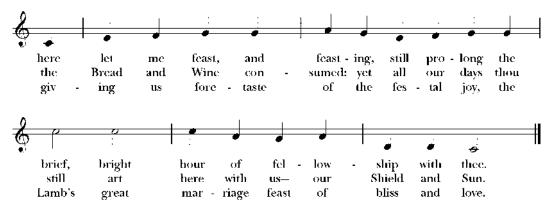
In the Episcopal Church, Baptized Christians from any denomination may receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Hymn during the Communion

This is the hour of banquet and of song

The Hymnal 1982, #316 Canticum Refectionis





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The congregation stands

The Postcommunion Prayer

Bishop Let us pray.

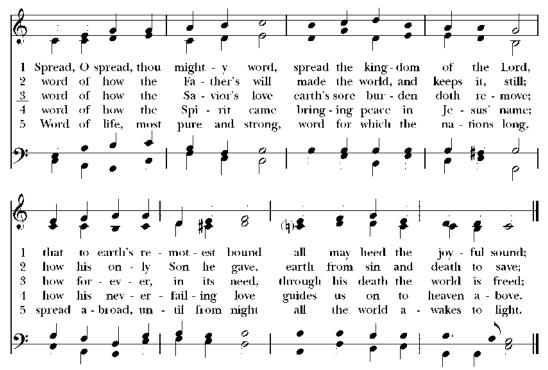
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness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

The Postcommunion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Gott sei Dank



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The Blessing and Dismissal

The People's Response Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary Prelude in a minor

J. S. Bach

— FOR THE SERVICE —

Officiant and Preacher

Lector

Lay Eucharistic Minister and Intercessor

Acolyte

Organist

Usher

Altar Guild

The Right Reverend Johncy Itty

Lisa Hallett

Clyde Payne

Camryn Alves

Mark Engelhardt

Barbara and Charlie Becker

Barbara Becker, Gail Farrell, Betsy Mayo, Stephanie Campbell

MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S FALL & WINTER 2021

CONCERTS AND SPECIAL SERVICES

— SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AT 7 PM — THE MAGICAL ORCHESTRA PRESENTS

CLOSE TO THE EDGE SYMPHONIC

Note-for-note recreations of 14 legendary progressive rock classics from the '60's and '70s including the Close to the Edge album by YES performed live by a 50-piece orchestra, and special guests Wonderous Stories, Mostly Moptop, Tommy Bowes and harpist Erin Hill.

TICKETS: \$50VIP/\$30 ADULTS/\$20 CHILDREN

— SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AT 4 PM — A PIANO RECITAL IN MEMORIAM

MARK ENGELHARDT, PIANO

Performed within the Octave of All Saints'/All Souls' this concert is offered to give thanks for the lives of several parishioners who died during the past two years. The program will feature works by J. S. Bach and Claude Debussy.

SUGGESTED: \$20/\$15 STUDENTS AND SENIORS

— SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 7:30 PM — THE HOFSTRA CHORALE SEASONAL CONCERT

DR. DAVID FRYLING, DIRECTOR

— SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 4 PM — LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

THE PARISH CHOIR

The traditional Candlelight service of Nine Lessons and Carols in the style of that sung at King's College, Cambridge
FREE WILL OFFERING

— SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 AT 2 PM —

ISLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA BACH FESTIVAL CONCERT

DR. ERIC R. STEWART, MUSIC DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR

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Pentecost 21 Proper 24 (B) October 17, 2021

This Bible study, written by **Maggie Foster**, originally ran for Proper 24B in 2018.

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

We've been following the story of Job, a man who once had it all, and now he grieves the loss not only of his wealth and status, but also his children. Job has been pushed to the ultimate breaking point. He is at a complete loss as to

how he is supposed to keep his faith in the God he loves when he has lost absolutely everything else. This passage has fascinated readers for centuries, probably because this is the moment that God finally shows up for Job, and God shows up in a way that is completely unexpected from a benevolent, loving God. God has a knack for doing the unexpected.

What is unfathomable to Job is also unfathomable to us. If God is good, then why do bad things happen? God's answer to Job shows of God's goodness. Look at all of these wonderful things I have created. I have created a world full of good things that all interact with one another. Sometimes in those interactions, creatures are hurt. Job finds himself the victim of hurtful interactions with creation.

What if you were at the point of despair, and all you wanted was an answer from God, and this was the answer you received? What would you think about God?

Can you think of other times in scripture when God gives unexpected answers?

Can you think of other victims in creation that suffer hurt from interacting with other creatures? What is one way we, as a human family, can lessen our negative impact on the other creatures that God has made?

Hebrews 5:1-10

"In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears..." God chose to enter the world as one of God's very own creations, a human being. And in God's human state, God suffered all of the hurt and pain that humans face each day. God suffered ultimate betrayal and utter desolation. Sometimes it is impossible to find good news when we, like Job, are lost in a sea of pain and confusion. The good news is not that God will take our pain away, but that God will walk with us in that pain, and that God knows our pain intimately, as if it were God's own.

Take a moment to think about a time you have felt pain. Tell God what that pain was like for you, and ask God where he/she was.

Think about what words of comfort God might offer you next time you are feeling pain. Share with a group if you'd like.

Mark 10:35-45

Here we have another surprising answer from God. James and John ask Jesus how to become the greatest, and Jesus says that to become great you must be a servant to others, and to be the first, you have to be a slave to all.

How does this contradict what you might think about how to become great?

What does our society teach us about how to become great?

What would it look like for us to follow Jesus' command to be a servant to others in today's society? How can we better serve not only one another, but also the other beautiful creatures God has made?

— News of the Parish, Parishioners, and Friends —

WE CELEBRATED THE BLESSING OF THE PETS on Sunday, October 10 with a service "under the tent" in the garth (the lovely garden between the Church Narthex (Hallway) and the Parish Hall.)





















Thanks to Stephanie Campbell, Brian Clark, Marc Johnston, and Clyde Payne for the pictures.

During the service, **WILL LOGAN** was recognized and thanked for his many years of service as an "official" acolyte at St. Peter's, as he moves on to college in



Manhattan. (We, of course, look forward to seeing him vested and "lifting high the cross" when he's home on weekends!)

Also, during the service, **BOUNTY FROM THE ORGANIC FARM** was blessed and distributed.



GREECE IS THE WORD

During the pandemic, Nick Smith, the nephew of the sponsor of one of the volleyball teams hosted at St. Peter's found a home here where he tirelessly trained his athletic abilities and has now landed a professional position playing Volleyball in Veria, Greece.

Nick has written, "Thank you for allowing me to train at St. Peter's during the pandemic. If it wasn't for St. Peter's I would not have a place to train. Thank you!"

Congratulations and all best wishes, Nick!



Sept. 23, 2020

MUSIC AT ST. PETER'S CONCERT SERIES 2021-2022 began the season with a

spectacular concert by The Magical Orchestra, Paul Michael Barkan, Artistic Director, Arranger, and Conductor. "Close to the Edge" combined traditional orchestral instruments, including the pipe organ, with Progressive Rock bands to present a program of the music of YES, Pink Floyd, The Moody Blues, David Bowie, Emerson, Lake and Palmer, and others. In their presentations, actual acoustical instruments replace the electronic reproductions heard in the bands' original recordings. We hope to present The Magical Orchestra again in the future.





OUR NEXT SCHEDULED PROGRAM will be a special piano recital played by our own Organist and Choirmaster MARK ENGELHARDT. This program will be presented on Sunday, November 14 at 4 pm (please note change of date from originally scheduled November 7) It will be performed in memory of loved ones who have died, and inspired by the expressed musical tastes of a number of our beloved parishioners who were so supportive of the music program. Music will be works of Bach, Beethoven, and Debussy. The suggested donation is \$20 (\$15 students and seniors), and all proceeds will go towards the Music at St. Peter's Concert Fund. A simple reception will be offered following the concert. (All Covid-19 restrictions will be observed.)



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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