

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost August 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

*As the altar candles are lit prior to the service and the prelude is played, 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*

Prelude

“Liebestraum”

Franz Liszt

Welcome

The Rev. Daniel Warren

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 Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Exodus 3:1-15

Mr. Steve Koskinen

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." ⁴When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." ¹³But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



¹ Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his /Name;
make known his deeds among the /peoples.

² Sing to him, sing praises to /him,
and speak of all his marvelous /works

³ Glory in his holy /Name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord re/joyce.

⁴ Search for the Lord and his /strength;
continually seek his /face.



⁵ Remember the marvels he has /done,
his wonders and the judgments of his /mouth,
⁶ O offspring of Abraham his /servant,
O children of Jacob his /chosen.

²³ Israel came into /Egypt,
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of /Ham.
²⁴ The Lord made his people exceedingly /fruitful;
he made them stronger than their /enemies;

²⁵ Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his /people,
and dealt unjustly with his /servants.
²⁶ He sent Moses his /servant,
and Aaron whom he had /chosen.

The last two measures of the psalm tone are repeated

⁴⁵ Hal/le lu/jah!

The Second Lesson Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand to sing the

Sequence Hymn

#401 “The God of Abraham praise”

The Hymnal 1982

1. The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love;
the Lord, the great I AM,
by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred Name
for ever blest.

2. He by himself hath sworn:
we on his oath depend;
we shall, on eagle-wings upborne,
to heaven ascend:
we shall behold his face,
we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace
for evermore.

3. There dwells the Lord, our King,
the Lord, our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin,
the Prince of Peace;
on Zion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and, glorious with his saints in light,
for ever reigns.

4. The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and 'Holy, holy, holy,' cry,
'Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same,
and evermore shall be:
eternal Father, great I AM,
we worship thee.'

5. The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
'Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!'
they ever cry;
hail, Abraham's Lord divine!
With heaven our songs we raise;
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.

All remain standing for the

Gospel Matthew 16: 21-28

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. Daniel Warren

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.

Let us pray for the Church and the world, praying "In your mercy, hear our prayer."

Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing upon the Universal Church, its members and our mission in the world; we pray for this congregation, for our parish clergy, for our bishop, Thomas, and for Sean, our Presiding Bishop. From our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for all who labor and work and for all who seek the dignity of meaningful employment. *Pause.*

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

God of wisdom and truth, guide our nation and the decision-making of those whose authority governs her future; bless all communities throughout the world with wise and reflective leaders; we pray for Donald., our President, Janet, our Governor, and the mayors and elected official of our cities. *Pause.*

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

God of all creation, guarding the welfare of our world and your entire creation, nourish us in all manner of goodness, giving us the benefit of loving one another. *Pause.*

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

Loving God, bless this community, our goals, and our desire to reach out to others in need of your grace. *Pause.*

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

Merciful God, alleviate the suffering of all in your divine care; we pray for those affected by natural disasters and inclement weather, for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who are impoverished or hungry, those oppressed and those in despair, especially all who are exposed to violence, insult and rejection. From our parish

prayer list, we pray for Peter Haskell, Martha Gagliardi, Tommy Valente, Jane Reiha, Stephen and Rebecca Seraniche, Marge Devine, Jimmy Devine, and those others we name, either silently or aloud. *Pause.*

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

Father of all, welcoming the souls of the departed and comforting those who mourn their loss, keep us in your steadfast care. *Pause.*

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

Gracious God, help us to become reflections of Christ's most holy life, enabling us to live according to your will. *Pause.*

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

The Priest adds 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 #325 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

The Hymnal 1982

**1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;
when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;
when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

The Presentation Hymn

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Presider continues with the Preface, inviting all to join in praying

The Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 saying the

Fraction Anthem

Presider **Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. 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 #390 "Praise to the Lord"

The Hymnal 1982

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is
thy health and salvation:
join the great throng,
psaltery, organ, and song,
sounding in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord; over all things he
gloriously reigneth:
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he
sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
how all thou needest hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way
and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever
attend thee;
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me
adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises
before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for ever adore him.

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "Sarabande in G Minor"

Carl Bohm

Ministers Serving Today

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

The Rev. Daniel Warren, *Presider & Preacher*

Ms. Sarah Evangelista, *Violinist*

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Crucifer & Lector*

Mr. Tom Ainsworth & Ms. Lenita Richard, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*

Mr. Bob Simmons, *Videographer*

Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*

Ms. Lenita Richard & Ms. Meredith Tipton, *Counters*

Ms. Jane Noone & Ms. Kathleen McCormick, *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.

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.

St. Peter's is actively searching for a new organist; the search committee has met and postings are live. We appreciate your grace, prayers and support in this season of change. If you have ideas, questions, or concerns, or know of a candidate who is interested in the position, please speak with our priest, Rev. Myrna Koonce or Sr. Warden, Ms. Anita Chandler.

Prayer for Organist Search

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, look graciously upon our parish as we seek a faithful organist to support and ground us in music. Guide our search committee with wisdom and discernment, and grant that we may find a musician whose heart is tuned to your praise, that they may enrich our worship and help us to glorify your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the undercroft after Mass.

This Week at St. Peter's

Compline, Wed. September 2, 7 pm, Zoom

Coming up at St. Peter's

Vestry, Tue. Sept 8, 6:30 pm, Undercroft

Monthly Parish Breakfast Resumes, Sun. Sept. 13, after the 9 am service

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, Fred Madore, Alan Biagiotti, Jane Noone, Marc Lombe and family, Linda Foster, Garrett Keniston, Paul Loven, Anita Chandler, Melodie Gage, Herb Taylor, and Cindy Sherwood.

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 and Sue King, Joe Kennedy, Mary Jo Floyd, Frank Beal, Cathryn Buckley, John Richard, Jim Halsted, Janice, Dory, John Lazarczyk, and Patrick Monahan.

If you wish to add, remove, or return persons to the prayer list, please contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinators: Allison Schroth, at: 207-807-1315 Aschroth207@gmail.com or Emma Bond at: 207-619-3662 emma.e.bond@gmail.com

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