The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Peter's Episcopal Church Glenside, Pennsylvania July 13, 2025 10 a.m. Gathering in Joy

Prelude: Meditation on "Galilee"

Arr. James Mansfield

Opening Hymn: Wonder, Love and Praise, #779 The Church of Christ in every age

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 peoplePresider:The Lord be with you.People:And also with you.Presider:Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ 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 - Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses said to the people of Israel, "The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

"Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9 (Please use the Book of Common Prayer)

The Epistle - Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: The Hymnal 1982, #657 Love divine, all loves excelling

The Gospel Reading -*Luke 10:25-37*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke *Response:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, `Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Barbara Ballenger

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.

Prayers of the People

from Intercessions for the Christian People The response to *we stand in need*, O God is Lord, have mercy

The Presider concludes with this prayer:

O God, our Father from whom good things flow, we thank you and praise you. Answer our prayers and bring us hope through Christ your Son, who celebrates life with you in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever. 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 PeacePlease 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 Anthem: Morning Has Broken Bridget Burless, Debbie DeKalb, Kristina Marchuk Gaelic melody

The Presentation Hymn: The Hymnal 1982, #660 O Master, let me walk with thee

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 Logus Christ our Lord, to show forth the glory in all the world

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: The Hymnal 1982, #S125 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

(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

Richard Proulx



The Presider continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Communion Music: The Gift to Be Simple

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,

Arr. Dale Wood

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 bishops of California have asked fellow Episcopalians to pray this collect from the Book of Common Prayer in solidarity with their work to protect the rights of undocumented immigrants in Los Angeles and throughout the country.

The Blessing

BCP 823

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. And may the Blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

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:

Amy Michener-Wall,	07/13
Stefanie Torpey	07/13
Jane Bockius	07/14
Alistair McCrea	07/15
Olivia McCrea	07/15
Harper Moore	07/16
Dorothy Sasso	07/19
Ken Kress	07/20
Trent Wiser	07/20

Anniversaries:

None this week.

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

- St. Peter's is continuing to let our voice be heard as a church by joining #TheMajorityProject's 12,000,000-postcard initiative and taking action. Postcards and extended address sheets are be available today. See Dave Kipphut for more details.
- We'd like to recognize Audrey Kipphut for her many years of service to our Food Cupboard. Audrey is stepping away from this ministry to care for our church in other ways. We welcome Terita Reeve as a new food cupboard volunteer.
- We're excited to announce the formation of St. Peter's Fundraising Committee, led by Beth Carlin and Amy Huang Neske. *Announcement by Beth Carlin.*

Closing Hymn: The Hymnal 1982, #344 Lord, dismiss us with thy 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: When In Our Music God is Glorified

Gordon Young

Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Barbara Ballenger Deacon: The Rev. Bob Smith Acolytes: Alyssa Clemens, Kristina Marchuk, Jaxon Miller Lectors: Carolyn McGrory, Shirley Smith Intercessor: Charlie Hannum Counter: Bill Hower Eucharistic Ministers: Melissa Olson, Debbie Panebianco Ushers: Rick DeKalb, Anne Gibson, Dave Kipphut, Mike Reeve Vestry Steward: Audrey Kipphut Altar Guild: Donna Kulp Welcomers: Marsha Blake Organist: Kathy Flaherty Bell Ringer: Bill Bacon Tech Team: Mike Levin, PJ Linke, James Moore

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