



ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - 25 September 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 +

[Silence for prayer and preparation] [indicates all standing - + indicates all kneeling - **indicates all sitting]*

Prelude

Celebrant: **+ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.**
I will go unto the altar of our God:

All: Even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

*Hymn **99** LEVAS *On Christ the Solid Rock*

William H. Bradbury

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.**

*Hymn of Praise **157** LEVAS *Revive Us Again*

John H. Husband

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. Collect of the Day **O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

+ We Listen To The Word Of God +

First Reading – **Amos 6:1a, 4–7

Psalm **146 *[read at 8:00, sung at 10:00]*

Second Reading – **1 Timothy 6:6-19

*Hymn **189** LEVAS *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

William M. Runyan

*The Gospel - **Luke 16:19-31**

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 +

+Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world, we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; for this gathering; for all ministers, especially Sam our Rector; for David, our retired 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 for Joan Grunwell, James Tackett and Cathy Sullens who celebrate birthdays this week; Clem and Marva Young who celebrate a wedding anniversary 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, Lane, Karen, Georgette, Joseph, Leah, Mary, John, Diana, Melissa, Peggy, Dawn, Stephanie, Sandi, Charles, Wendy, Frances, Amy, Cathy, John, Shawn, Ben, Cathy and Jenn.** (You may add the names of the people who weigh in your heart at this time.) Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died especially Joseph Murray. (you may add names of people close to you who have died recently.) that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** [The celebrant adds a concluding collect]

*Confession and Absolution Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*The Peace

The peace of the Lord 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 O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea

Christopher Tambling

O Lord of heaven and earth and Sea, to thee all praise and glory be how shall we show our love to thee best Who give all? The golden sunshine, vernal air, sweet flowers and fruit Thy love declare; when harvests ripen, then thou art there, who gives all, who givest all.

For peaceful homes and healthful days, for all the blessings earth displays, we owe thee thankfulness and praise, who givest all, who givest all. Thou didn't not spare thine only son, but gave him for a world undone, and freely with that blessed one, thou givest all, thou givest all.

Thou giv'st the holy spirit's dower, spirit of life and love and power, and dost his sevenfold graces shower upon us all, upon us all. For souls redeemed for sins forgiven, for means of grace and hopes of heaven, Father what can to thee be given, who givest all, who givest all?

We lose what on ourselves we spend, we have as treasure without end whatever lord, to thee we lend, who givest all, who givest all. To thee from whom we all derive, our life, our gifts, our power to give, O may we ever with thee live, who givest all, who givest all.

Doxology **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.*

Celebrant: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: *May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all God's holy Church.*

+ We Share Holy Communion +

****The Great Thanksgiving** [*The people remain standing.*]

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: **Sanctus S125 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 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Prayer of humble access: **We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen**

+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 **196** LEVAS *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Anthony J. Showalter

*Dismissal

Postlude

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Intercessions This Week - Please pray: • **For** those who are sick, or in any other adversity, John Burkhardt, Pat Howse, Peter Fifer, Joan Grunwell, Lane Schultz, Karen Greene, Georgette Druckenmiller, Joseph Ndungu, Leah Githua, Mary Gibbons, John Coupe IV, Diana Novi, Melissa Boukalik, Peggy Green, Dawn Rhoads, Stephanie Green, Sandi Spadt, Charles Kemmerer, Wendy Hendrickson, Frances Stengel, Amy Foerster, Cathy Sullens, John, Shawn, Ben, Cathy and Jenn. • **For** the men and women who are serving in our armed forces. • **For** those with whom we give thanks especially, Joan Grunwell, James Tackett and Cathy Sullens who celebrate birthdays this week; Clem and Marva Young who celebrate a wedding anniversary this week. • **For** all who have died, especially Joseph Murray.

Next Sunday, October 2nd – Blessing of the Animals from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

St. Peter's Youth Group - The Group welcomes youth in grades 6 and up to participate in our program that focuses on fellowship, fun, and service. Our first meeting will take place on September 25th at church from 4:30-7 p.m. There will also be a parents' meeting during this time. If you have youth who are interested in being a part of the Youth Group at St. Peter's this year, please reach out to us. Youth Group is also in need of volunteers. If you are called to help support this very important part of the congregation, please reach out to a YG leader, Katie Druckenmiller kdruckenmiller@gmail.com, Dave Brennfleck davidbrennfleck@gmail.com, a member of the Vestry, or Fr. Sam to learn more.

Save the date! October 8th from 6 to 9pm for a Cristosal event/fundraiser at St. Peter's . There will be great Central American food. Also, Cristosal's director, Noah Bullock, will be the guest of honor. He will brief us on Cristosal's role in promoting socially just outcomes in the face of societal strife in Central America. Hope to see you on the 8th!

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Amos 6:1a, 4–7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

Psalm 146



- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my | soul! *
- I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of | earth, *
- for there is no help in | them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to | earth, *
- and in that day their thoughts | perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their | help! *
- whose hope is in the Lord their | God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is | in them; *
- who keeps his promise for | ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are op | pressed, *
- and food to those who | hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the | blind; *
- the Lord lifts up those who are bowed | down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the | stranger; *
- he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the | wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for | ever, *
- your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Halle | lujah!

1 Timothy 6:6–19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

Luke 16:19–31

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

Jesus said, “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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