

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania
November 16, 2025
10 A.M.

Gathering in Joy

Prelude: K'A Mura

Fela Sowande (1905-1987)

Opening Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82), #11 Awake, my soul, and with the sun*

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 – *Isaiah 65:17-25*

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,

or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,

and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,

and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 (*Please use the Book of Common Prayer*)

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The Epistle - 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82), #382 King of glory, King of peace*

The Gospel Reading – *Luke 21:5-19*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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.**

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

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 Anthem: Great Creator

Karen Marroli (1975-)

St. Peter's Choir

Great Creator, ever speaking, teach us you are weaving, still, painting heaven in its newness, sculpting earth with finest skill. What has come before will vanish as the night fades into morn, bringing daylight into darkness: heaven and earth will be reborn.

Great Creator, ever listening to our prayers and to our plight, write in us your new creation, when our weeping turns to sight. Let us see the daylight dawning, when the wolf lies with the lamb, when all people join their voices, singing of the Great I AM.

*Jerusalem, our happy home, when shall we come to thee?
When shall our sorrows have an end? When shall your joys we see?*

Great Creator, ever moving over wind and over wave, let our restless hearts find comfort in the call to love and save. Great Creator, as we wait here for the glorious rebirth, use our hearts and hands in service; sculpt your kingdom here on earth.

The Presentation Anthem: Simple Gifts

arranged by Kathy Moglebust

St. Peter's Bell Choir

Walk in Love Stewardship Procession

Following the ushers when they bring up the gifts during the playing of "Simple Gifts," please bring forward your pledge cards and place them in the All Hands on Deck boat.

Stewardship Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

All: We give thanks to you, generous God, for your ongoing faithfulness to us, your stewards. You placed us in your garden to tend, toil and care for your creation. It is our highest privilege to use the gifts that have been entrusted to us, relationships and resources, to bring about your dream of life abundant for all. With humility and gratitude, we offer these pledges, as a token of our gratitude for your faithfulness and for all the gifts you have entrusted to us. We ask you to bless and multiply these humble offerings. Guide us, your faithful stewards, as we use these gifts to serve and honor you, so that all may flourish in the life abundant you came to give. Amen.

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. 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: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82), #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 forever. **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

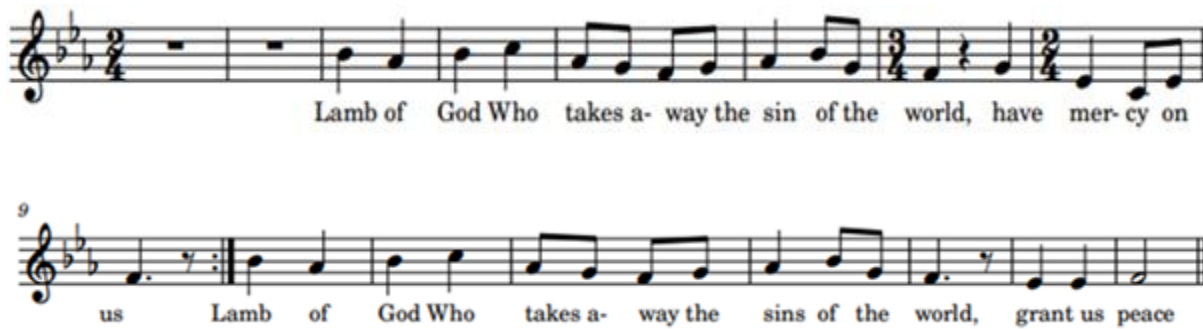
The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

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: It Is Well

Maureen Howell Howell (1962-)
Kathy Flaherty on Handbell

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

BCP 823

May God's holy and life-giving Spirit 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. 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 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 up and remain standing as we pray.

Birthdays:

<i>Terita Reeve</i>	<i>11/16</i>
<i>Lisa Donahue</i>	<i>11/17</i>
<i>Meredith Flaherty</i>	<i>11/18</i>
<i>Olive Linke</i>	<i>11/20</i>
<i>Natalie McCrea</i>	<i>11/21</i>
<i>Matthew Schmidt</i>	<i>11/21</i>
<i>Madeline Stackhouse</i>	<i>11/22</i>

Anniversaries:

<i>Dave & Audrey Kipphut</i>	<i>11/18</i>
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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

- **Thanks to all who pledged today during Ingathering Sunday! If you couldn't pledge today, you can send in your pledge card, pledge online, or put it in the basket next week.**
Don't forget to fill out your Stewardship prompt of the week and place it in the basket on the piano before you leave.
- **The Abington Community fridge will be the subject of today's adult forum, as we welcome Yovina Miller and Misty LeCompte from the neighborhood. We will be discussing what we have learned since its inception and look forward to planning events in the future. Your input will be greatly appreciated as well.**
- **Parishioner Sue Gordon is starting a group to make sandwiches for the Community Fridge. It will meet once a month on the first Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. The first meeting is Dec. 2 in the parish hall. More details are in Rev Barb's rector's note in the newsletter.**
"Singing the African American Spirituals with Integrity" Workshop at St David's, Wayne on Saturday, November 22. See newsletter for more info.

- We are looking for volunteers to direct traffic, sell raffle tickets, sell baked goods, provide security and generally help on the floor for the Craft Fair on Saturday, November 29. *See newsletter for more info.*

Closing Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82), #438 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord*

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: Mixolydian

Ghislaine Reece-Trapp (1992-)

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