

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania

August 18, 2024

10:00 A.M.

About our liturgical language: In January Bishop Gutiérrez invited the diocese to prayerfully consider the language they use through the lens of gender, sexual orientation, race and ethnicity. In response to the bishop's call and to honor the 50th anniversary of the first women ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church, St. Peter's is using Rite Two (Expansive Language) for Trial Use, approved by General convention in 2018. Look for the subtle changes in this translation of Eucharistic Prayer B.

Rev. Barb is serving on the bishop's Advisory Group on Inclusion and Empowerment in Liturgy and Ministry, and would be happy to discuss your thoughts on expansive language in our liturgy and our practices of inclusion in parish life.

Please note: During the service you will be prompted to use the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), which can be found in your pew.

Gathering In Joy

Prelude: In Christ Alone

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Opening Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982*, #420 **When In Our Music God Is Glorified**

The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Listening for God's Word

The First Reading - *Proverbs 9:1-6*

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
"You that are simple, turn in here!"
To those without sense she says,
"Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:9-14 (*please use the Book of Common Prayer*)

BCP 627

The Epistle - *Ephesians 5:15-20*

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most

of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *With One Voice*, #701 What Feast of Love

The Gospel – *John 6:51-58*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of our Savior. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Barbara Ballenger

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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 VI

BCP 392

Intercessor and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons. We pray especially for: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; Daniel, our Bishop; Barbara, our clergy; Ramon, the Bishop-elect in Guatemala; Luis Linares and Juan, our companion clergy in Guatemala; and each one of us in our vocation and Ministry. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia . In our companion Diocese of Guatemala, we pray for *Espíritu Santo* and Reverendo Presbitero Jorge Gomez . In our own diocese, we pray for Episcopal Community Services. O God, guide your church.
And bless those who lead and serve.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We remember all those on our parish prayer list, especially Ashley, Anthony, Jeanné, Robert, John, Jack, Patricia, Tim, Roxanne, Leslie, Barbara, June, Catherine, Samantha, Greg, Manuel, Mike, Nancy, Brenda, Faith, Debbie, Mike, Janet, Daniel, Roger, Donna, Williams, Jeff, Alyssa, Issac, Sarah, Kathleen, the Gurmankin family and those we name now...Hear our prayer, O God.
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, O God, for all the blessings of this life, especially remembering today our parish family, our own friends and families, and all other blessings we name now...
We will exalt you, O God;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for a renewed commitment to justice and to peace in the face of economic greed, racial hatred and the lure of violence in all its forms. We pray especially for an end to war in the Holy Land, in Ukraine and in all places of conflict. Give peace O Christ in all the World.
For only in you can we live in safety.

We pray for all who have died, especially Bob Gurmankin; Anthony Zampirri Sr., whose birthday we remember today and all those we name now...that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
O God, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider 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 our Savior 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.**

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

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrating Holy Communion

Offertory Music: He Knows My Name

Debbie DeKalb

Presentation Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982, #325* Let Us Break Bread Together

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider says

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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: *With One Voice*, #616A Holy, Holy, Holy

Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all;

presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Peter and Philip and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**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

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: *With One Voice*, #622 Lamb of God

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Intinction, or dipping bread into the cup, is now an option for receiving wine at Communion. Remember: Intinction is only on the left side of the circle, and sipping from the common cup is only on the right side. See more directions for receiving on page 11 of the leaflet.

Communion Music: As The Deer Pants

Martin Nystrom

The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Presider and people together

**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.**

Sending Out

The Blessing

Backpack Blessing

Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning (occasional)

Presider: In the name of the congregation of St. Peter's, we send you forth bearing the gift of Holy Communion to...

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread and one cup.

Birthday & Anniversary Prayer

BCP 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birthdays:

Kathleen Taylor 08/20

Henry Bennecoff 08/21

James Moore 08/23

Cheryl Austin 08/24

Anniversaries:

None this week.

Announcements

- **Today is Souper Sunday. Don't forget to grab a pint of soup on your way home!**
- **Lunch club is on Wednesday, August 21. Email Debbie DeKalb at sojourner_44@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending.**
- **If you are interested in helping set up or clean up fellowship, use the link in the newsletter to sign up today!**

Closing Hymn: *With One Voice*, #699 Blessed Assurance

The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: I'm Gonna Sing

Traditional Spiritual

Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher: *The Rev. Barbara Ballenger*

Acolytes: *Alyssa Clemens, Alex Stevers -Radtke*

Lectors: *Jenna Linke, Grayson Torpey*

Intercessor: *Tim Flaherty* **Counter:** *Mike Reeve*

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Ushers: *Dave Kipphut, Donna Kulp, Jack Wilbur*

Vestry Steward: *Amy Michener-Wall*

Altar Guild: *Karen Sayer* **Fellowship:** *Terita Reeve*

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Receiving Communion at St. Peter's

Those receiving Communion at St. Peter's now have the option of dipping the bread in a wine chalice, called intinction, on the left side of the Communion circle (as you face the altar). Or you can sip from the common cup, on the right side of the circle.

When you leave your pew for Communion just step into the line you prefer: right line to sip, left line to dip.

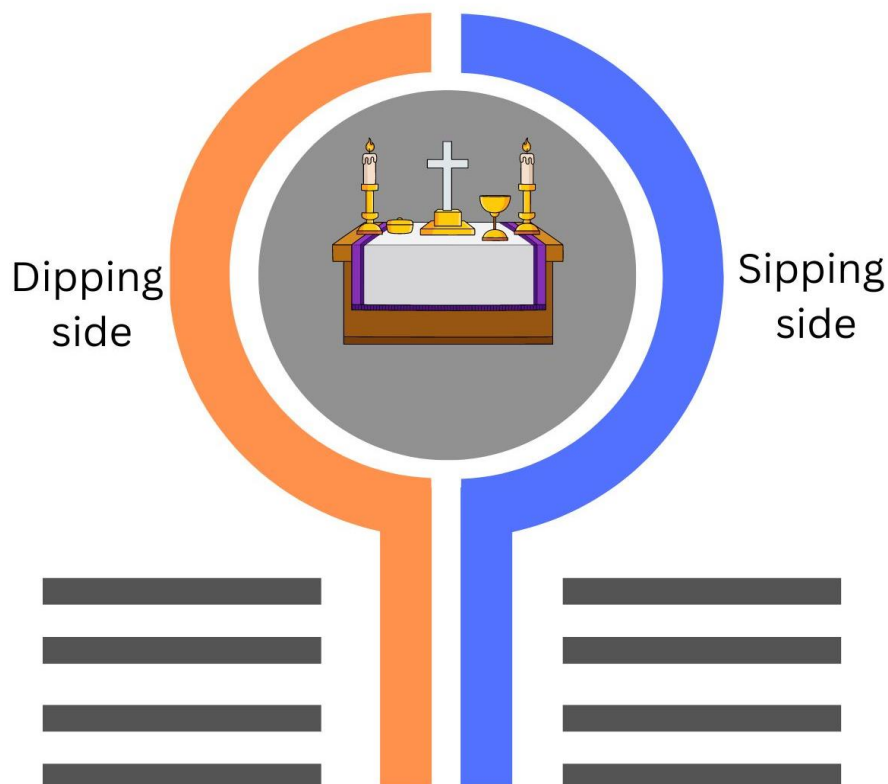
If you don't wish to receive wine, you can receive Communion bread on either side of the circle.

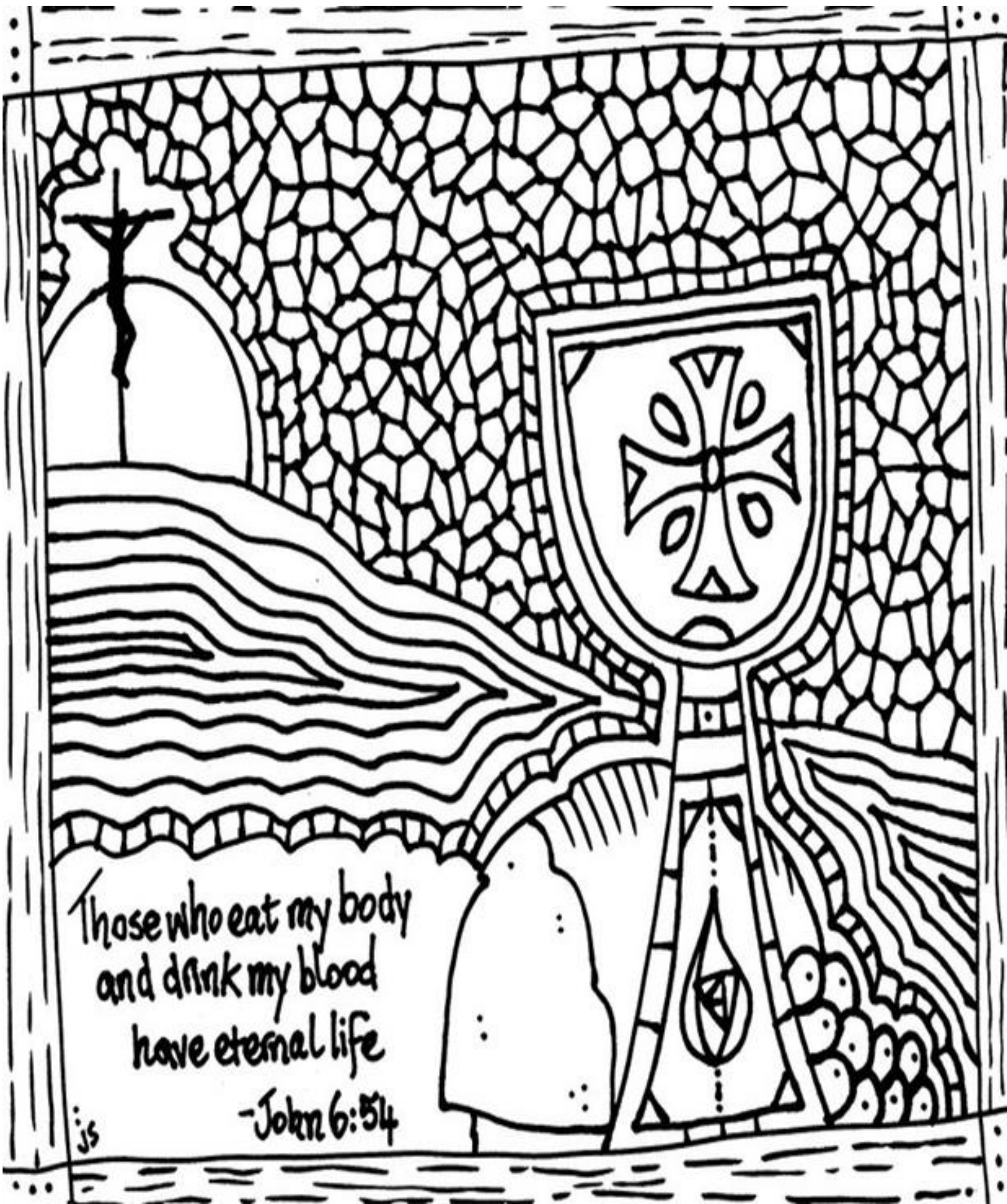
Gluten-free options for bread and wine are also available on either side of the Communion circle. Just ask the Eucharistic Minister. We'll bring them to you.

Remember: Christ is fully present in either the bread or the wine. He's waiting for you there.

If you would like a blessing, rather than receiving Communion, cross your arms when you enter the circle and we'll pray with you.

Why are we making these changes? Read Rev. Barb's rector's note, Sipping and Dipping, at tpetersglenside.org/blog.





Those who eat my body
and drink my blood
have eternal life

-John 6:54

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