

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania
August 16, 2026
10 a.m.

Gathering in Joy

Prelude: "Pavana Philippi

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Opening Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82), #470 There's a wideness in God's mercy*

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

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- *Isaiah 56:1,6-8*

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant--

these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them

besides those already gathered.

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

Psalm 67 (*Please use the Book of Common Prayer*)

BCP 675

The Epistle - *Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32*

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

Gospel Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82), #537 Christ for the world we sing!*

The Gospel – *Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28*

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and

throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord. **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.**

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

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

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: Mi Shebeirach

Debbie Friedman

The Presentation Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82)*, #371 Thou, whose almighty word

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



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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: *With One Voice (WOV)*, #738, Healer of our every ill

Performed by Debbie DeKalb

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

Corinth 13 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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Birthdays:

<i>Henry Bennecoff</i>	<i>08/21</i>
<i>Cindy Blinckley</i>	<i>08/22</i>

Anniversaries:

<i>Rosalinda Ibanez-Memba & The Rev. Joseluis Memba</i>	<i>08/17</i>
<i>Peter Gottemoller & Kelli Myers-Gottemoller</i>	<i>08/18</i>

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

- The Women's Group is holding an afternoon Game Day on Monday, August 17 from 12 – 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Bring a brown-bag lunch and prepare for fun and friendly competition with your parish friends. Open to all who identify as women. *See the newsletter to sign up.*
- The next Sandwich Making Session is Tuesday, August 18 at 10:30 a.m. We're accepting donations of bread, peanut butter, grape jelly, and zip-lock sandwich bags.
- Parish youth and teens (grades 6 and up) are invited to the Diocesan Youth Wild

Adventure on Sunday, Aug. 30, from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Valley Forge Park's Washington Memorial Chapel. See the newsletter to sign up to travel with the St. Peter's youth group.

- Scan the QR code below to access the recent newsletter.



Closing Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82), # 380 From all that dwell below the skies*

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: Fanfare

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher: *The Rev. Barbarba Ballenger*

Acolytes: *Alyssa Clemens, Michael Colino, Sophia Kelly*

Lectors: *Bob Hartung, Debbie DeKalb*

Intercessor: *Rick Pearce*

Counter: *Bill Hower*

Eucharistic Ministers: *Charlie Hannum, Kristina Marchuk, Deborah Way*

Ushers: *Rick DeKalb, Donna Kulp, Mike Reeve, Jack Wilbur*

Vestry Steward: *Mark Evans*

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