

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania
July 19, 2026
10 a.m.

Gathering in Joy

Prelude: Voluntary

Florence Beatrice Price (1887-1953)

Opening Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS)*, #12 **Come, we that love the Lord**
(Marching to Zion)

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Presider says to the people

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Listening for God's Word

The First Reading - *Isaiah 44:6-8*

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

Psalm 86:11-17 (*Please use the Book of Common Prayer*)

BCP 709-711

The Epistle - *Romans 8:12-25*

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are

children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Gospel Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS), #220 We are climbing Jacob's ladder*

The Gospel – Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Bob Smith

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.

Prayers of the People

adapted from Intercessions for the Christian People

Made righteous through faith in Christ, asking that we may be faithful to the gift of God's grace, let us now pray to our God in the power of the Spirit, **with the response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Presider concludes with this prayer:

Eternal and compassionate God, receive and fulfil all that we ask according to your will. Give us the grace to welcome your word who is Christ. We ask this through Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Deacon 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

Please greet other members of the congregation with a sign of peace.

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrating Holy Communion

Offertory Music: Justice Means

Cathy Brechtelsbauer
solo by Dan Kelly

The Presentation Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82)*, #593 Lord, make us servants of your peace

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B (*inclusive language*)

Presider God is 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. Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us
a new people
in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy 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: Holy, Holy, Holy

Norah Duncan

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are

5 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

9 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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 (*traditional language*)

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

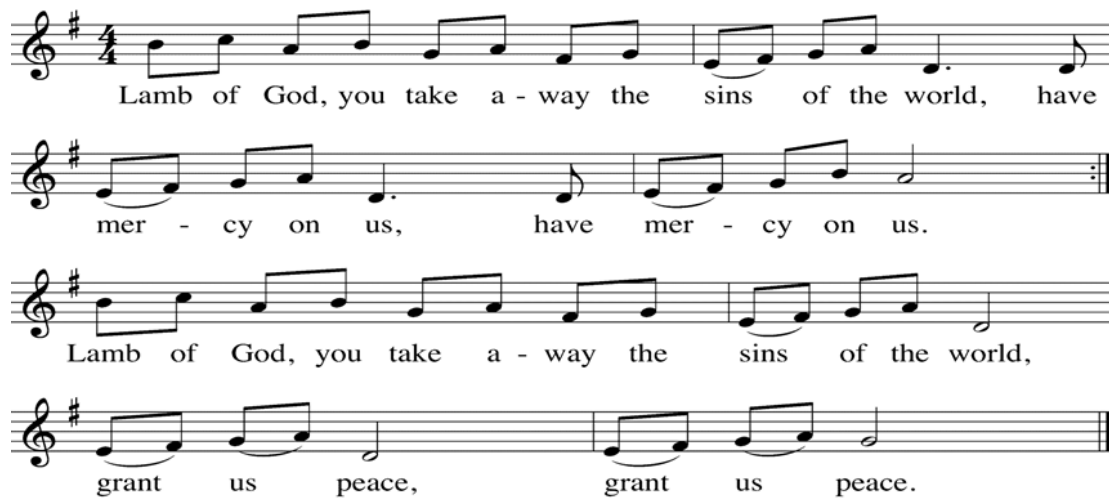
The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

Norah Duncan



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The Presider continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Communion Music: Berceuse, Op.2 (1897)

Dora Pejačević (1885-1923)

The Post-Communion Prayer

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 Forth

The Blessing

Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning (*occasional*)

Presider: In the name of the congregation of St. Peter's we send Rosalinda Ibañez-Memba forth, bearing the gift of Holy Communion to Charlie and Sharon Keyser.

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

A Litany of Farewell

Good Christian people, I bid you now pray for the saving presence of our Living Lord:

In this world,

All: Christ is risen.

In this Church,

All: Christ is risen.

In this community,

All: Christ is risen.

In the hearts of all faithful people,

All: Christ is risen.

But especially I bid you pray and give thanks now for Deacon Bob Smith who is leaving our midst:

For expectations not met and grievances not resolved,

All: Lord, have mercy.

For wounds not healed and anger not dissolved,

All: Lord, have mercy.

For gifts not given and promises not kept,

All: Lord, have mercy.

And also, for this portion of your pilgrimage with these people in this place: For friendships made, celebrations enjoyed, and for moments of nurture,

All: Thanks be to God.

For wounds healed, expectations met, gifts given, promises kept,
All: Thanks be to God.

For bread and wine, Body and Blood,
All: Thanks be to God.

And so, to establish a ministry in another place with other members of the family of Christ,
All: Go in peace.

To continue the journey with new friends and new adventures,
All: Go in peace.

To minister in wisdom and experience, competence and compassion,
All: Go in peace.

With our faith in you, our hope for you and our love of you,
All: Go in peace.

The Lord watch between us while we are absent from one another. In the Name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Go in peace.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

When your birthday or anniversary is announced, please stand in your place and remain standing as we pray.

Birthdays:

<i>Ken Kress</i>	<i>07/20</i>
<i>Wendy Hartung</i>	<i>07/22</i>
<i>John Klarman</i>	<i>07/23</i>
<i>Valerie Neske</i>	<i>07/23</i>
<i>Viviane Stackhouse</i>	<i>07/24</i>

Anniversaries:

<i>Heather & Matt Bennecoff</i>	<i>7/23</i>
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Birthday & Anniversary Prayer

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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.

Announcements

- We wish Deacon Bob Smith well as he transitions to St. Matthews in Maple Glen. Please join us after serve for a special fellowship.
- The first 2026 Stewardship Dinner will be August 16 at 5:30p.m. *Please see the newsletter to meet the host and to sign up.*
- Join St. Peter's for a fun Karaoke Night on Saturday, August 8 at 5 p.m. This event costs \$5 to enter, with \$10 dinner specials available at 6 p.m. *See the newsletter for additional information.*
- Scan the QR code below to access the recent newsletter.



Closing Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82), #344 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing*

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: Day of Rest and Gladness

Anne Krentz Organ (1960-)

Worship Ministers

Presider: *The Rev. Barbarba Ballenger*

Preacher: *The Rev. Bob Smith*

Deacon: *The Rev. Bob Smith*

Acolytes: *Michael Colino, Sophia Kelly, Patrick McMahon*

Lectors: *Tim Flaherty, Terita Reeve*

Intercessor: *Donna Kulp*

Counter: *Anne Gibson*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Amy Michener-Wall, Deboarh Way*

Ushers: *Amy Huang, Audrey Kipphut, Dave Kipphut, Maureen Schaeffer*

Vestry Steward: *Anne Gibson*

Altar Guild: *Wendy Hartung*

Welcomers: *Velma Supperer*

Music Director: *Sam Faust*

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