The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania
November 15, 2026
10 a.m.

Gathering in Joy

Prelude: Berceuse Germaine Taillefaire (1892-1983)

Opening Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82),* **#598 Lord Christ, when first thou came to earth**

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 – *Zephaniah 1:7,12-18*

Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry

against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

Psalm 90:1-12 *(Please use the Book of Common Prayer)* **BCP 717-718**

The Epistle - *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 - *Matthew 25:14-30*
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Response: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few

things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

The Sermon The Rev. Jeannie Sachs

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 *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

The 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 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: The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee Jean Berger (1909-2002)

Plenty Good Room Stewardship Procession

Handbell Music: Jerusalem, My Happy Home Anna Laura Page

Following the ushers when they bring up the gifts during the playing of "Jerusalem, My Happy Home," please bring forward your pledge cards and place them in the Stewardship 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.

Presider: 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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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),*#**S114 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: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82),* **#S158 Lamb of God**
The Presider continues
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Communion Music: Air from Water Music George F. Handel (1685-1759)

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

Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning *(Occasional)*
Presider: In the name of the congregation of St. Peter's we send forth Rick Pearce, bearing the gift of Holy Communion to Calvin Haas.

Stewardship Theme Song: Plenty Good Room



Stewardship Reflection Rick DeKalb & Terita Reeve

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

Birthdays:

Julia Guerrero	*11/15*
Terita Reeve	*11/16*
Lisa Donahue	*11/17*
Meredith Flaherty	*11/18*
Olive Linke	*11/20*
Natalie McCrea	*11/21*
Matthew Schmidt	*11/21*
Madeline Stackhouse	*11/22*

Anniversaries:
Dave & Audrey Kipphut 11/18

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 mail in your pledge card, pledge online, or put it in the offering basket next week.
- Today's adult forum will be a discussion of the book *Unplug the Christmas Machine*, led by parishioner Liz Nettleton, following morning worship.
- Mary Pat's Cookies: Donate holiday cookies and candies until Saturday, Dec. 5. All cookie tins will be packed at 9 a.m. and distributed after service on Sunday, Dec. 6.
- Next Sunday, Nov. 22, we'll be making advent wreathes and edible creches following worship. This year you are asked to donate greens from your yards and/or gardens if you have them. Use the Signup Genius in the newsletter or the physical form near the chapel to reserve wreath materials.
- Non-perishable donation items for the Thanksgiving Meal Project can be placed in the boxes in the parish hall. *See the newsletter for more information.*
- Volunteers are needed for the Nov. 28 Craft Fair. *See the newsletter to sign up.*
- Please be on alert for email phishing scams. If you ever have questions about emails you've received, please call the church office immediately. *See the newsletter for more information.*
- Scan the QR code to read the latest newsletter.

Closing Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82)*, **#436 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates**

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: In Dir Ist Freude Brenda Portman (1982-)

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