

# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
June 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

*As the altar candles are lit prior to the service and the chimes are heard,  
we are invited to observe a time of quiet, to gather our hearts in a spirit of prayer.  
The people's responses are in bold print.  
Music for the hymns can be found in the blue book in the pew racks, The Hymnal 1982*

**Welcome**

The Rev. Myrna Koonce

**Prelude** Sarabande (Concerto in F major)

Arcangelo Corelli

*All stand for the*

**Hymn in Procession** #388 "O Worship the King"

*The Hymnal 1982*

1. O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing his power and his love!  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

3. The earth, with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,  
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

2. O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

4. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies, how tender! how firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

*All remain standing for the*

**Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*All pray*

**The Collect for Purity**

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

*People:* **Amen.**

*All are seated for*

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Lesson**

*Jeremiah 28:5-9*

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm** *Psalm 89:1-4,15-18*

Jerome Webster Meachen  
(b. 1930)



<sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, for ever will I /sing;  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your /faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup>For I am persuaded that your love is established for /ever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the /heavens.

<sup>3</sup>“I have made a covenant with my /chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my /servant:

<sup>4</sup>“I will establish your line for /ever,  
and preserve your throne for all gener/ations.””

<sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the festal /shout!  
they walk, O LORD, in the light of your /presence.

<sup>16</sup>They rejoice daily in your /Name;  
they are jubilant in your /righteousness.

<sup>17</sup>For you are the glory of their /strength,  
and by your favor our might is /exalted.

<sup>18</sup>Truly, the LORD is our /ruler;  
The Holy One of Israel is our /King.

### **The Second Lesson**

*Romans 6:12-23*

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin

because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand to sing the*

**Sequence Hymn**

#644 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

*The Hymnal 1982*

**1. How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,  
and drives away our fear.**

**2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary, rest.**

**3. Dear Name, the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treasury, filled  
with boundless stores of grace!**

**4. O Jesus! Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,  
O Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.**

**5. Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.**

*All remain standing for the*

**Gospel**

*Matthew 10:40-42*

*Deacon*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Homily**

The Rev. Myrna Koonce

*After a period of silence, all stand for the*

## **Nicene Creed**

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.

*All are seated or kneel for the*

## **Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Brothers and sisters, present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life. And with humble hearts, pray to the Lord, saying, “In your mercy, *hear our prayer*”

Lord God, you have freed your Church from sin: sanctify us that we may be wholly dedicated to you and your purposes. From our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. James' Chapel at Prouts Neck, and for youth throughout the church who will be attending the Youth Climate Justice Event in Winter Harbor. *Pause.*

In your mercy, **hear our prayer**, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Incarnate God, help us to welcome Christ by welcoming the other. Give us eyes to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves. *Pause.*

In your mercy, **hear our prayer**, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Righteous God, just as you provided a ram for Abraham, you have given us all we need. Encourage us to share what we have so that all may have their needs met.

*Pause.*

In your mercy, **hear our prayer**, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

O Lord, we put our trust in your mercy. We pray you make joyful the hearts of our neighbors—especially the displaced and sorrowful. *Pause.*

In your mercy, **hear our prayer**, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

O Lord, answer those who cry out in their pain. Comfort those who feel forgotten. Give peace to those who are perplexed and grieving. From our parish prayer list, we pray for Garrett Keniston, Kevin Curty, Paul Loven, Anita Chandler, Melodie Gage, and those others we name, silently or aloud. *Pause.*

In your mercy, **hear our prayer**, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Gracious God, your free gift is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord: Bless and keep the dying and the dead.  
*Pause.*

In your mercy, **hear our prayer**, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

*The Presider offers a concluding Collect, then bids the*

## Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your 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.**

## The Absolution

*All stand and the Presider bids the*

## Peace

*Presider*           The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*             **And also with you.**

## The Offertory Sentence

### The Offertory Hymn

#693 "Just as I Am"

*The Hymnal 1982*

1. Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come. I come.

2. Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt;  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come. I come.

3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come. I come.

4. Just as I am: thou wilt receive;  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come. I come.

5. Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come. I come.

6. Just as I am, of thy great love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above:  
O Lamb of God, I come. I come.



*The People kneel or sit. The Presider continues giving thanks to God on behalf of the people, and invites all to join in the*

## **Memorial Acclamation**

*All*            **Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues, concluding with*

By Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

*All*        **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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**

*After a period of silence, all join in singing the*

**Fraction Anthem**    #S 155

*The Hymnal 1982*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **The Administration of Communion**

*All are invited to come forward as directed by the user and stand or kneel at the altar rail to receive communion. Please let an usher know if you would like to receive communion in your pew. Gluten-free consecrated bread is available; simply ask the priest when you are being served if you would like one.*

*Those who cannot be with us to partake in communion in person are invited to pray the*

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

**In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.**

*All stand for*

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*Presider* Let us pray.

*People* **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.

## Blessing

**Hymn in Procession** #556 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" verses 1-5

The Hymnal 1982

**1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart!**  
**Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**  
Your glorious banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your King. *Refrain*

*Refrain*  
**Rejoice, rejoice,**  
**rejoice, give thanks, and sing.**

**2. With all the angel choirs,**  
with all the saints of earth,  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,  
true rapture, noblest mirth. *Refrain*

**3. Your clear hosannas raise,**  
and alleluias loud;  
while answering echoes upward float,  
like wreaths of incense cloud. *Refrain*

**4. Yes, on through life's long path,**  
still chanting as ye go,  
from youth to age, by night and day,  
in gladness and in woe. *Refrain*

**5. Still lift your standard high,**  
still march in firm array,  
as warriors through the darkness toil,  
till dawns the golden day. *Refrain*

## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude** Fanfare (Water Music)

George Frederick Handel

## Ministers Serving Today

The People of God, called to be St. Peter's Episcopal Church, *Celebrants*

The Rev. Myrna Koonce, *Presider & Preacher*

The Rev. Emily Keniston, *Deacon*

Mr. Herbert Taylor, *Organist* Mr. Fred Fowler, *Crucifer*

Mr. Galen Weibley & Ms. Anne Whitman, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*

Ms. Janene Gorham, *Lector*

Mr. Will Estrella, *Videographer*

Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*

Ms. Meredith Tipton & Mr. Rich Price, *Counters*

The Congregation, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

## Announcements

**Welcome to all of you joining us this morning.** If you are new to St. Peter's and want to learn more about us, please fill out one of the pew cards and place in the offering plate or give to an usher. You also can contact our priest, Rev. Myrna Koonce at: [stpetersrevkoonce@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersrevkoonce@gmail.com).

**Offering our gifts to God is part of our worship whenever we gather.** Offerings are received during the Offertory. You may also mail your gift to: St. Peter's Church, 10 Alton Street Portland, ME 04103, or you can give online directly to St. Peter's by going to our website. Offerings can also be made through Venmo. See the back page of this leaflet for information about Venmo. The second offering plate is for donations to Project Feed, our local emergency food pantry.

**Join us for Coffee Hour** in the undercroft after Mass.

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

*Compline*, Wed. July 1, 7 pm, Zoom

### **Coming up at St. Peter's**

*Service of Holy Baptism*, Sun. July 12, 9 am Mass

*St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry*, Tue. July 14, 8:30 – 11 am, St. Luke's

### **Please remember these parishioners, friends and family members on our parish prayer list:**

*Parishioners:* Ann Marie Cady, Allison Schroth, Francisco Andreu, Diane Dalton, Dino Rice, Robert Stillings, Pat and Fred Fowler, Mary Ann Hoy, Barbara Vessey, Fred Madore, Alan Biagiotti, Jane Noone, Marc Lombe and family, Linda Foster, Garrett Keniston, Kevin Curty, Paul Loven, Anita Chandler, and Melodie Gage.

*Friends and Family:* Peter Haskell, Martha Gagliardi, Tommy Valente, Jane Reiha, Stephen and Rebecca Seraniche, Marge Devine, Jimmy Devine, Fuji Sprott, David Turner, Tammy, Beth, Pam, The Kutasi Family, Kelly Marie Bell, Earle, Grace, Kay Gross, Lisa Gorham, Anita Talbot, Peter Munro, Todd Cheney, Jay Sprout, Sandy Woolley, Amanda and Chris Conant, Pam, Michael King, Amy Carter, Joe Kennedy, Mary Jo Floyd, Frank Beal, Cathryn Buckley, John Richard, Jim Halsted, Janice, and Dory.

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### Notes on this morning's music:

The 17th century composer Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713) exerted a profound influence on the development of violin style. A skilled violinist himself, he spent much of his active career in Rome, where he won the favor of leading figures in both the court and the church. The lullaby-like *Pastorale* heard as the prelude is taken from the "Concerto in G," composed in 1690.

"O Worship the King" is certainly one of the best-known hymns in English-speaking churches. The author of the text, Robert Grant (1779-1838) was born in Scotland, became a member of Parliament, Judge Advocate General, and was knighted when he became Governor of Bombay. The hymn is a free paraphrase of Psalm 104, which celebrates in rich language the works of God in creation.

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea" was written by Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871), the daughter of an Anglican clergyman. She was taken aback when asked by a visiting Swiss evangelist if she were a Christian. She answered honestly and said she did not know how to come to Christ. "Come to him just as you are," was the answer. Some years later, she wrote this highly personal witness to salvation. Evangelist Billy Graham used this hymn in almost all his crusades, saying that it presented "the strongest possible Biblical basis for the call of Christ." The historian of hymnody Kenneth Osbeck wrote that *Just as I Am* had probably "touched more hearts and influenced more people for Christ than any other song ever written."

Anglican priest and professor Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891) composed "Rejoice, ye pure in heart" as a processional hymn for a choir festival in one of England's majestic places of worship, Peterborough Cathedral. Plumptre was a distinguished scholar of his day. After serving as a clergyman, he became chaplain and professor of New Testament Studies at King's College, London, and later, dean of Queen's College, Oxford. His most prominent position as a clergyman was that of dean of Wells Cathedral. Of the original 11 stanzas, only five or six appear in most hymnals. 19th century Anglican cathedral processions often lasted a half hour or more, and even 11 stanzas would probably have proven inadequate...in which case, the hymn would be repeated as necessary. While "Rejoice, ye pure in heart" is generally popular across denominational lines, Carlton Young, editor of *The UM Hymnal*, found it less than worthy, and noted that only the robust tune "saves a maudlin hymn from its deserved place in hymnic obscurity." Dr. Young's opinion of the quality of this text notwithstanding, we at St. Peter's can be grateful to be spared from 30-minute processions in worship!

Like Bach, when it came to recycling his own music, Handel was no slouch. Capitalizing on the work's popularity, Handel frequently advertised that he would play portions of his *Water Music* on the organ between sections of his oratorios. While we can't know for sure, it seems likely that the sprightly *Fanfare* heard this morning would have been included in the composer's performances. ~HT

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