



The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 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](http://www.stpetersepiscopal.org) or via our Facebook page, [facebook.com/specstl](https://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 *Respice, Domine*

Plainchant, Mode 7

Look, O Lord, graciously upon thy covenant, and forsake not the congregation of the poor for ever: arise, O Lord, maintain thine own cause; and be not unmindful of the voices of them that seek thee. O God, wherefore art thou absent from us so long: why is thy wrath so hot against the sheep of thy pasture.

– Ps. 74:21, 20, 23, & 1

Hymn 518: “Christ is made the sure foundation”

*Westminster Abbey*

Opening Sentences

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

*People:* **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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

The Lessons

*Lector:* A Reading from The Book of the prophet Ezekiel. (33: 7-11)

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall

die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, “As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?”

*Lector:* Thanks be to God for this holy word.

Psalm 119: 33-40

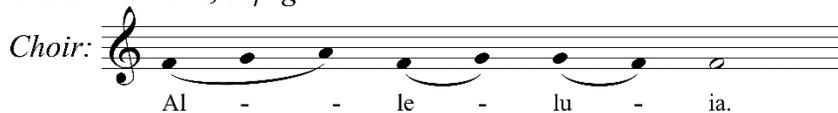
- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law;  
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments,  
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees  
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;  
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant,  
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread,  
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments;  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

*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.**

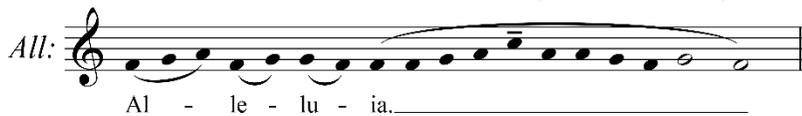
*Lector:* A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans. (13: 8-14)

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Lector:* Thanks be to God for this holy word.



Choir: Lord, thou hast been our refuge: from one generation to another.



– Psalm 90

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (18: 15-20)

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

*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 St. Timothy's Episcopal Church and Marvin, their Rector ; 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 Paul Hmiel, Bryan Miller, Signe Myles, Linda Morotz, Frank Rassieur, Carl Schuldt, Carol Spencer, Rolla Wetzel, and Joey Wilson, 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 Cindy Chamness, 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](http://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](http://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

Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities, stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

– Collect, Epiphany III, 1662 BCP

*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 59: "Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding"

*Merton*

**MUSIC NOTES:** The Introit is sung by DeWayne Trainer, tenor. The Alleluia is sung by Laura Frank, soprano.

Clergy and musicians have many resources to help choose appropriate music for worship in the Episcopal Church. One such resource, the Episcopal Musicians Handbook, offers a list of suggested hymns for every Sunday and major feast day of the liturgical year. From this list, several hymns are usually marked as “especially appropriate,” bearing some connection to the lessons or the season. For this Sunday, however, not a single hymn rises to this level of relevance, at least in this handbook’s estimation. So today seems fitting for a festive, well-known hymn in our church that hasn’t been sung in a while: the venerable Latin hymn from the 7th century, “Christ is made the sure foundation.” The composer of its hymn tune, Henry Purcell, will celebrate his 361st birthday on September 10. This hymn was sung on the Feast of the Confession of St. Peter, 2018.

The final hymn, “Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding” is strongly associated with the Advent season. But it has been chosen for today’s service for its connections with the Epistle reading from Romans. In this hymn, Paul’s words “lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light” are sung by the thrilling voice as: “Cast away the works of darkness, / O ye children of the day.” The third stanza emphasizes our need, “one and all,” for forgiveness. And as we proclaim in the Collect of the Day, God never forsakes “those who make their boast of your mercy.” This hymn was sung on the Third Sunday of Advent, 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.

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## ***PRAYER LIST***

**For Parishioners:** Paul Hmiel, Bryan Miller, Signe Myles, Linda Morotz, Frank Rassieur, Carl Schuldt and Rolla Wetzel.

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

**For the Faithful Departed:** Cindy Chamness.

**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 Kerkering, Madelyn Lane, Ann McDonald, Bill McMahan, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Steven Minton, Louisa Rix, Jeffrey Rixleben, Sarah Roberts, Rory Sabbah, Kathy Sheehan, Greyson Schnoebelen, Carol Spencer, Gerald Spencer, Wayne Spohr, Jane St. John, Julie Stephenson, Henry Thompson, Rebecca Tyler, Meg Walters, Scott Weaver, Dick Williams, Joey Wilson and Susie Yoder.

## ***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 25-minute program of meditative music on the St. Peter's organ while the church is open for prayer. You may hear this music from inside the church subject to health safeguarding rules; see "*Church Open for Personal Prayer*" below. Alternatively, you may listen from your car by tuning to 91.1 FM. This low-power FM station should be audible from anywhere on the St. Peter's campus (but not beyond it).

- **This morning:** Bach's Trio Sonata No. 1 in E-flat and music by Arvo Pärt
- **Next Sunday:** Music in celebration of the Feast of the Holy Cross: Bach, R. Arnatt, and C. Callahan

**COFFEE WITH THE RECTOR** – Join us this morning at 10:30 on Zoom for "Teach Us to Pray." Join the discussion on how we can "hold people in the light" rather than simply reading names from a list.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES** – As we look forward to a new program year, Annie Knapp, our new Director of Children and Youth Ministry, is looking to update records on the children and youth of St. Peter's. [Please fill out a short form online](#) to make sure your children are included in the programming she is planning for the upcoming year. If you have any questions, please email Annie at [aknapp@stpetersepisopal.org](mailto:aknapp@stpetersepisopal.org).

### ***THIS WEEK...***

**MORNING PRAYER** – Join via Zoom at 8:00 each morning, Monday through Friday, as we pray with and for one another, the community, and the world. The link is provided in Friday's *News from the Rock*, and can also be viewed live on Facebook page. This will also give you the opportunity to view our new Morning Prayer app, *Prayer from the Rock*!

**FIRST RESPONDERS' BREAKFAST** – After members of the Men's Breakfast Group deliver a delicious breakfast to local police departments and fire stations, you can join them all for breakfast on Zoom. Thank our policemen and women and firefighters while sharing in some St. Peter's fellowship! The Zoom link is provided in Friday's *News from the Rock*.

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

**COFFEE IN THE GARDEN** – Wednesdays from 10:00am-11:00am, September 9, 16, 23, and 30 –Join us for a cup of coffee and casual conversation in the garden. It's a great way to reconnect with your fellow parishioners. Personal Prayer in the church is also available on Wednesday mornings, so please stop by. We look forward to seeing you again!

**FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – We are taking a break from our labors this week. Please join in the study of the Book of Genesis (we're on chapter 20!) via Zoom on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. Email Kelly for the link at [kcarlson@stpetersepisopal.org](mailto:kcarlson@stpetersepisopal.org), or look for it in Friday'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](mailto:shepherd@stpetersepiscopal.org)) and a Shepherd will contact you within 24 hours.

**GIVING TO ST. PETER'S** – Your financial support 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!

**SEARCH COMMITTEE** – As the Search Committee draws closer to completing the Parish Profile, committee members are available to answer any questions parishioners may have! Please reach out with any question, concerns, or hopes for the future.

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*UPCOMING...*

## **ST. PETER'S DAY 2020 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> – A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION!**

- Come for an outdoor service of Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m.!
- Enjoy community and coffee in the garden from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.!
- Listen to Music for Meditation with David Sinden at 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., while the church is open for Personal Prayer (from 9:00 a.m. to Noon)!

**And...**

- St. Peter's Ice Cream 'Truck' will be in operation from 3:30 to 5:00 for an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social!

Come for one part of our patronal feast or participate in the whole day! Check back next week for further details. (All activities will be socially distanced, with masks required.)

## **OUTDOOR WORSHIP IS COMING TO ST. PETER'S**

Beginning on St. Peter's Day – September 13<sup>th</sup> – in-person services of Holy Eucharist will return to St. Peter's Church on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. It's 2020, so things will be a bit different. Here's the scoop!

To do our best to protect the parish from COVID-19, we will be worshipping outdoors, with everyone wearing masks and observing social distancing guidelines. This means that space will be limited, so we ask that everyone planning to attend make a reservation (this will also help us maintain a contact-tracing record). You may make a reservation online or by telephone. Here's how:

- Online: Go to [stpetersepiscopal.org/outdoor-worship](http://stpetersepiscopal.org/outdoor-worship) and fill out a short form! We will send you an email confirming your reservation and include some guidelines for worshipping safely.
- By phone: You may call the church at 314-993-2306 and press ext. 116 to leave a voicemail. Leave your name, number of people attending, and a good phone number to call you back.

The altar from Grace Chapel, the lectern from the Undercroft, the processional cross from the Chancel, and the gospel book from the Sanctuary will all travel to the front porch of the Church. Everyone is invited to bring a lawn chair or blanket. Social distancing markers will be set up on the circle drive and the front lawn to guide you in choosing where to sit. (We will have a small number of chairs available for people who cannot bring their own.) Ushers will be there to assist you.

In celebrating Holy Eucharist, out of an abundance of caution, the bread consumed by everyone except the presiding priest will be individually pre-packaged. You will receive at your seat.

Everyone making a reservation will receive a response via email or phone with guidance to follow so that we may worship God together, safely, with abundant thanks and praise.

**It will be WONDERFUL to worship with you at the corner of Warson and Ladue!**

*Despite all precautions being taken, a risk of coronavirus infection continues to exist. Everyone must evaluate their personal risk in deciding whether to worship virtually or in person.*

*In making your decision, please remember that God hears us, wherever we pray.*

**JOIN THE DISCUSSION!** – Our new Anti-Racism Steering Group invites everyone to join them in reading *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson (and/or watch the film) and participate in an upcoming discussion this September! There are two discussion dates available for you to choose from: Wednesday, September 16 @ 12:00 p.m. or Wednesday, September 23 @ 5:30 p.m. Both discussions will take place on Zoom. Links to the zoom calls are provided in our Friday New from the Rock. We look forward to a great discussion with you! You can purchase the book on Amazon [here](#).

**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](http://stpetersepiscopal.org/antiracism).

## CHURCH OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER

With outdoor worship beginning on September 13<sup>th</sup>, the sanctuary will continue to be open for personal prayer on Sunday and Wednesday mornings, and David will continue to offer music for meditation on Sundays at 9:30 and 10:15. 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](http://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](http://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.

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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!*