The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Peter's Episcopal Church Glenside, Pennsylvania September 29, 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: Fantasia - I Know That My Redeemer Lives- arr. George Shearing

Opening Hymn: Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #117 I'm Goin'-a Sing

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

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.**

Listening for God's Word

The First Reading - Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

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

Psalm 19:7-14 (please use the Book of Common Prayer)

BCP 607

The Epistle – James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

Gospel Hymn: Lift Every Voice and Sing II, 114 Every Time I Feel The Spirit

The Gospel – *Mark 9:38-50*

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Barbara Ballenger

BCP 358

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.

Commissioning the Parish Nurse

Presider: It has been a rich part of our history to care for the needs of those among us. Today, we continue and enhance our healing ministries by the commissioning of Kristina Marchuk as our Parish Nurse. Faith Community Nursing is a specialty of professional registered nurses that focuses on promoting health, advocating for those who are ill and the intentional care of the spirit.

Kristina, God called your name and with a heart full of compassion you have listened. You have completed the required training to become a Parish Nurse and you have indicated your desire to serve. As the Parish Nurse of our congregation, you will use your knowledge and skills as you help those in need. You will listen, advocate for, teach about health and provide spiritual care.

Are you willing to serve the people of St. Peter's with God's help and guidance? Kristina: I am so willing

Presider: Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Kristina has been called to the ministry of Parish Nurse.

All: Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.

Presider: Let us pray. Look with favor upon Kristina, whom you have called, O God, and grant that she may be so filled with your Holy Spirit, that she may minister in her chosen task with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Presider: In the Name of God, we recognize you Kristina as our Parish Nurse and give you this as a token of your ministry.

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 Church of Pakistan (United). In our companion Diocese of Guatemala, we pray for Santiago de Jerusalén and Rev. Presibitero Miquel Salanic. In our own diocese, we pray for the Liturgical Commission. 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, Jen, William, Linda, Carole and

those we name now...Hear our prayer, O God.

For your mercy is great.

We thank you for the ministry of our parish nurse, Kristina Marchuk, and ask you to care for her as she provides care for others. Let your way be known in all the earth.

Your saving health among all nations.

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 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: My Tribute - André Crouch

St. Peter's Choir

Presentation Hymn: 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: Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #255 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: Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #270 Lamb of God

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

The Communion of the People

Communion Music: There Is a Happy Land arr. George Shearing

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

United Thank Offering 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.

Birthdays:

John Olson 09/29, Mimi Morrow 09/30, Constance Clinefelter 10/01, Rebecca Fellerman 10/01, John Ivory 10/01, Amber Miller 10/01, Barbara Jonas 10/02, Patrick Liedtka 10/02, Jenna Linke 10/02, Susan Blake 10/03, Darrin Reazor 10/03, Carolyn McGrory 10/04, Nancy Reazor 10/05

Anniversaries:

Michael & Terita Reeve 10/05, Natalie & Charles McCrea 10/06

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.

Announcements

- Join us for a Cold and Flu forum following morning worship.
- St. Peter's volunteers will cook and serve a hot meal for the St. Mark's food ministry on Saturday, October 5, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- The Diocesan Anti-Racism Commission will offer an afternoon of song, learning and prayer that explores the gift of African American Spirituals at St. Peter's on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2 p.m.-5 p.m.
- The Montgomery Deanery will offer in-person Eucharistic minister and visitor training at All Hallows Church, Wyncote, 262 Bent Road, Wyncote, PA 19095, on Saturday, October 5, from 9 a.m. noon. Use the link in the newsletter to sign up!

Closing Hymn: Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #105 I'm So Glad

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: Beneath The Cross of Jesus.

arr. Marianne Kim

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Lectors: Anne Gibson, Charlie Hannum

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Ushers: Bill Bacon, Dori Meginley, Linda Toia, Jack Wilbur

Vestry Steward: Dave Mosteller

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