

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania
September 1, 2024
10:00 A.M.

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.

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: Praise for the Morning

Lani Smith

Opening Hymn: *Wonder Love and Praise, #779* **The Church of Christ in Every Age**

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

God of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Savior, 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 - *Song of Solomon 2:8-13*

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,

leaping upon the mountains,

bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle

or a young stag.

Look, there he stands

behind our wall,

gazing in at the windows,

looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one,

and come away;

for now the winter is past,

the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away."

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

Psalm 15 (*please use the Book of Common Prayer*)

BCP 599

The Epistle – James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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Gospel Hymn: *The Hymnal* 1982, #656 Blest Are The Pure in Heart

The Gospel – Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Judeans, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of our Savior. **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.

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP 392

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 Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola. In our companion Diocese of Guatemala, we pray for *San Timoteo* and Reverendo Presbitero Sacramento Niassaca. In our own diocese, we pray for Convention Arrangements program. O God, guide your church.

And bless those who lead and serve.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. 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, Jeff, Alyssa, Issac, Sarah, Kathleen, Jen and those we name now...Hear our prayer, O God.

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, O God, for all the blessings of this life, especially remembering today our parish family, our own friends and families. We thank you for this and all other blessings we name now...

We will exalt you, O God;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

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. We pray especially for an end to war in the Holy Land, in Ukraine and in all places of conflict. Give peace O Christ in all the World.

For only in you can we live in safety.

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.

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: The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams
Meredith Flaherty, soprano

Presentation Hymn: *Wonder Love and Praise,*

#763 As We Gather At Your Table

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: *With One Voice*, #616A 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: *With One Voice*, #622 Lamb of God

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Intinction, or dipping bread into the cup, is now an option for receiving wine at Communion. Remember: Intinction is only on the left side of the circle, and sipping from the common cup is only on the right side. See more directions for receiving on page 11 of the leaflet.

Communion Music: Meditation on "Beach Spring"

Robert Lau

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

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.**

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.**

Birthdays:

Dori Meginley 09/02

Kate Wiser 09/03

Matt Bennecoff 09/05

Karen Sayer 09/06

Ed Kulp 09/07

Anniversaries:

Steve & Delphine Spencer 09/04

Announcements

- Today we begin our annual United Thank Offering (UTO) collection. See

the newsletter for more information. *Announcement by Mary Rivera.*

- **Help use make our Sept. 8 Homecoming Sunday special with tasty treats.**
Use the button in the newsletter to donate your favorite desserts.
- **Souper Sunday will take place during our Homecoming fellowship.**
Announcement by Suzanne Teleha.
- **Our first Youth and Teen night of the program year is on Sept. 8 at 6pm.**
See the newsletter for more details.
- **We're honoring the acolyte ministry on Sept. 15 during morning worship.**
All acolytes, as well as those who plan to be trained as acolytes, are asked to attend. See the newsletter for details.
- **Outdoor Movie Night is Friday, September 20 at 7 pm.** See newsletter for details. Movie TBD.
- **Supporting the St. Mark's Food Ministry: We're assembling sandwiches on Sept. 22 following morning worship.** The sandwiches will remain frozen until delivered with a hot meal that volunteers will help prepare and serve on Oct 5. See the newsletter to donate meal items. *Announcement by Matt Torpey*

Closing Hymn: *Wonder Love Praise*, #756 **Lead Me Guide Me Along The Way**

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher: *The Rev. Barbara Ballenger*

Acolytes: *Teresa Mignogno*

Lectors: *Debbie, DeKalb, Joani Harkinson*

Intercessor: *Rick Pearce* **Counter:** *Bill Hower*

Eucharistic Minister: *Audrey Kipphut, Kristina Marchuk*

Ushers: *Anne Gibson, Peter Gottemoller, David Kipphut, Jack Wilbur*

Vestry Steward: *Karen Sayer*

Altar Guild: *Wendy Hartung* **Fellowship:** *Kitchen coordinators*

Bell Ringer: *Bill Bacon*

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Receiving Communion at St. Peter's

Those receiving Communion at St. Peter's now have the option of dipping the bread in a wine chalice, called intinction, on the left side of the Communion circle (as you face the altar). Or you can sip from the common cup, on the right side of the circle.

When you leave your pew for Communion just step into the line you prefer: right line to sip, left line to dip.

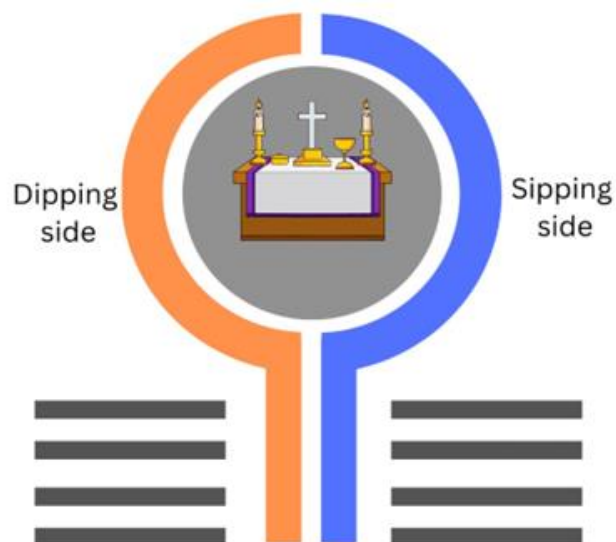
If you don't wish to receive wine, you can receive Communion bread on either side of the circle.

Gluten-free options for bread and wine are also available on either side of the Communion circle. Just ask the Eucharistic Minister. We'll bring them to you.

Remember: Christ is fully present in either the bread or the wine. He's waiting for you there.

If you would like a blessing, rather than receiving Communion, cross your arms when you enter the circle and we'll pray with you.

Why are we making these changes? Read Rev. Barb's rector's note, *Sipping and Dipping*, at tpetersglenside.org/blog.



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