



ST. PETER'S CHURCH

121 Church St., Phoenixville, PA 19460
saintpetersphoenix@gmail.com + www.saintpeterschurch.net

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost - 16 October 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.

The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Anna Sullivan by the Yake Family

+ 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 **383** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

St. Elizabeth

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 sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. Collect of the Day **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.**

+ We Listen To The Word Of God +

First Reading – **Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm **121 [read at 8:00, sung at 10:00]

Second Reading – **2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

*Hymn **371** *Thou, whose almighty word*

Moscow

*The Gospel – **Luke 18:1-8**

Sermon: the Rev/ Joseph Dietz

*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 + [*The Leader and People pray responsively*]

+ 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 Country, 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 for GeMarr Hatton, Mark Hammaker, William Brennfleck, Isaac Nagy, Michael O'Rourke, Lisa Scott, Lindsey Craig, Kaitlin Craig and Fiona Craig who celebrate birthdays this week; Jeff and Diana Kirsch, Brian and Kim Thornton, Leo Guen and Sherry Ma 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, 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 Anna Sullivan, Margaret Laulor, Charles Koerner and Eileen Koerner. (*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 [All stand facing center aisle] [please be seated following the peace]
The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Environmental Ministry "Care for Creation" Moment – Steve Smith

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory *I am the Way, the Truth, the Life*

Doxology-Hymn 380 verse 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

+Communion of the People

Hymn 99 LEVAS

Hymn 154 LEVAS

On Christ the Solid Rock

Taste and See

William B. Bradbury

James E. Moore, Jr.

+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 533

How wondrous and great thy works

Lyons

*Dismissal

Postlude

+ + + + + + + + +

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 for GeMarr Hatton, Mark Hammaker, William Brennfleck, Isaac Nagy, Michael O'Rourke, Lisa Scott, Lindsey Craig, Kaitlin Craig and Fiona Craig who celebrate birthdays this week; Jeff and Diana Kirsch, Brian and Kim Thornton, Leo Guen and Sherry Ma who celebrate wedding anniversaries this week. • For all who have died, especially Anna Sullivan, Margaret Laulor, Charles Koerner and Eileen Koerner.

Coffee Hour Volunteers - We so enjoy our time after the service to have some fellowship with each other at Coffee Hour. Please consider lending a hand for a Sunday, by either arriving a little early for the service to help with set-up, or assisting with cleaning up. A sign-up sheet is available downstairs in the Smith Room. A few extra hands are always welcome!

The Daughters of the King invite you to a **Quiet Day** on **November 5th from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Peter's**. Fr Chaz Howard will present meditations on prayer and ways to pray. A light lunch will be served at the end of our time together. More details to come!

People at St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutierrez

Rector: The Very Rev. Fr. Samuel Ndungu: 302-252-8152 kirabisam@gmail.com

Retired Clergy: The Rev. David Hyatt

Liturgical Coordinator: Marty Bloem: mabloem55@gmail.com

Deacon: The Rev. Joseph Dietz: JoesFrames@Comcast.net; Liaison to Vestry: Fellowship, Adult Forum, Worship Committee

Music Director: Derek Maninfior: derekmaninfior90@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: Judith Dougherty: saintpetersphoenix@gmail.com

Vestry:

Lynn Boukalik

Vernon Feather

Leo Guen

Diane Hope

Todd Jackson

Dennis Reid

Carl Rennie

Danielle Smith

Mary Jo Wells

Mona Chylack

Liaison Position:

Communication, Social Media

Property Committee

Communication, Website, Music, Gardens

Senior Warden, New Member Ministry

Clinic

Accounting Warden, Stewardship Committee

Children's Faith Formation

Junior Warden, Children's Faith Formation, Youth Group mjwells_2000@yahoo.com

Clerk of the Vestry

Contact Information:

lynn.boukalik@gmail.com 216-570-0330

vernon@thefeatherfamily.com 610-772-4613

leotguen@gmail.com 718-764-3503

dhope321@comcast.net 484-924-9630

tjjustnrc@yahoo.com 610-469-1102

lasalle70@comcast.net 215-913-8516

irennie123@aol.com 610-495-5396

daniellesmith2122@gmail.com 267-934-8230

610-539-1042

mchylack@ursinus.edu 610-948-4407

Genesis 32:22–31

The same night he 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 Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the | hills; *
from where is my help to | come?
- 2 My help comes from the | Lord, *
the maker of heaven and | earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be | moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall a | sleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over | Israel *
shall neither slumber nor | sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches | over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right | hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by | day, *
nor the moon by | night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all | evil; *
it is he who shall keep you | safe.
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming | in, *
from this time forth for ever | more

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. 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.

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

Luke 18:1-8

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

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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