

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 11, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

As the altar candles are lit prior to the service and the chimes are 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

Welcome

The Rev. Myrna Koonce

Prelude

Excerpt from Chorale in A Minor

Cesar Franck

All stand for the

Hymn in Procession

#7 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

The Hymnal 1982

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

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, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

All are seated for

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Isaiah 25:1-9

Ms. Jan Tracy

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 23

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



¹The LORD is my /shepherd;

I shall not be in /want.

²He makes me lie down in green /pastures
and leads me beside still /waters.

³He revives my /soul

and guides me along right pathways for his /Name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no /evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they /comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who /trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running /over.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my /life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for /ever.

The Second Lesson *Philippians 4:1-9*

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand to sing the

Sequence Hymn # 664 “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need“ *The Hymnal 1982*

**1. My Shepherd will supply my need,
Jehovah is his Name;
in pastures fresh he makes me feed
beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.**

**2. When I walk through the shades of death,
thy presence is my stay;
one word of thy supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
doth still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows,
thy oil anoints my head.**

**3. The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
oh, may thy house be mine abode
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger or a guest,
but like a child at home.**

All remain standing for the

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops,

destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let us humbly approach our God, saying, "Remember us with favor, O Lord; visit us with your saving help."

God our Savior, strengthen your Church to stand firm in your love. May we struggle not with one another, but instead struggle beside one another in the work of the gospel. From our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Thomas, Winn, Saint Mary's, Falmouth, and for the sick and those who care for them

Pause.

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

God our Savior, you make happy those who act with justice. May the leaders and people of the nations dedicate themselves to pure and honorable dealings. Let your justice reign on this earth. *Pause.*

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

God our Savior, you are good to us. You have blessed us with a rich creation and a beautiful planet for our home. May we cherish the gifts you have given us. *Pause.*

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

God our Savior, deliver our community from worry. Make us a people of prayer, a congregation who intercedes for our neighbors. *Pause.*

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

God our Savior, you are always near. Assure the lonely; heal the sick; do mighty acts in the lives of the downcast. With thankful hearts, trusting in your mercy, we make our requests known to you. From our parish prayer list, we pray for Mary Ann Hoy, Fred Madore, Alan Biagiotti, Jane Noone, Marc Lombe and family, Linda Foster, Garrett Keniston, Anita Chandler, and those others we name, silently or aloud. *Pause.*

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

God our Savior, your mercy endures forever. May those who have died glory in your inheritance and feast at your heavenly banquet for all eternity. *Pause.*

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

Presider offers a collect

People **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 # 321 “My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread”

The Hymnal 1982

1. My God, thy table now is spread,
thy cup with love doth overflow;
be all thy children thither led,
and let them thy sweet mercies know.

2. O let thy table honored be,
and furnished well with joyful guests;
and may each soul salvation see,
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

3. Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord,
in countless number let them come
and gather from their Father's board
the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

4. Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest
till through the world thy truth has run,
till with this Bread shall all be blessed
who see the light or feel the sun.

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

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP

The Sursum Corda

The musical notation for the Sursum Corda consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the People, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give God thanks and praise." The notation includes a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, and the staves are labeled "Celebrant" and "People" at the beginning of each line.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

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.

All **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

All **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages, you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

All **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

The musical score for 'The Sanctus' is written on five staves of music. The lyrics are: 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 music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

The People kneel or sit. The Presider continues giving thanks to God on behalf of the people,

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy

Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
All **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
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 “ vs. 1-4 *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*

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*

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

The Dismissal

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

Postlude Toccata from Symphony #5 for the Organ Charles-Marie Widor

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. Sheldon Gaard, *Organist*

Mr. Tom Ainsworth, *Crucifer*

Ms. Anne Whitman & Ms. Lenita Richard, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Ms. Jan Tracy, *Lector*

Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*

Mr. Wayne Franklin, *Videographer*

Ms. Lenita Richard, *Altar Guild*

Mr. Wayne Franklin & Mr. Tom Sumner, *Counters*

Ms. Anita Chandler, Mr. Bob Simmons and Ms. Patty Lamb, *Breakfast 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.

Join us for Breakfast in the undercroft after Mass.

This Week at St. Peter's

The Serviceberry Book Group, Sun. Oct. 11, after coffee hour
St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry, Tue. Oct. 13, 8:30-11 am
Compline, Wednesday, Oct. 14, 7 pm, Zoom

Coming Up at St. Peter's

Harvest Home Dinner, Sat. Oct. 17th, at 6 pm
Harvest Home Festive Eucharist, Sun. Oct. 18th, at 9 am
The Serviceberry Book Group, Sun. Oct. 18, after coffee hour
Crafting for the Fair, Sun. Oct. 18, after coffee hour
Youth Service Corps, Sun. Oct. 18, 12-2 pm, St. Luke's
Vestry, Tue. Oct. 27, 6:30-8:30 pm, Zoom

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, 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, Paul Loven 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

NOTES ON THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Casar Franck (1822-1890) was born in Belgium but moved to Paris to become a prominent figure in French Romantic music. He was organist for St. Clotilde in Paris for 30 years. He had to become a French citizen in order to be a professor at the Paris Conservatory.

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937) For 63 years of his 93-year life, he was organist at St. Sulpice in Paris. He pioneered the Symphonic organ style and was professor at the Paris Conservatory. His students included Marcel Dupre and Louis Vierne.

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