THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 10:00 AM

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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PROCESSION HYMN

Praise the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation

Lobe den Herren



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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his 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.*



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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING Amos 8:4-7

The people sit.

Reader A Reading from the Prophet Amos

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 113 Laudate, pueri

Remain seated

¹Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the LORD; * praise the Name of the LORD.

²Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, * from this time forth for evermore.

³From the rising of the sun to its going down *

let the Name of the LORD be praised.

⁴The LORD is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.

⁵Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, * but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

⁶He takes up the weak out of the dust * and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

⁷He sets them with the princes, * with the princes of his people.

⁸He makes the woman of a childless house * to be a joyful mother of children.

SECOND LESSON 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Reader A Reading from the first letter to Timothy.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



THE GOSPEL Luke 16:1-13

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, `What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, `What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, `How much do you owe my master?' He answered, `A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, `Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, `And how much do you owe?' He replied, `A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, `Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Mother Mindy Valentine Davis

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

All remain standing.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them. We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Priest stands and says

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.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

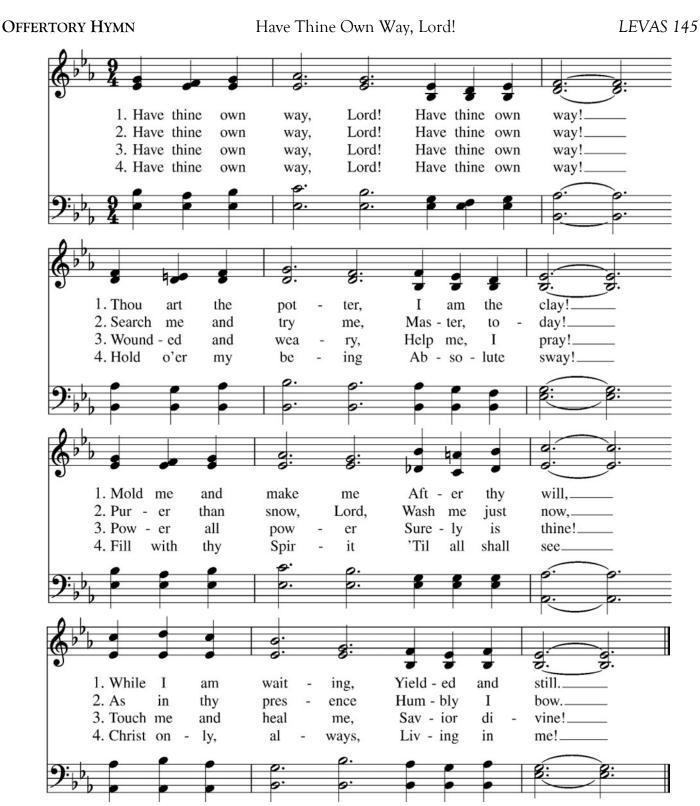
Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. Psalm 96:8



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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

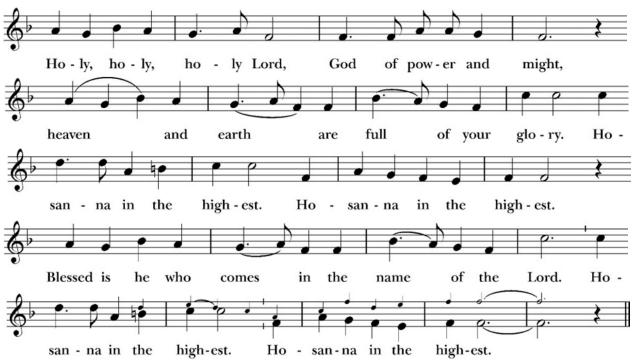
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

The Celebrant continues

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of our Mothers; Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Leah, Bilhah, and Zilpah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name. Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

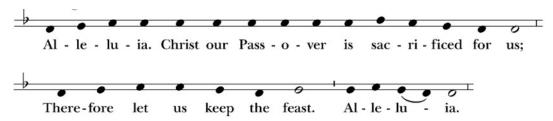
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept

FRACTION ANTHEM



Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

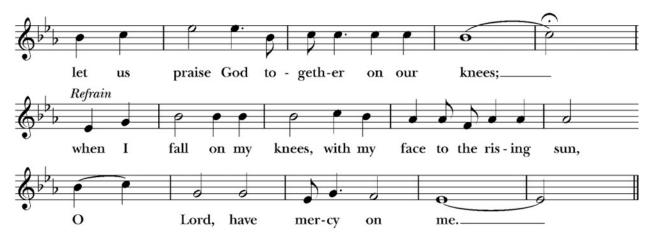
The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]





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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

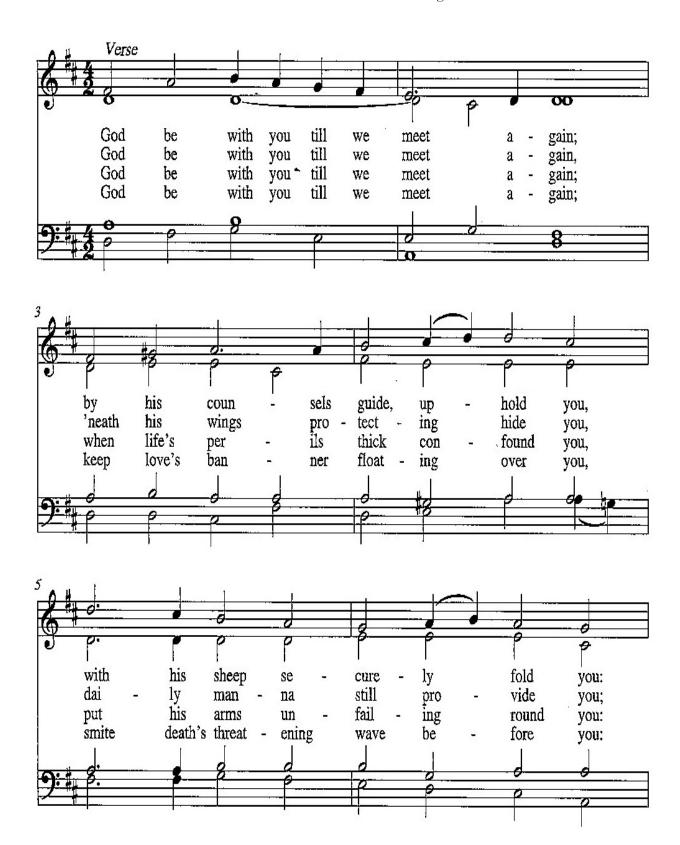
After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray. Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord. People Thanks be to God.



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Our worship has concluded. Your Service Begins.

ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 21

8:00 AM-Coffee Hour BP Screening

Monday, September 22-Thursday September 25

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

Wednesday, September 24

12:00 PM Noonday Prayer

12:30 PM Men's Lunch

5:30 PM Medicare Basics

Sunday, September 28

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:30 AM Bible Study

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

11:15 AM Sunday School

11:15 AM Fellowship Coffee: The McHenrys

PRAYERS

Parishioner Cycle of Prayer: Kelly Riggs

Ministry Rotation Of Prayer: Altar Guild

Happy Birthday: Joshua Reynolds,

Judy Fernhaber, Elliott Walls, Jennifer Doty

Happy Anniversary:

For those who are sick:

Wendy, Peggy, Robert, Alaine, Jane, Barb, Will, Betty, Al, Matthew, Matt, Diane

Diocesan Holy Apostles, Oneida; St. Andrew's, Madison; St. Marc Clinic, Jeanette, Haiti

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tommy and Amy's Wedding ~ All invited to our union on October 18th. Ceremony starts at 11am at St Peter's, with Taco Bar downstairs at noon. Please come and celebrate with us!

Special Coffee Hour Breakfast — Please join us on Sunday, October 5th after the 10 a.m. church service. This is in appreciation of our dear St. Peter's family. My mom, Elsie and I many received loving prayers, kindnesses, cards, visits, sweet words of encouragement, hugs and so much, much more while mom was in Hospice at home. Visiting friends and family are invited as well. With heartfelt thanks, Bev.

Parish Recipe Book — We are collecting recipes for a Parish Recipe Book, to purchase at this year's Cookie Cupboard. Proceeds from recipe books will go to St. Peter's Episcopal Church. These recipes can be for any meal type (appetizers, soups, salads, beverages, side dishes, main dishes, desserts, breads, etc.). We would like at least 100 recipes. The deadline for recipes is October 15, 2025. Please email your recipes to Kathy Camara. (Please see her contact info in the Wednesday email.)

Adopt a Teacher— Once again St. Peter's is adopting a teacher and providing materials for their classroom. This Year our teacher is Andrea Stortz. She is a Special Ed K-2 teacher. If you are able, please buy from the wishlist link or you can write a check to the church with Adopt-a–Teacher in the memo line. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/15Q65Y0DDRS6A?ref =wl share

Medicare Basics: Join us Wednesday, September 24th, 5:30 PM at St Peter's Episcopal Church for an informative workshop with Amy Reynolds. No sign up required. All are welcome! A light meal will be provided.

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