



**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
**June 23, 2024**  
**9:00 AM**

Join us in person for our service.

Or join us by going to our livestream on the St. Peter's Facebook page [here](#).

The worship leaflet can be found [here](#).

There will be a coffee hour after the mass.

**This Sunday's Ministers:**

Eucharistic Ministers: Myrna Koonce and Emily Keniston

Crucifer: Steve Koskinen

Anica Hickey and Marya Hickey

Lector: Chris Hickey

Usher: Anita Chandler

Altar Guild: Judy Howes

Coffee Hour Hosts: Lorna Blackmer, Jane Noone,  
and Ann Bay

**MUSIC NOTES** for this Sunday can be found at the end of Key Notes.

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## **Making a Pledge: Growing in Gratitude and in Faith**

Dear Friends,

In the fall of each year, we ask those attending St. Peter's to make a pledge, offering a commitment of time, talent, and treasure to God through the ministries of the parish. For time and talent, we ask you to consider the skills that God has given to you and how you might use them to build up the life of the parish. For treasure, we ask you to consider making a financial gift, which is most often expressed through a weekly offering made to the church.

To make a financial pledge is first and foremost an important spiritual discipline. It is a way to remind us on a regular basis of all that we have been given, and of how we can express our gratitude to God. Countless Christians have also learned that as they increase their giving, their faith is deepened and their generosity grows.

Making a financial pledge is also an important way of expressing one's support for the mission and ministry of St. Peter's. This year, 35 individuals or families have made financial pledges to St. Peter's totaling \$46,520. The total amount pledged over the last few years has increased significantly, and for that we are grateful.

At the same time, the costs of carrying out our ministries are much larger. The 2024 budget approved by the vestry anticipates that our expenses will be \$226,389. Our pledges represent only about 20% of that amount. Where do we find the rest? Some comes from rental income of the apartment at Bethany House, some from our Holiday Fair, but a significant amount is drawn from our church's endowment.

Such a draw is not sustainable for the long term vitality of the parish.

To those who have made a pledge - thank you! If you have not yet made a pledge to St. Peter's I invite you to consider doing so for the rest of 2024. Pray about what this community means to you and how God speaks to you through our worship, our fellowship, and the opportunities to serve. No pledge is too small, and no pledge is too large. Pledge forms are available at church or below.

We are blessed by the gifts of so many, and I hope you will consider how your gifts of treasure, time, and talent can be a blessing to all.

Faithfully,

Fr. Tom

The pledge form for 2024 can be found [here](#).

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## **Another Kind of Offering**

Each week, the beauty of our worship is enriched by flowers behind the altar. The sanctuary lamp above the altar is a sign to us of the real presence of Christ in the consecrated bread and wine which reside in the tabernacle behind the altar.

The gift of flowers and or the lighting of the sanctuary lamp for the week can be an offering given in memory or in honor of loved ones. The suggested donation for flowers is \$30 and \$10 for the sanctuary lamp, but any donation is welcome. Please consider making such a gift. There is a booklet in the undercroft where you can sign up to commemorate loved ones, or you can go to the worship page on our website and sign up [here](#).

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**Come Join the Song Tonight!**

We will have another evening of informal singing this evening, Thursday, June 20th at 7:00 PM. No experience is necessary. We will simply be exploring diverse ways in which God's people have offered songs of praise. Plan to join us upstairs in the church. Doors and elevator entrance will be open.

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## **Vestry Meets on Tuesday June 25 at 6:30 PM**

Vestry meetings have been rescheduled to the fourth Tuesday of each month, so the June meeting will be on the 25th at 7:30 PM on Zoom. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting of the church's governing board. If you want to join us, the Zoom link is [here](#).

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## **We Still Need Help Us With Our Online Presence**

Thank you to those who are learning how to record our services for online streaming. We can still use more volunteers. Check in with Wayne Franklin or the rector if you are interested in learning more about this important ministry.

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## **St. Peter's At Portland Pride**

Members of the parish joined folks from around the diocese to share the news of God's love in Portland's Pride parade

last Saturday. Diocesan youth, led by our own Emily Keniston, invited others to join them in making posters and marching. It was a brilliant summer day, and the evidence of God's love was just as bright.



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## News From the Diocese

### General Convention Meets From June 23-28 in Louisville, Kentucky

This triennial gathering of the Episcopal Church occurs next week. Learn about the legislative responsibilities of those who are meeting, and about who in Maine will be attending and representing us as a diocese. As the bishop's spouse, Fr.

Tom will be attending the convention from Monday through Friday.

Bishop Brown shares information about the upcoming convention in a video [here](#).

## **Report from the Diocesan Council**

Emma Bond is the lay representative to the Diocesan Council for the Presumpscot Area (Portland area Episcopal parishes). The council oversees the ministries of the diocese between annual diocesan conventions. Her report to local church leaders about actions at the most recent council meeting can be found [here](#).

Thank you Emma, for representing all of us!

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## **Looking Ahead**

**"Come Join the Song" Thu. June 20 at 7:00 PM**

**Vestry Meeting Tues. June 25th at 7:30 PM on Zoom**

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## **Compline Link**

Join us for the Compline Prayer Service on Zoom on Wednesday, June 26th .

**Here** is the service for Compline.

The Zoom link, which will be good through July 3rd is [here](#).

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## **Sunday Minister Rota for June**

### **June 23**

Eucharistic Ministers: Myrna Koonce and Emily Keniston

Crucifer: Steve Koskinen

Acolytes: Anica Hickey and Marya Hickey

Lector: Chris Hickey

Usher: Anita Chandler

Altar Guild: Judy Howes

Coffee Hour Hosts: Lorna Blackmer, Jane Noone,  
and Ann Bay

### **June 30**

Eucharistic Ministers: Myrna Koonce and Janene Gorham

Crucifer: Jake Mahon

Lector: Jan Tracy

Usher: Lenita Richard

Altar Guild: Judy Howes and Anne Whitman

Coffee Hour Hosts: TBD

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## **Weekly Prayer List**

### **Prayers For Parishioners, Families, and Friends**

**Ann Marie Cady**

**Allison Schroth**

**Francisco Andreu**

**Steve Secord**

**Diane Dalton**

**Dino Rice**

**Robert Stillings**

**Fred Fowler**

**Peter Haskell**, *friend of Allison Schroth*

**Martha Gagliardi**, *friend of Fr. Tom*

**Tommy Valente**, *friend of Don and Ann Marie Cady*

**Jane Reiha**, *friend of Judy Howes*

**Brenda Pappalardo**, *friend of Judy Howes*

**Stephen and Rebecca Seraniche**, *friends of Dino Rice*

**Marge Devine**, *family member of Allison Schroth*

**Jimmy Devine**, *family member of Allison Schroth*

**Fuji Sprott**, *friend of Dino Rice*

**David Turner**, *cousin of Craig Mousin*

**Tammy**, *friend of Craig Mousin*

**Beth**, *friend of Lee Walters*

**Pam**, *friend of Anita Chandler*

**The Kutasi Family**, *friends of Allison Schroth*

**Luca Esposito**, *friend of Allison Schroth*

**Glenn**, spouse of *Caroline Loupe*

**Patrick**, family member of *Tom Ainsworth*

**The Hendricks Family**

**Janet Blessing**, neighbor of *Jane Noone*

**Kelly Marie Bell**, friend of *Allison Schroth*

**Earle**, friend of *Cindy Sherwood*

**Grace**, family member of *Jessie Vega*

If you wish to add or return persons to the prayer list, please contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinators:

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or

Emma Bond at: 207-619-3662  
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**A Prayer for Those We Love**

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From *The Book of Common Prayer*

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**MUSIC NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY**

Bach's *Arioso* is familiar to most music lovers, partly because it has been arranged for so many combinations of instruments, from unaccompanied violin to full symphony orchestra. The work must have been one of Bach's personal favorites, since he used it several times as a movement in larger pieces.

"How Firm A Foundation" is a hymn so well known and loved that Andrew Jackson requested it as he lay on his deathbed, and Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson both asked that it be sung at their funerals. It was sung on Christmas morning, 1898, by American troops engaged in the Spanish-American war, and since it was popular in both



north and south during the Civil War, Robert E. Lee, like T.R. and Wilson, asked that it be sung at his funeral. The exact origin of the rousing tune is unknown, but it first appeared in the collection called *The Sacred Harp*, published in 1844.

Edward Hopper (1816-88), the author of "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me," was the Presbyterian pastor of the "Church of the Sea and Land" located near the harbor in New York City. This was a mission church which served the sailors who thronged the harbor area. Hopper's hymn gained almost instant popularity and became known as "the sailors' hymn."

"Eternal Father, Strong To Save" was written in 1860 by William Whiting, an Anglican priest from Winchester, United Kingdom. Whiting grew up near the ocean on the coasts of England and at the age of thirty-five had felt his life spared by God when a violent storm nearly claimed the ship he was travelling on, instilling a belief in God's command over the rage and calm of the sea. The hymn's success soon led it to be recognized as the official hymn of both the Royal Navy and the US Navy, as well.

Florence Beatrice Price (1887-1953) was the first black woman in the United States to be recognized as a major composer. She graduated with honors from the prestigious New England Conservatory of Music, and was much admired by the great contralto Marian Anderson, who frequently included her spiritual arrangements on recital programs. Price was a fine organist, and her "March Triomphale"--long thought to be lost--was just recently rediscovered....in Italy! ~HT



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