

St. Peter's Church

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St. Peter: Patron - 26 June 2022

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 +

+ 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist follows this Order of Service with the exception of music. + [Silence for prayer and preparation] [* indicates all standing - + indicates all kneeling - **indicates all sitting]

Prelude

* Hymn **518** Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

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 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 sins 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 God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

+ We Listen To The Word Of God +

**First Reading - Ezekiel 34:11-16 [all readings may be found on the insert] [please be seated]

**Psalm 87

**Second Reading – 2 Timothy 4:1-8

*Hymn **95** LEVAS O How I Love Jesus

American Melody

*The Gospel - John 21:15-19

Sermon Fr. Sam

*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 + [Prayers of the People, kneeling]

+ 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; David, our retired clergy; 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 Nation, 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 especially Walter Boone, Jyl Harrington, David Scott and Andrew Hans who celebrate birthdays this week; Joseph Webster and Laura Winslow, Robert and Kristen Cassidy who celebrate wedding anniversaries 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, Peter, Joan, Vernet, Lane, Joyce, Karen, Georgette, Joseph, Leah, Mary, John, Diana, Melissa, Peggy, Carol, Dawn, Stephanie, Sandi, Charles, Shawn, Ben, Cathy and Jenn. 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 Dennis Paul Coleman and Justin Richard Coleman *silence* 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*.

Welcoming of New Members [see insert]

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

The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place

Johannes Brahms

Hymn 380 vs. 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: S125 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. 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 Saint Peter, our patron, Saint Paul and 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.*

Fraction Anthem S155 [front of blue hymnal] Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

+Communion of the People Hymn **18** LEVAS Hymn **136** Swing Low, Sweet Chariot Spiritual O wondrous type! Aeterne Rex altissime

+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 **525** The Church's one foundation

Aurelia

*Dismissal

Postlude

Intercessions This Week - Please pray: • For those who are sick, or in any other adversity, especially John Burkhardt, Pat Howse, Peter Fifer, Joan Grunwell, Vernet Spence-Brown, Lane Schultz, Joyce Paster, Karen Greene, Georgette Druckenmiller, Joseph Ndungu, Leah Githua, Mary Gibbons, John Coupe IV, Diana Novi, Melissa Boukalik, Peggy Green, Carol Russell, Dawn Rhoads, Stephanie Green, Sandi Spadt, Charles Kemmerer, Danielle Jouenne, Shawn, Ben, Cathy and Jenn. • For the men and women who are serving in our armed forces. • For those with whom we give thanks: Walter Boone, Jyl Harrington, David Scott and Andrew Hans who celebrate birthdays this week; Joseph Webster and Laura Winslow, Robert and Kristen Cassidy who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week. • For all who have died, especially Dennis Paul Coleman and Justin Richard Coleman.

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For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue

them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



¹ On the holy mountain stands the city he has I founded; *

the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of I Jacob.

² Glorious things are spoken of | you, *

O city of our | God.

³ I count Egypt and Babylon among those who I know me; *

behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion were they | born.

⁴ Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was born in | her, *

and the Most High himself shall sus I tain her."

⁵ The Lord will record as he enrolls the I peoples, *

"These also were | born there."

⁶ The singers and the dancers will I say, *

"All my fresh springs are in | you."

2 Timothy 4:1-8

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

John 21:15-19

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

[following the reading] The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.* + + + + + + + + + + + +

The Welcoming of Baptized Christians Into a Community

NMM Chair

Sam, I present to you these persons, baptized members of the Body of Christ, who we welcome into our parish family.

Rector

Dear People of God, we have all been baptized by the one Spirit into one Body. And we have each been given gifts for our collective ministry in our Celebration of Christ, Fellowship and Service. Our purpose today is to welcome these persons in the name of our Lord, into this community of faith and the ministry we share.

You have been called to a relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ by virtue of your baptism. You have chosen to respond to this call through membership in the parish. In your participation in the life of St. Peter's Church, will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

New Members I will, with God's help.

Rector

Will all of you who are members of this parish promise to welcome, invite, encourage, and uphold these persons who now share, with us, in the fullness of Christ on this journey of faith?

Congregation We will, with God's help.

Rector

Let us say together St. Peter's 175th Anniversary Collect:

Almighty and Gracious God, look with favor on your church at St. Peter's as we commemorate and celebrate those who have served, worshiped and glorified you in this place for 175 years. May we be inspired by their good example to continue the ministries of this church. Guide us as we look inward toward growth and outward toward the community of Phoenixville. We thank you, Lord, for giving us this Holy Ground and ask that you preserve and protect it and each one of us as we move into the future. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rector

Let us welcome these new members of our community of faith by sharing together in the Peace of our Lord.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

Congregation And also with you.