

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
in the Season of Creation  
Holy Eucharist September 15th, 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:**

Ms. Lenita Richard and Mr. Galen Weibly, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Thomas Ainsworth, *Crucifer*

Mr. David Savage, *Vergers*

Ms. Anica Hickey, Mr. Clayton Hickey, *Torch Bearers*

Mr. Jonathan McCormick, *Lector*

Mr. Bob Simmons, *Usher*

Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*

Mr. Wayne Franklin & Ms. Mary Franklin, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

Music Notes for this Sunday's service can be found at the end of Key Notes.

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## **TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION**

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*

(Rom 8:19-25)

Dear Friends,

As we join with Episcopal parishes around the country during the month of September, I hope you will note below opportunities for connecting with and the healing of the good creation in which we dwell. In our Sunday mass, we will be using Eucharistic Prayer C from The Book of Common Prayer.

When the “new” prayer book was published in 1979, it presented congregations with six different eucharistic prayers – two in the Rite I liturgy and four in Rite II. Eucharistic Prayer C was composed specifically for the new prayer book, and one its most evocative and familiar phrases is a description of the planet on which we live: “this fragile earth, our island home.”

I cannot be certain of this, but I wonder if the composers of this prayer had in mind one of the photos taken by the astronauts of Apollo 8 in 1968. As the first human beings to circle the moon, they sent back the first images ever seen of the earth from such a great distance. Our planet indeed appears as an island of blue beauty in the midst of the vast expanse of space. May we keep this image in mind, even as we tend to the details of tending to and restoring all that God has given us.

As the prayer reminds us, “At your command, all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

Faithfully,

Father Tom



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### **Caring for God's Creation**



### **Nature Hike at the Fore River Trail**

September 15 at 12:15 PM  
1601 Congress Street, Portland

St. Luke's has invited us to join them after church on September 15 at 12:15PM for a nature hike at the Fore River Trail. We will meet at the trailhead at 1601 Congress Street in Portland. There is a parking lot directly across from the trailhead. If you are interested in participating **please contact Dick Farnsworth.**

### **Fight Food Waste with Viable and Proven Solutions**

**Sunday, September 22, 2024**  
**St. Luke's Cathedral**  
**143 State Street**  
**Portland Maine. 04101**  
**12:00 Noon**

Refreshments will be provided.

Speaker Susanne Lee addresses the growing problem of food waste nationally as well as here in Maine, taking a close look at viable and proven solutions that everyone can adopt. Susanne leads a student/faculty team working directly with state, business, and community stakeholders, as well as national and global food waste experts, to develop solutions to end food waste in Maine.

Sponsored by Creation Care Committee of St. Peter's, St. Alban's and St. Luke's Episcopal Churches

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## **Join us for Gathering Sunday This Week**

Many of us are resuming fall schedules as vacations end and schools begin. While it is not the new year, it is a time of regathering and looking ahead to all that St. Peter's will be doing this fall. So join us on Sunday September 15 for "Gathering Sunday." Resident soloist Mary Sullivan will be with us to provide celebratory music, and there will be an opportunity to learn more about the various ministries of St. Peter's, including plans for the upcoming Holiday Fair.

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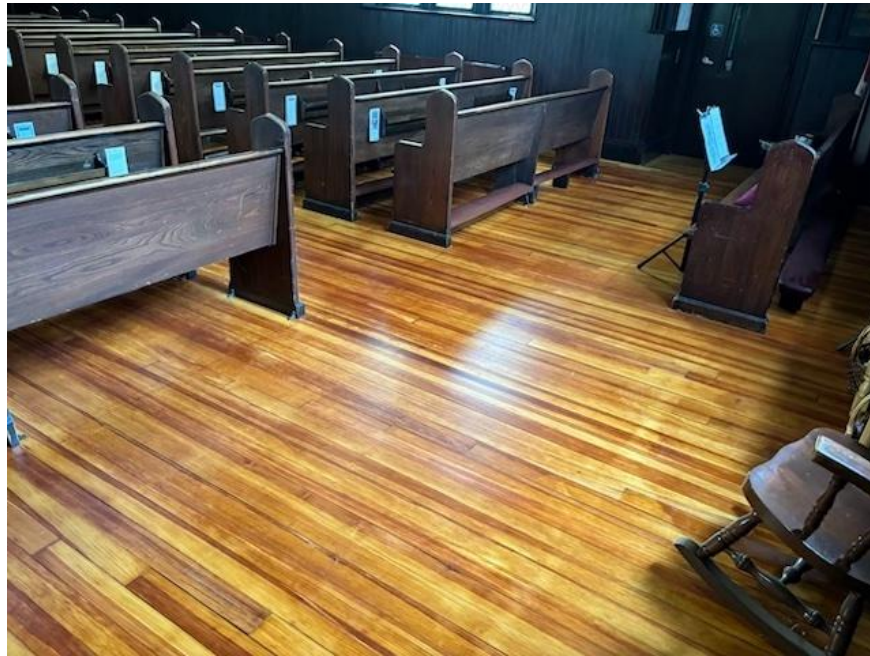


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## **Our Beautiful "New" Floor**

Yes, the floor at church looks new, but it is in fact the same floor newly refinished. All of the old and worn carpeting was removed, the wood was sanded and refinished, and the

woodwork now gleams. Thanks to all who helped with moving the pews in and out of the church, including a team led by our sexton, Bruo Mbongo, and a special "thank you" goes to Wayne Franklin, who oversaw the project. We are blessed!



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## **Merry Hearts Meet for Lunch next Thursday**

The Merry Hearts resume their third Thursday of the month lunches in the undercroft on Thursday, September 19th at noon. All are welcome for a soup and sandwich luncheon and a time of enjoying friends and good food.

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## **St. Peter's Calendar**

### **This Week at St. Peter's**

*Gathering Sunday Sept. 15, 9 am, Church and Zoom*

### **Looking Ahead**

*Wednesday Compline, Wednesday, Sep. 18th at 7 pm, Zoom*

*Merry Hearts, Thursday, Sept. 19 @12 noon, Undercroft*

*Vestry (fourth Tuesday) Tuesday, Sept. 24, 6:30 pm, Zoom*

*Harvest Home Weekend, October 19-20*

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## Compline Link

Join us for the Compline Prayer Service on Zoom on Wednesday, September 18th.

**Here** is the service for Compline.

The new Zoom link is **here**. It will be good until October 23rd.

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## Sunday Minister Rota for September

### September 15

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Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*

Mr. Wayne Franklin & Ms. Mary Franklin, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

### September 22

Ms. Janene Gorham and Ms. Anne Whitman, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Fred Fowler, *Crucifer*

Mr. David Savage, *Verger*

Mr. Christopher Hickey, *Lector*

Mr. Thomas Ainsworth, *Usher*

Ms. Janene Gorham, *Altar Guild*

The Hickey Family, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

### September 29

Mr. David Savage, Mr. Galen Weibley, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Jake Mahon, *Crucifer*

Ms. Janene Gorham, *Lector*

Mr. Cindy Sherwood, *Usher*

Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*

## **Key Notes "Moves" Next Week**

Keep an eye out next week in your email inbox for Key Notes and for the reminders for Compline and the Sunday mass. We are moving our Constant Contact account, through which we send these emails, to a new location. Up until now, we have been sharing an account with Trinity Church, and it is in the interest of both our parishes to have individual accounts. Starting next week, do let us know if you do not receive our regular email communications - we want to ensure that no one's address gets lost in the transition.

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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**  
**Mary Ann Hoy**  
**Barbara Vesey**  
**Toby Goodyear**

**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*

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

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

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

**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*

**Kay Gross**, *friend of Jane Noone*

**Lisa Gorham**, *daughter of John & Janene Gorham*

**Gerald and Anita Talbot**, *friends of Anita Chandler*

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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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.

From *The Book of Common Prayer*

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### **NOTES ON THIS WEEK'S MUSIC**

Known as "the father of the Negro spiritual," Harry T. Burleigh (b. 1866) served for over 50 years as the celebrated baritone soloist of St. George's Epical Church, New York City. A prominent teacher, composer, editor and arranger, he had a legion of admirers, from the financier J. Pierpont Morgan to the composer Antonin Dvorak, who credited Burleigh with inspiring his famous "New World Symphony." Over 2,000 mourners of all faiths attended his funeral at St. George's Church in 1949, and his birthdate, September 11, is honored with a feast day in the Episcopal



Church calendar.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788), generally considered to be the "founder of Methodism", was the most prolific hymn writer of the 18th century. Coming from a musical family, he left a lasting legacy of congregational song. The youngest of 18 children, Charles possessed prodigious musical talents that soon blossomed. Little did he know that "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," would rise to become one of the most popular and consistently vocalized Christian hymn texts.

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" was first published in a collection of hymns entitled "Hymns for Those that Seek, and Those that Have, Redemption in the Blood of Christ" (1747). The incipit (opening line) was a play on the opening line of John Dryden's (1631-1700) poem "Fairest Isle, All Isles Excelling" set to music by Henry Purcell (1659-1695) in the generation before Charles Wesley was born. The tunes BEECHER or HYFRYDOL typically accompany the text in most hymnals. In our 1982 Episcopal Hymnal, the tune is the memorable Welsh tune HYFRYDOL. The hymn is written around a progression of thoughts: (1) our prayers for the Holy Spirit, (2) praying for the return of our Lord through the second coming, and (3) prayers for the finalization of his new creation. There is no better way of describing the culmination of adhering to the biblical teachings of Christ, than in stanza three of this hymn. Wesley's phrase, "changed from glory into glory" is almost a direct quotation from 2 Corinthians 3:18 (KJV). Wesley describes that day in heaven when "we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise."

The Shaker song "Simple Gifts" was written in 1848 by Joseph Brackett, a life-long Shaker who was born in Cumberland, Maine. The song was largely unknown outside Shaker communities until Aaron Copland, arguably the most significant American composer of the 20th century, featured its melody in his orchestral score Appalachian Spring, first performed in 1944. Copland used "Simple Gifts" a second time in 1950 in his first set of Old American Songs for voice and piano, here transcribed for voice and organ.

For a number of years Director of Music at Manhattan's Church of St. Thomas More, composer Harvey Burgett (1943-2022) taught at Stetson University, Rollins College, and Boston University, and received commissions from a number of performers and institutions including the Episcopal Diocese of New York. His spiritually evocative setting of "The King of Love Is My Shepherd" was composed in 1996. A man of diverse talents, Harvey Burgett was an avid synchronized swimmer and won a gold medal at the 2017 World Masters Swimming Championships in Budapest, Hungary.

Born in Canada and educated in England, Richard Keys Biggs (1886-1962) was organist at the huge Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Hollywood where he played for countless "celebrity weddings." Much admired as performer, teacher and composer, he was the father of eleven children, several of whom had successful careers as musicians. The "Toccata" heard this morning is his best-known work; the Latin phrase Deo Gratias can be translated as "Thanks be to God."~HT

**As always, it is a great pleasure to welcome resident soloist Mary Sullivan to St. Peter's Church.**

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