

# Come 4th Sunday!



The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Glenside, Pennsylvania  
Oct. 27, 2024  
10:00 A.M.

## About Come 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

At St. Peter's the fourth Sunday of the month is **Come 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**. It's a time when we come forth in new ways to celebrate being the Body of Christ. Children come forth to read Scripture and lead prayer, and to get a better look at what's going on. Families come forth to take on new roles. New members come forth for a blessing.

We all come forth to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, and we all go forth as his disciples – with God's help.

The Scripture translations are from the resource *God's Word, my Voice*, by Lyn Zill Briggs, *Church Publishing: 2015*. They are written in a way that is easy for young readers to proclaim and understand.

Our opening prayers are from the supplemental liturgical materials in *Enriching Our Worship 1 (EOW 1)*

Our Folk Group will lead us in songs that are simple to sing but full of meaning. When the words aren't written in the leaflet, we use the Blue Hymnal; the thin green *Wonder, Love and Praise Book (WLP)*, or the thin blue *With One Voice (WOV)* hymnal.

**And you can even color the front page of the leaflet. Crayons are available in the basket in the narthex. All ages welcome.**

Infants, toddlers and their families can hang out in **our soft space on the right side of the worship space**, which welcomes soft toys, soft activities and soft voices. Wiggles are also welcome.

Overall, this is a great opportunity to ask yourself, how can I come forth to serve Jesus in new ways this year?

Some of the selections will be from the Mass of Creation. Please use the available pew cards.

# Gathering in Joy

**Prelude:** Solo by Bob Filice

**Opening Hymn:** *With One Voice*, #718 Gather Us In

**The Opening Acclamation**

**EOW 1**

**Presider:** Blessed be our God.

**People:** Forever and ever, Amen.

*The Presider says to the people*

**Presider:** God be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Presider:** Let us pray.

**Collect of the Day**

Everlasting and ever-loving God, please give us more and more of your gifts of faith and hope and love. Help us to love what you love and what you ask us to do, so we can be open to all the good gifts you have promised us. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Listening for God's Word

**A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah [31:7-9]**

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

## Psalm 126

We thought we'd died and gone to heaven when we saw God had put Zion back together.

We were so happy we couldn't stop laughing. And when we weren't laughing we were singing.

**God has done great things for us and we are so happy.**

Everyone was telling each other how good God was.

Bring us back to health, God.

Build up the places that were torn down.

**God has done great things for us and we are so happy.**

Those of us who cried all those many long nights, will wake up with joy in our hearts for sure.

And those who went out into the field while they were crying will come back home happy

**God has done great things for us and we are so happy.**

### **A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews [7:23-28]**

Priests come and go, because they can't live forever. But Jesus will always be our priest, because he will never die. So for all time he will approach God for us. As a priest, Jesus doesn't have to offer God sacrifices; he already did that on the cross when he offered his own life. Jesus is the perfect priest for us, the priest God appointed.

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

**Gospel Hymn: Word of Truth and Life** (*see pew cards*)

Cantor: Praise the God of all creation, God of mercy and compassion.

**Response: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Word of truth and life.**

### **The Gospel – Mark 10:46-52**

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho with a large crowd. Bartimaeus was a blind man begging along the side of the road. When Bart heard Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on

me!" People tried to shush him, but he cried out even louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped in his tracks and said, "Call him here." So they said to Bartimaeus, "You lucked out! Get up because Jesus is calling for you." So, throwing off his cloak, he leapt to his feet and came to Jesus. Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" "My teacher," the blind man said, "let me see again. That's what I want." Jesus said to him, "Go, your faith has made you well." Immediately, he could see, and he became one of Jesus followers from that moment on.

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: 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

The response is: **Help us to love with your love.**

Dear Lord, hear our prayer. We pray for people everywhere:

**Help us to love with your love.**

We pray for our community, country and world. We pray especially for the victims of war, especially for those in Israel and Palestine, for those in Ukraine and Russia and all who are in harm's way in conflicts all over the world.

**Help us to love with your love.**

We pray for all who gather as your Church, especially our bishops, clergy and all who serve in ministry.

**Help us to love with your love.**

We pray for the earth and all your good gifts, especially for the will to address climate catastrophe and help all affected by climate-change related storms, floods, fires and droughts.

**Help us to love with your love.**

We pray for those who need kindness and care, especially those who are ill, who are in emotional pain or who are struggling to make ends meet.

**Help us to love with your love.**

We pray for those who need your wisdom and grace, especially in the weeks leading up to our national election. Bless our country with a spirit of peace, honesty and good will.

**Help us to love with your love.**

We pray for our needs in silence or out loud ... *(pause while congregants share their prayers)*

We pray for all who have died, and those we name now... *(pause while congregants share their prayers)*

Dear Lord, hear our prayer.

**And bless your people everywhere.**

**Confession of Sin**

**EOW 1**

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,  
We confess that we have sinned against you,  
Opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied the goodness in each other,  
In ourselves and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
The evil we have done,  
And the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore and strengthen us  
Through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
That we may abide in your love  
And serve only your will. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

# Celebrating Holy Communion

**Offertory Anthem:** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need by Isaac Watts  
Deborah Way and Terita Reeve, accompanied by Carol Cei

## Presentation Hymn: All That We Have

All that we have and all that we offer  
Comes from a heart both frightened and free.  
Take what we bring now and give what we need,  
All done in His name.

## The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord is here.

**People: God's Spirit is with us.**

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 offer thanks and praise.**

Presider: God, you made us, and the world and everything in it.  
All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us but people  
have not always loved you. You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to  
bring us back to you again. He died for us on the cross so that through your  
Spirit, we can all be your people.

And so with thanks we praise you singing:

***Holy, Holy, Holy*** (See pew card)

Presider: We are here because on the night before he died  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends. There he took some bread and gave  
thanks to you, God. He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them. "This is my  
body," he said, "Do this, and know that I am with you."

Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you. He shared it with them,  
and said "This is my blood, which brings new life. Do this, and know that I am  
with you."

And so, remembering Jesus, who died, was raised to new life by you,  
and is alive forever, we are glad to share that life and live in him.



*Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:*

**Memorial Acclamation** (See pew card)

Presider: Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus, and through this food give us strength to live as your people.

Help us to care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us. Until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land we worship you in songs of everlasting praise.

*Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours Almighty Father, forever and ever.*

**Great Amen** (See pew card)

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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

**Jesus Lamb of God** (See pew card)

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

### **The Communion of the People**

*Please note there are two options for receiving wine at Communion. Intinction, dipping the bread in the wine, is now offered on the left side of the circle (facing the altar). Sipping from the common cup is offered on the right side of the circle. Gluten-free wafers and wine are available upon request.*

**Communion Music: Table of Plenty- Dan Schutte**

Kristina Marchuk, clarinet  
accompanied by Carol Cei

**Let Us Be Known by Our Love**

Folk group

### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*Presider: Let us pray*

**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**

**Costume Blessing**

**Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning**

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.**

Walk in Love Theme Song: Verse of the Day (v.3)

Walk in love as Christ loved us, a road made of loving stone  
Walk in love as Christ loved us, to lead the wandering home  
The walk of love is the way of love  
Through the life we are called to live  
And from the start we will pledge our hearts  
In all of the ways we give.

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Birthdays

*Michael Sayer 10/31*

*Gayle O'Keefe 11/01*

Anniversaries

*Amy & Beth Michener-Wall 11/05*

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:

- Join us for seafarers scarf cutting and fellowship in the parish hall following morning worship.
- Today is "Soup-er Sunday"; stop by the parish hall for some delicious soup.
- All are welcome to join us for a Halloween Trunk or Treat in the parish from 3 p.m.-6 p.m.
- Next Sunday is the Feast of All Saints and All Souls, when we include the

names of those who have died in the leaflet. Please submit your loved ones' names to the office by Thursday, Oct. 31.

- Next Sunday, Nov. 3, following morning worship, is the last pie making session for the Pies at the Polls Sale on Nov. 5. See the newsletter for more details.
- Walk in Love 2025 pledge cards are available online and on the table outside the sanctuary. Scan the QR code to make your pledge today!



Closing Hymn: *Wonder, Love & Praise, #740 Wade in the Water*

#### The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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