

# The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Glenside, Pennsylvania  
October 6, 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:** Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior - Diane

**Opening Hymn:** *The Hymnal 1982, #405 All Things Bright and Beautiful*

### **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**

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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 - Job 39:1-18**

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them.

"Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth,

and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

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

**Psalm 121** (*please use the Book of Common Prayer*)

**BCP 779**

**The Epistle – Galatians 6:14-18**

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

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**Gospel Hymn:** *Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #218 Jesus Loves Me*

**The Gospel – Luke 12:13-21**

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

The Gospel of our Savior. **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.

**The Prayers of the People, Form VI**

*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 Papua New Guinea. In our companion Diocese of Guatemala, we pray for *Iglesia Episcopal San Martin Obispo de Tours, Totonicapán* and The Rev. Heber Ruiz. In our own diocese, we pray for the Episcopal Church Women Committee. O God, guide your church.

**And bless those who lead and serve.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and for all the prayers written on our community blackboard outside. 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 pray for the communities devastated by Hurricane Helene, for those who have died and those still missing, those who mourn the loss of loved ones, and homes and livelihoods. O Christ, bring your comfort and your aid,

**And heal the brokenhearted.**

We pray in penitence for our earth, which because of human folly is suffering

from heat and flood and fire. Let your way be known upon Earth.  
**Your saving health among all creation.**

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. On this day honoring St Francis we pray for peace in all areas of war and conflict, especially the Middle East. We pray for peace in this time leading up to the National election, and a peaceful and just outcome. And we pray to be channels of peace in all we do. Give peace O Christ in all the World.

**For only in you can we live in safety.**

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 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.**

**Presider:** Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **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: Children Of The Heavenly Father - Swedish Melody  
St. Peter's Choir  
Debbie DeKalb, Flute**

### **The Blessing of the Animals**

*All our animal friends are brought up during the hymn for a special blessing.*

### **Presentation Hymn: Prayer of St. Francis**

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord  
And where there is doubt true faith in You.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is despair in life let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness only light  
And where there's sadness ever joy.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
In giving of ourselves that we receive.  
And in dying that we are born to eternal life.

## **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: Panis Angelicus - Franck**

### **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**

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord, to thee be ceaseless praise outpoured, and blessing without measure. Let creatures all give thanks to thee and serve in great humility. And may your Blessing on us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and remain with us 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:**

*Barbara Sibley-10/07*

*Tom Radtke-10/09*

*Ronald Schmidt Jr. -10/09*

*Marsha Blake-10/10*

*Jeanne Hannum -10/10*

*Joani Harkinson-10/11*

### **Anniversaries:**

*Michael & Terita Reeve -10/05*

*Natalie & Charles McCrea -10/06*  
*Bob & Wendy Hartung -10/09*  
*Matthew & Stefanie Torpey -10/11*

### **Birthdays & 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**

- **We ask that you and your pet friends join us for fellowship on the front lawn following morning worship.**
- **Support those affected by Hurricane Helene by donating to the Episcopal Relief Development Hurricane fund. See details in the newsletter.**
- **Our driveway and parking lot will be closed on Monday, Oct. 7, beginning at 8:30 a.m., while contractors assess the church steeple. See details in the newsletter. *Announcement by Rev. Barb.***
- **Updates on the use of the playground on Sundays. *Announcement by Rev. Barb***
- **Closing Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982*, #412 Earth and All Stars. Verses 1, 2, 3 and 5**

### **The Dismissal**

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

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Postlude:** Recessional for a Joyful Day - Wood

### **Worship Ministers**

**Presider & Preacher:** *The Rev. Barbara Ballenger*

**Acolytes:** *Teresa Mignogno, Jerry Moore, Grayson Torpey*

**Lectors:** *Stephanie Gill, Bob Hartung*

**Intercessor:** *Joani Harkinson*   **Counter:** *Mike Reeve*

**Eucharistic Minister:** *Addie Johnson, Kristina Marchuk, Debbie Panebianco*

**Ushers:** *Audrey Kipphut, David Kipphut, Alex Stevers-Radtke, Matthew Schmidt*

**Vestry Steward:** *Karen Sayer*

**Altar Guild: Fellowship:** *Kitchen Coordinators*

**Bell Ringer:** *Bill Bacon*  
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