

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist
July 28, 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: David Savage and Galen Weibley

Crucifer: Jake Mahon

Lector: Tom Ainsworth

Usher: Lenita Richard

Altar Guild: Judy Howes and Anne Whitman

Coffee Hour Hosts: Janene Gorham, Judy Howes and Jan Tracy

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

Dear Friends,

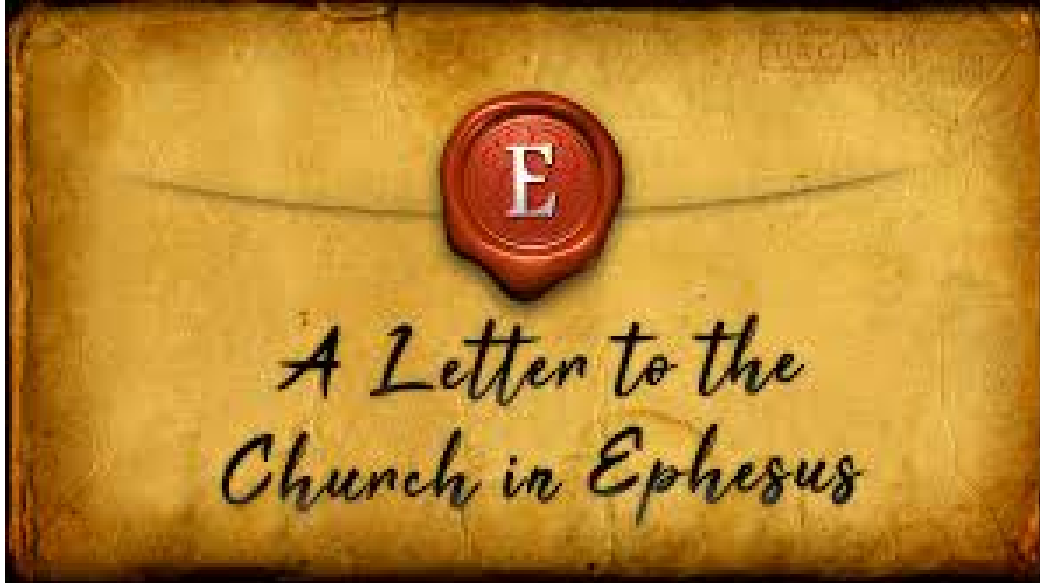


The appointed scripture lessons in our Sunday worship consist of a three year cycle. Each year we hear primarily from one of three gospel accounts – Matthew, Mark, or Luke, and this year (Year B in the cycle) we have been making our way through Mark’s gospel.

In each of those years, readings from John’s gospel occasionally are interspersed, and such will be the case in the next few weeks. For five consecutive Sundays, the gospel reading will come from the sixth chapter of John. The chapter is actually an extended meditation on the meaning of the words that Jesus spoke to those who would listen: “I am the bread of life.” We recognize the truth and importance of those words every week when we come to the altar to receive that bread of life.

Just as I invited us to read the whole of the Letter to the Ephesians at home, I hope you will take some time to read the entirety of that sixth chapter in John as you prepare for worship. We are fed both by the Word spoken and the Word broken. And, having mentioned Ephesians, know there is still time to join the bible study taking place on Friday afternoons on Zoom for the next six weeks. See the information below, which includes the Zoom link to join.

Faithfully,
Fr. Tom



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

Join a group of parishioners who are exploring the Letter to the Ephesians. The group gathers on Zoom on Friday afternoons 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 see these links:

- Ephesians overview:
<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/ephesians/>
 - Ephesus historical context: <https://www.bibleodyssey.org/articles/ephesus/>
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All are welcome

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](#).



Feed My Lambs...Tend My Sheep

We are resuming occasional articles about parishioners who are responding to the invitation Jesus made to St. Peter to tend to His flock.

Here, Janene Gorham shares her experience of ministering with the Hope Squad:

Hope Squad is a non profit organization dedicated to helping, feeding, clothing, and loving the homeless community in Portland.

Matt and Nancy Brown started Hope Squad two years ago giving out food and coffee to the homeless in the tent encampments around the city. Since then it has grown to a 20 plus volunteer program with services bringing food, fellowship, and referral to community resources every Friday at the Portland Homeless Center and on the street in Portland. Preble Street resource center, Wayside, and volunteers, and many more donate food, snacks, drink, clothing, and harm reduction supplies.

Volunteering at Hope Squad can be challenging. It's very sad to see humans in such low circumstances. Active drug use, mental illness, falling on street impairs by street drugs, active wounds from fighting and abscesses are rampant.

I volunteer because the thank yous, the looks that say "maybe I am not hopeless," at least for this moment, are priceless.

For me this is my hope.

"For whenever you do this for the least of these, you do it unto me" Mathew 25:40

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick " Pr 13:12

Note: A list of items to donate for distribution by Hope Squad volunteers can be found in the undercroft. Donations can be left there as well.



Keys to the Church

Do you have a key to the church that you do not currently need? At various times, we may need a key given our particular leadership position or ministry role. If you are not currently using a key that was once distributed to you, please return it to one of the wardens, Anita Chandler, or

Wayne Franklin, or the rector. As these are security keys, they cannot simply be reproduced at the hardware store for anyone who might need one. Help us to be good stewards of our property and our resources. Thank you!

An Invitation

Your thoughts about the importance of St. Peter's are still welcome. Please jot down a sentence or two or a paragraph and send to:

Tom Ainsworth at tainsworth207@gmail.com with a copy to Lincoln Clark at lcvt998@gmail.com.

Sunday Minister Rota for July and August

July 28

Eucharistic Ministers: David Savage and Galen Weibley

Crucifer: Jake Mahon

Lector: Tom Ainsworth

Usher: Lenita Richard

Altar Guild: Judy Howes and Anne Whitman

Coffee Hour Hosts: Janene Gorham and Judy Howes and Jan Tracy

August 4

Eucharistic Ministers: Myrna Koonce and Janene Gorham

Crucifer: Steve Koskinen

Lector: Emily Keniston

Usher: Anita Chandler

Altar Guild: TBD

Coffee Hour Hosts: Anita Chandler and Jane Noone

August 11

Eucharistic Ministers: Emily Keniston and Anne Whitman

Crucifer: Garrett Keniston

Lector: Toby Goodyear

Usher: Cindy Sherwood

Altar Guild: TBD

Coffee Hour Hosts: TBD

August 18

Eucharistic Ministers: Myrna Koonce and Lenita Richard

Crucifer: Fred Fowler

Lector: Jonathan McCormick

Usher: Tom Ainsworth

Altar Guild: TBD

Coffee Hour Hosts: TBD

August 25

Eucharistic Ministers: David Savage and Galen Weibley

Crucifer: Steve Koskinen

Lector: Tom Ainsworth

Usher: Bob Simmons

Altar Guild: TBD

Coffee Hour Host: TBD

Compline Link

Join us for the Compline Prayer Service on Zoom on Wednesday, July 31st.

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
ASchroth@maine.rr.com

or

Emma Bond at: 207-619-3662
emma.e.bond@gmail.com

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.

MUSIC NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

The great Belgian organist Flor Peeters (1903-86) served as director of the Royal Flemish Conservatory in Antwerp. His *Aria*, which features a beguiling melody accompanied by modal harmonies, was written in 1945, immediately following the end of WWII.

Henry van Dyke (1852-1933), author of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" was an American clergyman, poet, teacher and diplomat. Professor of English Literature at Princeton, he was appointed Ambassador to the Netherlands and Luxembourg in 1913, where he served with distinction during the difficult years of WWI. A close friend of Helen Keller, van Dyke officiated (at the author's request) at Mark Twain's funeral in 1910. While visiting Williams College and admiring the Berkshire Mountains, he wrote the "Joyful, Joyful" hymn text and said, "It must always be sung to the great chorale tune which concludes Beethoven's 9th Symphony."

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee" is a thoroughly 19th century American work in both its poetry and music. Born in Little Compton, R.I., author Ray Palmer (1808-1887) grew up in the Boston area and attended Phillips Academy and Yale University. After graduation, he taught at women's schools in New York and New Haven. Following studies in theology, he was ordained in 1835 and served churches in Bath, Maine and Albany, N.Y. Musician Lowell Mason (1792-1872), the composer of the tune OLIVET, was born in Medfield, Mass. Although he showed an interest in music as a child, he gave no thought to making it his profession. While living in Savannah, Ga., Mason worked as a bank clerk and studied

music on the side. It was during this time that he began composing. Once his music was successful, Mason returned to Boston as music director at Bowdoin Street Church and president of the prestigious Handel and Haydn Society. In Boston, Mason became the first American public school music teacher. In 1833, he co-founded the Boston Academy of Music, and in 1835, received New York University's first doctor of music degree. Three years later, Mason became music superintendent for the Boston schools. In all, he wrote over 1,600 sacred works. Jacob Henry Hall, in the book *Biography of Gospel Songs and Hymn Writers*, called him the "father of American church music."

Gustav Merkel: Here's a name that would stump the most musically literate! There has been little recognition of the organ works by Gustav Merkel (1827-1885), though he was one of the great organ virtuosos of his time and place: Dresden, Germany, where he became organist of the Kreuzkirche (Lutheran Church of the Holy Cross) and professor of organ at the city's Conservatoire for the last quarter-century of his life. Dresden was something of a mecca for aspiring musicians, and many Americans of the period spent time there, and a lucky few were able to study organ and/or composition with the great Merkel himself.~HT

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