

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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August 2, 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 *Suscepimus*

Plainchant, Mode 7

We have waited, O God, for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple: according to thy name, O God, so is thy praise also unto the world's end; Thy right hand is full of righteousness. Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised: In the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

— Psalm 48: 8,9,1

Hymn: “Holy God, we praise thy Name”

Te Deum, arr. Ronald Arnatt

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.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 Book of the prophet Isaiah. (55: 1-5)

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Lector: Thanks be to God for this holy word.

Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22

- 8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The Lord is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and helps them.
- 21 The Lord preserves all those who love him,
but he destroys all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

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.**

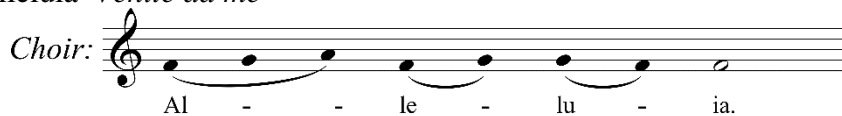
Lector: A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans. (9: 1-5)

I am speaking the truth in Christ — I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit — I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

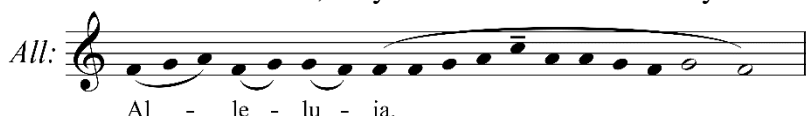
Lector: Thanks be to God for this holy word.

Alleluia *Venite ad me*

Plainsong, Mode 6



Choir: Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden: and I will give you rest.



— Matthew 11:28

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (14: 13-21)

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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 School for Ministry, and Marshall, their Dean; 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 Wetzell 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, especially Suzanne Brown, ... 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.*

Announcements

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.

Offertory Anthem: King of Peace

F. Price (1835), arr. Martha Shaffer (b. 1946)

Lord, I cannot let thee go,
till a blessing thou bestow:
Do not turn away thy face,
mine's an urgent, pressing case.
*Do not turn away thy face,
mine's an urgent, pressing case.*

Dost thou ask me who I am?
Ah, my Lord, thou know'st my name:
Yet thy question gives a plea
to support my suit with thee.
*Do not turn away thy face,
mine's an urgent, pressing case.*

Thou didst once a wretch behold,
in rebellion blindly bold,
Scorn thy grace, thy power defy;
that poor rebel, Lord, was I.
*Do not turn away thy face,
mine's an urgent, pressing case.*

— Isaac Watts

*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

The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 638: “Come, O thou traveler unknown”

Vernon

MUSIC NOTES: The Introit is sung by Samantha Arten, soprano; the Alleluia is sung by Amanda Meinen, alto.

The first hymn in this service is a recording made at a Hymn Festival called “Our Hope for Years to Come” held in celebration of St. Peter’s 150th Anniversary on All Saints’ Day, 2018. The familiar hymn “Holy God, we praise thy name,” is a paraphrase of the ancient Christian hymn known as the Te Deum (Canticle 7 in *The Book of Common Prayer*, page 52). It is sung here in a festive arrangement by Ronald Arnatt (1930–2018). Arnatt was the organist and choirmaster at Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis from 1954 to 1980.

The anthem and the final hymn in this service both recall the story of Jacob wrestling with the angel (Genesis 32:22–23). It is a passage that caught the imaginations of hymn writers Isaac Watts and Charles Wesley, both of whom wrote evocative, emotional texts. The Watts hymn, “King of Peace” is sung in a stunning arrangement by Martha Shaffer (b. 1946), a former Assistant Organist of St. Peter’s. The hymn by Wesley is set to a similarly compelling early American tune “Vernon” and is heard as the final hymn in a recording from the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, 2019.

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 the Faithful Departed: Suzanne R. Brown.

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!

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*.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION – Every Sunday at 9:30 and 10:15 a.m. David Sinden will play a 20-minute program of meditative organ music on the St. Peter’s organ while the church is open for prayer. This morning the program includes music by John Stanley, G. T. Thalben-Ball, Felix Borowski, and Michael Horvit. Next Sunday’s music will include Pastorales by Bach, Alexandre Guilmant, and Darius Milhaud.

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!

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@stpetersepiscope.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@stpetersepiscope.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 stpeterseiscopal.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 – Holy Conversations are a time of listening and conversation in parish community to explore our hopes and dreams, and our strengths and challenges. The Search Committee wants to learn about parishioners’ experiences at St. Peter’s—your successes, joys, worship and spirituality. The purpose is to complete the Parish Profile and to define the attributes, skill set and profile for our next Rector. Many of you have already participated through your affinity group. Thank you for your voice. For those who have not had this opportunity, sessions will be held August 17-26th.

These one-hour sessions are by reservation only and are limited to 10 people. Most sessions will be held on Zoom. Three meetings are planned “in-person,” as allowed by County guidelines. Social distancing and masks will be required. Please join the Search Committee for **one of these Holy Conversations:**

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| • Monday, August 17 | 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m. |
| • Tuesday, August 18 | 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. |
| • Wednesday, August 19 | 12:00 Noon ** |
| • Thursday, August 20 | 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. |
| • Saturday, August 22 | 10:00 a.m. ** |
| • Wednesday, August 26 | 12:00 Noon ** |

** In-person conversations to be held in Undercroft or outside (weather permitting) as allowed by County guidelines. Social distancing and mask required.

To reserve your spot to be a part of these conversations, please contact DeWayne Trainer via email dewayne.trainer@gmail.com or cell (314) 296-1563. Thank you! We look forward to being with 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!
