

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2020 – 8:00 A.M.

*Our weekly Sunday worship service will be available
beginning at 8:00 a.m. each Sunday, at www.stpetersepiscopal.org
or via our Facebook page, facebook.com/specstl.*

Words of Welcome

*While our buildings are closed, our hearts remain open.
We thank you for inviting us into your homes
and more importantly,
we thank you for inviting the Spirit of God
into your hearts, minds, and lives.*

*As we begin our worship,
we invite you to remember those who typically sit beside you
and those who sit in front of and behind you
and those who come into your mind as you remember.*

*Remember also that as we worship we join with the whole communion of saints,
with those who have gone before us,
those present with us in gatherings around the world
and those saints yet to come.*

*Let us join with all the saints and the whole company of heaven
and worship our God, who makes all things new.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The Service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Introit *Omnes gentes plaudite*

Plainsong, Mode 7

O clap your hands together, all ye people: O sing unto God with the voice of joy and triumph. For the Lord is high, and to be feared: he is the great King upon the earth.

– Psalm 47

Hymn 287: “For all the saints, who from their labors rest”

Sine nomine

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis (*Hymnal S 280*)

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

All: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Risen Lord is with us.
Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

Lector: A Reading from The First Book of Kings. (3: 5-12)

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and

evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Lector: Thanks be to God for this holy word.

Psalm 119: 129-136

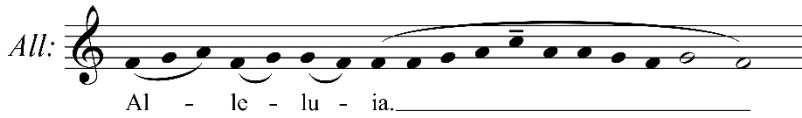
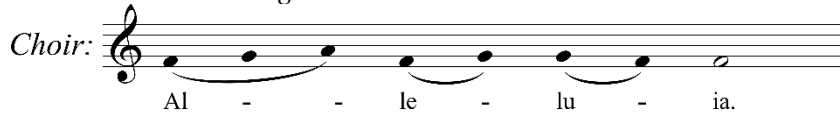
- 129 Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 When your word goes forth it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and pant;
I long for your commandments.
- 132 Turn to me in mercy,
as you always do to those who love your Name.
- 133 Steady my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.
- 135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law.

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

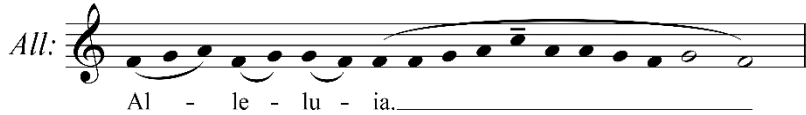
Lector: A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans. (8: 26-39)

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: Thanks be to God for this holy word.



Choir: Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.



— Romans 6:9

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (13: 33-33, 44-52)

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Priest: Praise to you our living Gospel, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Rob Voyle

To allow for your personal reflection, a time of silence will be kept following the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

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People: **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.**

Prayers of the People

The intercessor will pause at the ... so you may offer your prayers.

Lector: Born of love, born to love, we give thanks to the God who loved us first and loves us always. Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, in God's language of love, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church throughout the world, remembering especially the Anglican Communion and Episcopal Church, that Love strengthens our faith and emboldens our service, let us pray to the Lord...

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Deon, our Bishop; for the people of Episcopal City Mission; for this congregation, Rob, Kelly and Joseph, our clergy, Shug, who is discerning her call to the priesthood; and our parish staff, that, in the name of the Love, we are eager to welcome, diligent in prayer, and generous in deed, let us pray to the Lord...

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For our Search Committee members and our new rector, that all may listen to your voice of Love guiding them through this search process, let us pray to the Lord...

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For our world, nation, city, and neighborhoods, and for our elected officials, that encouraged by Love we put the common good above self-interest, let us pray to the Lord...

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For everyone working to find a cure and vaccine for COVID 19, and for everyone risking their own health to serve the needs of others, that Love guides and protects them, let us pray to the Lord...

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the well-being of all who work and all who seek employment, that Love leads their choices, let us pray to the Lord...

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For our families and friends, for our enemies and for those with whom we disagree, and for those who are examples of grace in our lives, that we follow the reconciling way of Love and live as one, let us pray to the Lord...

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For those who struggle to secure the basic necessities of life and for those who struggle with the loneliness and trials of living in isolation, that Love feeds and nurtures them through the works of human hands and hearts: let us pray to the Lord...

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For those who suffer from sickness of body, mind or spirit, especially Brooke Erwin, Bryan Miller, Linda Morotz, Greyson Schnoebelen, Carl Schuldt, Julie Stephenson, Henry Thompson, Rolla Wetzel and Susie Yoder, ... and for those who love them, that Love's healing power works within them, let us pray to the Lord...

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For those who have died, ... that Love brings them into the fullness and joy of life eternal; and for those who grieve, that Love comforts and sustains them, let us pray to the Lord...

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: God of all mercy, keep us from a mindless acceptance of things as they are, and a longing for peace without the courage to work for justice. Let us all know in the life-threatening pandemics of disease, poverty, racism, and violence there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you, and that from this central heart of peace, there may flow a creative and courageous compassion, a deep thirst for racial justice, and a relentless proclamation of your love, to heal and reconcile your world in you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: **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.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Exchanging the Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*We invite you to take a moment and extend the peace of God to members of your household
and then to people in the world whom you love and struggle to love.*

Please Stay Connected

Please continue to check our website www.stpetersepiscopal.org and News from the Rock for our virtual programming and updates on our work as a church in the world when our doors are closed but our hearts remain open.

*Each Sunday we will also be hosting a live Children's Chapel on Zoom at 10:15 a.m.
followed by a live adult forum on Zoom at 10:30 a.m.*

Please check your email updates and News from the Rock for the Zoom access information.

Financial Giving

We are very grateful to our parishioners and friends who are financially supporting St. Peter's right now in these historic times. It is important that we stay connected to one another during this time, and that we continue to give as we are able, to ensure that the operation of our church continues through virtual worship, formation, and fellowship. If you are not already giving, please consider making St. Peter's your giving priority. Gifts and pledge payments can be made via:

- *Online giving at www.stpetersepiscopal.org/give .*
- *Text giving – Simply text SPECSTL to 73256 and follow the prompts.*
- *Online banking through your financial institution.*
- *Mail addressed to Peter's Episcopal Church, 110 N. Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63124.*

THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Priest: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God.

The Offertory Anthem

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Thee will I love, my God and King;
Thee will I sing, my strength and tow'r;
For evermore thee will I trust,
O God most just of truth and pow'r,
Who all things hast in order placed,
Yea, for thy pleasure hast created;
And on thy throne, unseen, unknown,
Reignest alone in glory seated.

Set in my heart thy love I find;
My wand'ring mind to thee thou leadest;
My trembling hope, my strong desire
With heav'nly fire thou kindly feedest.
Lo, all things fair thy path prepare;
Thy beauty to my spirit calleth,
Thine to remain, in joy or pain,
And count it gain whate'er befalleth.

O more and more thy love extend,
My life befriend with heav'nly pleasure,
That I may win thy Paradise,
Thy pearl of price, thy countless treasure.
Since but in thee I can go free
From earthly care and vain oppression,
This prayer I make for Jesus' sake,
That thou me take in thy possession.

— Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

*As we gather with all the saints, past, present and future at this altar
we remember the people who are ill and pray for their recovery.*

*We remember especially the people in the medical profession,
doctors, nurses, technicians, emergency workers, and others
who are putting their lives on the line to care for those who are sick.*

*We offer our worship to the glory of God with gratitude for their courage and service
and with our prayers for their safety.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Adapted from Eucharistic Prayer A

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Priest: The Lord is present with us.
We lift our hearts to the Lord and give God thanks and praise.
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of
heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into
sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal
Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father
of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect
sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when
he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you ourselves, our souls and bodies as a
living sacrifice.

Sanctify us by your Holy Spirit to faithfully serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last
day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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Priest: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People: **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.**

Fraction Anthem (*Hymnal S 152*)

Plainsong

Cantor: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Spiritual Communion

Priest: Remember O people of God, who Jesus was, and is, and will be forevermore.
Behold in him his Body and Blood, broken and shed for us all.
Let us feed on him in our hearts, by faith with thanksgiving.

*While we are unable to physically partake of the sacrament,
we invite you to make your communion by praying the following prayer,
adapted from the prayer of St. Alphonsus de Liguori:*

People: **Beloved Jesus,
We believe that you are truly present in the sacrament of the altar.
We long for you in our souls,
to know that we are in you and that you are in us.
Though physically isolated from your altar
and the sacrament of your Body and Blood,
We receive you into our hearts and the depths of our being.
United with you, help us know
that our lives are hid with you O Christ in the heart of God. Amen.**

A moment of silence is kept.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Priest: 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 nourished us with your presence.
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.**

The Blessing

Priest: Life is short. We don't have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind and always forgiving.
And the blessing of God Almighty Father, Son, and Holy Spirit rest upon you and those you love this day and forever.

People: **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 460: "Alleluia! sing to Jesus!"

Hyfrydol

MUSIC NOTES: The Introit is sung by Amanda Meinen, alto. • The Alleluia is sung by Samantha Arten, soprano. • The opening hymn, "For all the saints" is from this past All Saints' Day. • The anthem, "Thee will I love" was sung on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, 2019. • The final hymn, "Alleluia! sing to Jesus!" was sung on the Last Sunday after Epiphany, 2017. • The Gloria and Sanctus are heard in a recording made on the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, 2015. • The Fraction Anthem was recorded on All Saints' Day, 2015, when the cantor was Holley Sherwood, soprano.

PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: Brooke Erwin, Bryan Miller, Linda Morotz, Carl Schuldt and Rolla Wetzel.

For Family and Friends: Greyson Schnoebelen, Julie Stephenson, Henry Thompson and Susie Yoder.

For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces: Zach Greata and Matt Robinson.

For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Michelle Arthur, Donna Brookman, Arlene Burnham, Chris Canepa, Elizabeth Clarke, Devon Corbett, Kathryn Dewein, Lucy Dolan, Greg Evans, Carol Fisher, Samantha Forsko, Karen Goddard, Patty Hecker, Clayton Hicks, Laney Johnson, Fran Kempton, Susan Kerkerling, Madelyn Lane, Ann McDonald, Bill McMahon, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Steven Minton, Signe Myles, Louisa Rix, Jeffrey Rixleben, Sarah Roberts, Rory Sabbah, Kathy Sheehan, Gerald Spencer, Wayne Spohr, Jane St. John, Julie Stephenson, Rebecca Tyler, Meg Walters, Scott Weaver, Dick Williams and Joey Wilson.

TODAY...

STAY CONNECTED – Please "Follow Us" and "Like Us" on our social media pages!

- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/specstl>
- Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/specstl/>

ZOOM LINKS – To ensure that our virtual time together remains a sacred and welcoming space, Zoom links are not available on our website. **Find details on how to join Zoom sessions in *News from the Rock* online newsletter which is emailed each week.** Don't miss an opportunity to join us! If you are not signed up for the newsletter, visit our website homepage. Scroll down to "Get Weekly News" and sign up!

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION – This morning David Sinden will play a program of meditative organ music while the church is open for prayer. The 20-minute program will be offered twice: at 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL – Join us online at 10:15 on Sunday mornings for our beloved Sunday morning Children's Chapel! You can find instructions for joining us via Zoom in Friday's *News from the Rock*.

THIS WEEK...

MORNING PRAYER – Brew a cup of tea or coffee, and let's pray each morning with and for one another, the community and the world. Join via Zoom at 8:00 each morning, Monday through Friday. The link is provided in Friday's *News from the Rock*.

WOMAN'S GUILD – Join us this Tuesday for great conversation via Zoom at 2:00 p.m. The link is provided in your weekly Guild email. Set aside some time for a bit of laughter and to catch up with one another!

SUMMER CHILLIN' – Save the date for a fun St. Peter's Olympics Night in the **Chill Lounge!** Wear your Red, White, and Blue and join us via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. **this Wednesday, July 29!** There will be gold medal conversation and a competition or two. No training necessary! Join the fun!

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – We will continue to meet this summer on Friday mornings via Zoom. Our summer study is The Book of Genesis. If you would like to join the 7:00 a.m. conversation, please email kcarlson@stpetersepiscopal.org by Thursday evening, and Kelly will send you the link. Or you can find it in Friday morning's *News from the Rock*.

ST. PETER'S CARES – Need a ride, a meal or a prayer? St. Peter's has a ministry that can help – that's St. Peter's Cares! Leave a voicemail or email (314-993-2306, ext. 125 or shepherd@stpetersepiscopal.org) and a Shepherd will contact you within 24 hours.

SUMMER GIVING – Remember St. Peter's Church while you are away! Your financial support is needed during the summer when contributions tend to decline, and is especially important this year while we are not worshipping together. Plate offerings and contributions have not been collected since mid-March, leaving our income greatly reduced in this area. We want to thank all parishioners who continue to send checks via mail, set up recurring gifts online, and to those who have fulfilled their pledges early. All gifts are appreciated and allow us to continue to worship and gather creatively together!

ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES – There are numerous books and films on anti-racism to spark good conversation with children of all ages, as well as adults. A list of resources, as well as steps for action are posted to our website. Go to stpetersepiscopal.org/antiracism.

RE-OPENING UPDATE

Due to rising rates of infection and hospitalization for COVID-19, in conjunction with Bishop Johnson's pastoral letter, St. Peter's will not resume in-person worship until at least September 1st. A link to the pastoral letter is on our website. Consistent with the parameters set by the Bishop for the use of our buildings during this time, and with guidance from members of our parish re-opening steering group, St. Peter's will continue to open our church for personal prayer on Sunday and Wednesday mornings, as outlined in the last two issues of *News from the Rock* and the Sunday bulletin. (*See below.*) The only change is that the maximum number of people in the sanctuary at any time will be lowered from 20 to ten.

With thanks for your patience as we all navigate through an everchanging landscape, we look forward to worshipping with you online and perhaps praying with you at the corner of Warson and Ladue, on Wednesday or Sunday morning.

Yours in Christ, Kelly+, Re-entry Coordinator

CHURCH OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

Phase One of St. Peter's re-opening began on July 1st with opening the sanctuary for personal prayer **on Sunday and Wednesday mornings**. If you have missed being in the holy space of our main sanctuary, we hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy its peaceful solace.

To safeguard everyone's health, the following rules will be in place:

- The hour from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. will be dedicated to parishioners at higher risk for suffering serious complications from COVID-19 (those 65 years of age or older or living with a serious underlying medical condition). See www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/groups-at-higher-risk.html.
- The church will be open to everyone from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.
- Attendance will be limited to 10 people at a time.
- Entrance and exit will be through the front double doors of the church (wheelchair accessible via the west side ramp).
- Before entering, all will self-assess for COVID symptoms based on criteria posted at the front doors, and refrain from entering if experiencing any symptoms. See www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html. If you are feeling at all poorly or running a fever on the morning you plan to come to church, we ask that you please stay home, waiting until you are well to be in a common space with fellow parishioners.
- Everyone will fill out the contact tracing registry in the narthex and use the provided hand sanitizer.
- Everyone will wear a mask (please bring a mask from home) and practice social distancing while in the building.
- Everyone will sit only in a space marked by a blue cross, indicating an available, not previously used, seat.

Because prayer books and hymnals have been removed from the pews, please bring a BCP from home or download the app if you would like to have the resource. While the prayers books are temporarily absent, one of the clergy will be present if you would like to pray with someone.

Please note: Despite cleaning of the church buildings, additional sanitation of "high-touch" areas, and all other precautions being taken, a risk of coronavirus infection continues to exist. Everyone must evaluate their personal risk in deciding whether to come to church for prayer or to continue to pray at home. In making your decision, please remember that God hears us, wherever we pray.

Next Steps: The next step in Phase One of St. Peter's re-opening will be to replace personal prayer time on Sunday mornings with a worship service at 9:00 a.m. COVID-19 infection and hospitalization rates will help determine the timing of that change, which will happen no earlier than September 1st. Updated information will be printed in *News from the Rock* and Sunday bulletins. All online worship services will continue when we commence in-person worship.

Please check the parish website for up-to-date information and subscribe to the *News from the Rock* weekly email when you visit the website.

We look forward to seeing you soon, online or at the corner of Warson and Ladue!

SEARCH COMMITTEE – The Search Committee needs your help! We want to connect with parishioners to hear your stories, answer questions, and listen to your hopes for the future of St. Peter’s Church. Your participation is so important as we continue to move forward through our search process. Thank you!

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Immediately following this service on Sunday morning beginning at 10:15, join Children’s Chapel and Coffee with the Rector, live via Zoom. The link may be found in your Friday News from the Rock enews.

Remember that though our buildings are closed, our hearts are open!
