

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist
July 21, 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: Fred Fowler

Lector: Steve Koskinen

Usher: Tom Ainsworth

Altar Guild: Janene Gorham

Coffee Hour Hosts: Lenita and Rodney Richard and Rob Ingham

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

Dear Friends,

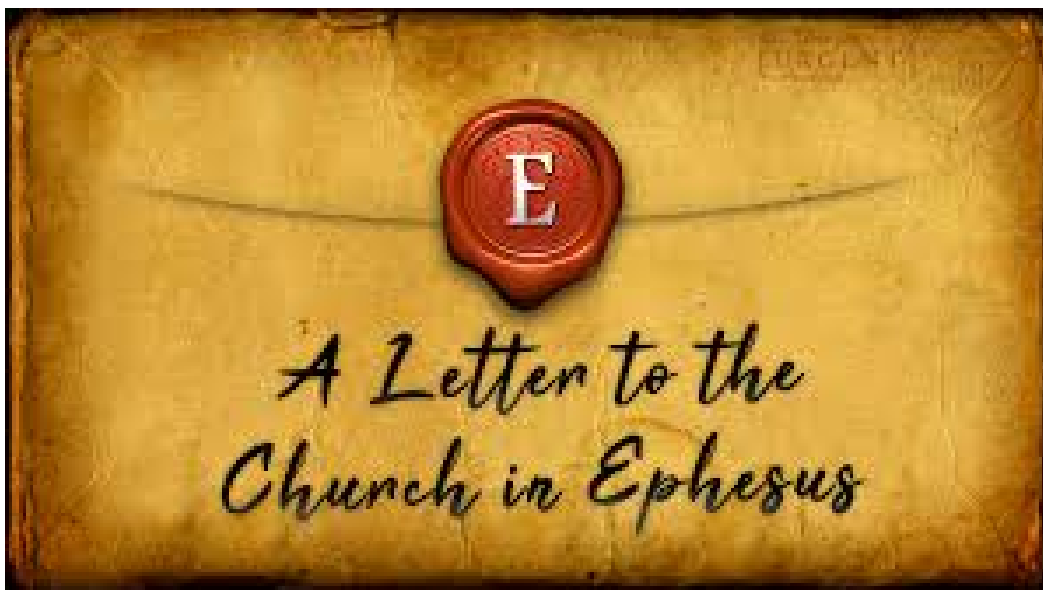
On Sunday, I mentioned that for the next several weeks our Epistle lesson in worship will be from the Letter to the Ephesians. I encouraged all of us to take some time to read the entire letter on our own during this time.

Toward the end of coffee hour that morning, several parishioners were already making plans for starting a bible study to explore the letter. The Bible study will begin tomorrow, Friday the 19th on Zoom. See the article below for how you can join - and how you might prepare for it in advance.

I was delighted by the initiative taken by these persons. One sign for me that the Holy Spirit is at work in our midst is when ideas bubble up - whether at coffee hour or elsewhere - and new opportunities for learning, service, and formation in faith emerge. I hope you will consider joining the bible study group, and I hope you will be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit encouraging all of us to find new ways of growing as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Faithfully,

Fr. Tom



Bible Study on the The Letter to the Ephesians Begins Tomorrow, Friday Afternoon at 4:30 PM

Join a group of parishioners who have expressed interest in exploring the Letter to the Ephesians. The group will gather on Zoom for seven weeks, beginning Friday, July 19th at 4:30 PM. Myrna Koonce, our postulant intern, and Jake Mahon will be coordinating the study.

The Zoom link is [here](#).

If you want to spend time learning more about Ephesians before the first gathering, Jake has provided these links:

- Ephesians overview:
<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/ephesians/>
 - Ephesus historical context: <https://www.bibleodyssey.org/articles/ephesus/>
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Join the Summer Finale at Camp Bishopswood on September 14th

Summer Finale is a weekend long celebration completing the season at our diocesan camp, Camp Bishopswood in Hope, Maine. We are hoping that a group from St. Peter's will be going for the day long event on Saturday, September 14th. A couple of folks have already expressed interest. Our own Emily Keniston is coordinating the event. Please speak

to her if you have an interest in visiting this jewel of a resource in our diocese. We can plan to carpool for the day. You can also find more information here:

View our Summer Finale FAQ guide [here](#).

Register for Summer Finale [here](#), including one-day and overnight options.

Register for the Formation Mini-Retreat on Sept. 13 [here](#).

An Invitation

Please remember to respond to this letter if you have not yet done so:

Dear Friends,

Tom Ainsworth and I are leading a group that is examining the feasibility of a modest capital campaign designed to jump start a number of needed repairs and improvements to support our Church's future and add a bit to our invested funds to be there when they are needed.

We think we have a good strategy for promoting the campaign but it is reliant on your help.

We would like each parishioner to write a statement about why you come to St. Peter's and the things about our Church and the weekly worship that you find compelling.

It can be a sentence or a couple of paragraphs. The important thing is to put your feelings into written words.

Could we ask you to do this assignment in the next few weeks? Send your comments to Tom Ainsworth at [**tainsworth207@gmail.com**](mailto:tainsworth207@gmail.com) with a copy to Lincoln Clark at [**lcvt998@gmail.com**](mailto:lcvt998@gmail.com).

We are grateful for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Lincoln Clark

Sunday Minister Rota for July

July 21

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July 28

Eucharistic Ministers: David Savage and Galen Weibley

Crucifer: Steve Koskinen

Lector:

Usher: Lenita Richard

Altar Guild: Judy Howes and Anne Whitman

Coffee Hour Hosts: Janene Gorham and Judy Howes

Compline Link

Join us for the Compline Prayer Service on Zoom on Wednesday, July 24th.

Here is the service for Compline.

The Zoom link, which will be good through August 21 is **here**.

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
Mary Ann Hoy

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*
Janice, *friend of Janene Gorham*

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

Allison Schroth, at: 207-807-1315
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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*

MUSIC NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

As with so many musical terms, *cantabile* is Italian in origin. The venerable New England Conservatory historian Louis Elson defines it thus: "Singing or playing in a melodious and graceful style, full of expression." The prelude, by the 18th century composer Vinci, certainly exemplifies Professor Elson's characterization.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748), the author of "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun," was a prolific writer of hymns--over 600, according to most accounts--and the author of the most popular treatise on the study of logic of his time: it was reprinted in some 20 editions. Watts frequently paraphrased passages from the Psalms, giving them a Christian perspective. Such is the case with this well-known hymn, which is based on the second part of Psalm 72.

The author of our offertory hymn, William Cowper (pronounced "Cooper"), was the son of the chaplain to King George II. He went through the motions of becoming an attorney, but never practiced law. He settled near the town of Olney, Buckinghamshire, and became a close friend of John Newton, the former slave ship captain and author of "Amazing Grace."

In support of the Abolitionist campaign, Cowper wrote "The Negro's Complaint" (1788) which was often quoted by Martin Luther King, Jr. during the 20th-century civil rights movement.

Sir John Bowring (1792-1872), author of the hymn-text "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," was a true *polymath*...exhibiting almost effortless mastery of a

wide range of topics including economics, foreign languages, biography, science, religion and poetry...to name but a few. He spent many years as an economic consultant to the British government, served in Parliament, and ended his active career as Governor of Hong Kong. Bowring's inspiration for the present hymn-text is nothing if not colorful: on a voyage to China, he spied a ruined cathedral on the island of Macao. Only the tower was still standing, and atop it was a beautifully carved stone cross. Bowring was moved by the rich symbolism of the sight, and recalled a verse from Galatians 6: "May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Thus was born a hymn which is still widely used throughout the Anglican Communion and in other denominations, as well.

William Russell (1777-1813) is one of those musical figures who, although popular in their time, have been subsequently forgotten. He cut a wide swath in the London of his day, holding the highly lucrative post of organist at the Foundling Hospital Chapel--a position held earlier by Handel--and serving as resident composer at both the Covent Garden Opera and Sadler's Wells Theatre.~ HT

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