

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
August 9, 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

“Air Varié”

Charles de Beriot

Welcome

The Rev. Myrna Koonce

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 Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

1 Kings 19:9-18

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 145:8-9,15-22

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



⁸I will listen to what the Lord God is /saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to /him.

⁹Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear /him,
that his glory may dwell in our /land.

¹⁰Mercy and truth have met /together;
righteousness and peace have /kissed each other.

¹¹Truth shall spring up from the /earth,
and righteousness shall look down from /heaven.

¹²The Lord will indeed grant pros/perity,
and our land will yield its /increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go be/fore him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his /feet.

The Second Lesson *Romans 10:5-15*

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand to sing the

Sequence Hymn

671 “Amazing Grace”

The Hymnal 1982

**1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.**

**3. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**2. ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
‘tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**5. When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
than when we’d first begun.**

All remain standing for the

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and

beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

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

Homily

The Rev. Emily Keniston

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.

As Peter cried out from the waves, let us cry to the Lord our God, who hears our voice from the heart of the flood.

For this holy gathering, for our parish clergy, for Thomas our bishop and Sean our Presiding Bishop, and for the people of God in every place. From our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Philip's by the Sea in Fortunes Rocks, Trinity Chapel in York Harbor, and for our Council on Indigenous Relations. *Pause.*

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

For Donald our President, Janet our Governor; for all nations and their leaders, and for mercy, justice, and peace in the world. *Pause.*

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

For farmers and a good harvest, for sailors and all who work at sea, for travelers and those on vacation, for students and faculty returning to classes, and for safety from violent storms. *Pause.*

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

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the dying, the poor and the oppressed, prisoners and their families, victims of terror, and those who commit violence. *Pause.*

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

For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead. *Pause.*

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

For our city and every community, and for our families, companions, and all we love. From our parish prayer list, we pray for Ann Marie Cady, Allison Schroth, Francisco Andreu, Diane Dalton, Dino Rice, Robert Stillings, Pat and Fred Fowler, and those others we name, either silently or aloud. *Pause.*

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

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *Pause.*

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

Presider

Lord of wind and water, hear the prayers we offer this day for all battered by the waves of this world and bring them in safety to your harbor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 #304 "I Come with Joy"

The Hymnal 1982

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see, and praise him here.

5. Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

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

The musical notation for the Sursum Corda consists of four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second for the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant and the fourth for the People. The lyrics are as follows:

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



1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation;

O my soul, praise him, for he is t
hy 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

Deacon 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. Myrna Koonce, *Presider*

The Rev. Emily Keniston, *Deacon & Preacher*

Ms. Sarah Evangelista, *Violinist*

Mr. Tom Ainsworth, *Crucifer*

Ms. Anne Whitman & Ms. Emily Hickey, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Ms. Anne Whitman, *Lector*

Mr. Will Estrella, *Usher*

Mr. Clayton Hickey, *Videographer*

Ms. Janene Gorham, *Altar Guild*

Mr. Wayne Franklin & Mr. Jonathan McCormick, *Counters*

The Congregation, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

*The altar flowers today are given by Priscilla Madore in loving memory of her parents,
Allan and Frances MacLean, who were married at St. Peter's on August 9, 1942*

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

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry, Tues. Aug. 11, 8:30-11, St. Luke's
Compline, Wed. August 12, 7 pm, Zoom

Coming up at St. Peter's

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

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, Kevin Curty, Paul Loven, Anita Chandler, Melodie Gage, and Herb Taylor

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, Amy Carter, Joe Kennedy, Mary Jo Floyd, Frank Beal, Cathryn Buckley, John Richard, Jim Halsted, Janice, and Dory.

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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