

# The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**October 11, 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 *Da Pacem*

Plainchant, Mode 7

Give peace, O Lord, to them that wait for thee, and let thy Prophets be found faithful: regard the prayers of thy servant, and of thy people Israel. I was glad when they said to me: we will go into the house of the Lord.

– *Wisdom 36:18, Psalm 122*

Hymn 645: The King of love my shepherd is

*St. Columba*

Opening Sentences

*Priest:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

*Priest:* 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

*Priest:* The Risen Lord is with us.  
Let us pray.

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

*People:* **Amen.**

The Lessons

*Lector:* A Reading from The Book of the prophet Isaiah. (25:1-9)

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

clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters.**

3 He restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

4 **Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—they comfort me.**

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my  
enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

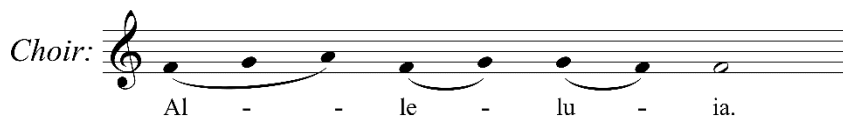
6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

*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 Philippians. (4:1-9)

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

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



Choir: The heathen shall fear thy Name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy majesty.



– Psalm 102:16

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (22:1-14)

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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.**

Litany for the Season of Thanksgiving

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

*Lector:* Almighty God, rooted in our faith in your son Jesus, and with gratitude in our hearts, we pray to you the Source of our Being.

*Silence is kept*

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea. For sunrises and sunsets, for awesome vistas, the varied colors of the seasons, for animals and birds, for reptiles and fish, for all that you created and proclaimed as very good.

*People:* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Lector:* For the abundance and providence of your earth that provides us with nourishment. For the men and women who grow, harvest, package, and prepare the food that sustains our bodies.

*People:* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Lector:* For our health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play. For doctors, nurses, medical technicians, orderlies, and first responders who put their lives at risk to care for us when we are ill or in need.

*People:* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Lector:* For scientists and laboratories working to create a cure for covid-19 and for all people in our society who have creatively and compassionately made sacrifices in reducing their social contact and wearing masks in public to minimize the risk for our fellow citizens.

*People:* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Lector:* For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ that is within us. For minds to think, and hearts to love, voices to sing, hands to serve.

*People:* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Lector:* For our community of St. Peter's, that has been there for us in times past. For our founders and all who have made St. Peter's their spiritual home in years past and for their generosity of time talent and treasure to ensure that Saint Peter's is here today.

*People:* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Lector:* For parishioners who during this time of pandemic times have made a financial pledge to ensure that we can move forward into 2021 with your hope in our collective heart.

*People:* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Lector:* And we pause and remember those moments of grace and love when we personally have felt and known your presence at St. Peter's... *silence is kept for people to reflect and give thanks...* For St. Peter's, our spiritual home.

*People:* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Priest:* God of infinite blessing, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy: open our eyes to behold the wonders of your creation and how you have blessed us with talents and capabilities beyond the imagination of our finite minds. Help us, not to take these blessings for granted, but to use them as we meet the challenges of our times and become a blessing for our neighbors and bring glory to you and your son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Lector:* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*All:* **Almighty God, giver of good things and lover of souls,  
Forgive us where we have failed to serve you  
and been good stewards of all that you have given us.**

**Forgive us where we have failed to confront the evils of our day  
and protect the vulnerable in our world.**

**Forgive us where we have failed to support one another  
and been the community that is always there for you.**

**Forgive us, anchor us afresh in your heart  
and set us free to be your love in the world.**

*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 programing 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.*

## ***Stewardship: A Whole Life Policy***

*Today we begin our Annual Giving Campaign in which we will prayerfully ask you to make a financial pledge. But before I do that, I invite you to take a step back and consider not just a financial commitment, but your whole life. In last week's sermon I talked about how we often claim: "My Life" when in reality it is "God's Life" that has been entrusted to us and lives within us.*

*We have been given and are stewards of this life we live. As I contemplate the whole of my life, the task is to bring all the elements of my life into harmony with the life that is within me. When working to integrate these elements, the question that comes to my mind is from friend and colleague Ron English who asks: "What is Love Calling Me to Do?" What we need to do is distinguish the voice of love from the voice of fear, which also inhabits much of my thinking.*

*And so as we begin our stewardship season, I invite you to reflect on the whole of the life God has given you and talk to God about what you are doing with the love that God so richly and freely shares with you.*

*Gifts and pledge payments can be made via:*

- *Online giving at [www.stpetersepiscope.org/give](http://www.stpetersepiscope.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**

**Gerre Hancock (1934–2012)**

Judge eternal, throned in splendor,  
Lord of lords and King of kings,  
with thy living fire of judgment  
purge this land of bitter things;  
solace all its wide dominion  
with the healing of thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining  
for the hour that brings release,  
and the city's crowded clangor  
cries aloud for sin to cease;  
and the homesteads and the woodlands  
plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, thine own endeavor;  
cleave our darkness with thy sword;  
feed all those who do not know thee  
with the richness of thy word;  
cleanse the body of this nation  
through the glory of the Lord.

*– Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918)*

*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.*



*Priest:* The Lord is present with us.  
We lift our hearts to the Lord and give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

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:* We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, ourselves, our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice, we praise you and we bless you.

*All:* **We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*Priest:* Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit descends upon us, that we become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember, Lord, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Deon our Bishop, and the people of our diocese and all who minister in your Church.

Remember, Lord, all who are in need of your healing, especially; Janine Brown, Paul Hmiel, Taffy Hoos, Ann Lilly, Bryan Miller, Frank Rassieur, Jen Schafer, Carl Schuldt, Rolla Wetzel, and the people on our hearts today.

Remember, Lord, all who have died in the peace of Christ, especially; Chris Cauttrell, Rebecca Nickel Tyler, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we find our inheritance with Blessed Mary, St. Peter and patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **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:* **O God of the high heavens,  
O Christ of the deep earth,  
O Spirit of the soaring mountains and flowing waters,  
O Trinity of love, you have fed us with your love,  
in this holy sacrament, and here we pledge our love to you.**

**Set the risen light of Christ, as your center for our souls,  
that together we will go forward in hope,  
with your love in our hearts,  
your truth in our minds,  
your strength in our wills,  
until, at the end of our journey,  
we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### The Blessing

*Priest:* Almighty God, the source of our being, grant you that sustaining joy which none can take from you, that comes from knowing that you are loved and are rooted with Christ in the heart of God, with a life to live and love to share. And the blessing of God Almighty, the love at our beginning and at our end, be with you and all those whom you love and struggle to love, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

#### The Dismissal

*Priest:* Go with gratitude to love and enjoy the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 481: "Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

Gospal

*MUSIC NOTES:* The Introit is sung by Lindsay Parker-Klimpel, soprano. The Alleluia is sung by Arianna Aerie, soprano.

The opening hymn, a paraphrase of Psalm 23, was sung of the Fourth Sunday of Easter ("Good Shepherd" Sunday), 2016. The anthem, "Judge eternal, throned in splendor" was sung on the Second Sunday of Advent, 2016. The final hymn, "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" was sung on the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 2017. The music for the anthem, composed by Gerre Hancock, and the arrangement of the Handel hymn tune *Gospal* by John Wilson (1905-1992) are both copyright Oxford University Press and are presented in this video under One License podcasting license #A-722743.

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, Ann Lilly, Bryan Miller, Frank Rassieur, Jen Schafer, Carl Schuldt and Rolla Wetzell.

**For Family and Friends:** Janine Brown and Taffy Hoos, Steve Kohlbry and Greyson Schnoebelen.

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

**For the Faithful Departed:** Chris Cauttrell and Rebecca Nickel Tyler.

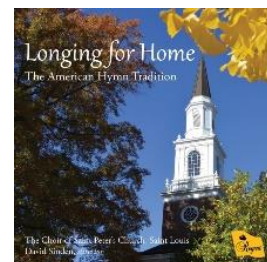
**For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers:** Donna Brookman, Arlene Burnham, Elizabeth Clarke, Devon Corbett, Kathryn Dewein, Greg Evans, Samantha Forsko, Patty Hecker, Laney Johnson, Fran Kempton, Ann McDonald, Bill McMahon, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Steven Minton, Linda Morotz, Signe Myles, Louisa Rix, Jeffrey Rixleben, Sarah Roberts, Jane St. John, Julie Stephenson, Henry Thompson, Scott Weaver, Dick Williams, Joey Wilson and Susie Yoder.

## ***TODAY...***

**ROOTED IN FAITH, FORWARD IN HOPE** - This Sunday we kick off our 2021 Annual Giving Campaign. We are all God's stewards for St. Peter's Church. It is your generosity that makes the ministry and work of our parish possible and in this time of uncertainty, it is needed more than ever. Campaign materials will be mailed this week. We ask you to make a pledge to St. Peter's or renew and consider increasing your pledge for 2021. Thank you for all that you have done, are doing, and will do for St. Peter's. We look forward in hope to the new year!

**REQUEST YOUR COPY OF LONGING FOR HOME** – The St. Peter's Choir is very proud to announce the release of **Longing for Home**, a recording of hymn texts set to music by American composers. The selections on this disc range from simple hymn arrangements to hymn-anthems. Some of the hymns are very familiar to the St. Peter's congregation, "O love of God, how strong and true" to the Calvin Hampton hymn tune *de Tar*, and "Shall we gather at the river" arranged by John Ferguson. One of the pieces, "God is ascended" by Gerre Hancock, has never before been recorded. **Thanks to a generous donor, copies of this CD have been purchased for every St. Peter's member household that desires one.**

To request a CD please visit [stpetersepiscopal.org/longingforhome](http://stpetersepiscopal.org/longingforhome)



**COFFEE WITH THE (ASSOCIATE) RECTOR** – Brew your cup of joe and join Kelly this morning to catch up with old friends and get to know new ones better. Come ready to share one thing you have learned in 2020. **9:15 a.m.** on Zoom (the link to the meeting can be found in Friday's *News from the Rock*).

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION** – A 25-minute program of music on the St. Peter's organ is offered at 9:30 a.m. today. This morning: music by Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562–1621). Music for Meditation continues at 9:30 a.m. next Sunday, October 18 with music by contemporary composers Aaron Travers, Wayne Oquin, and Owain Park. On Sunday, October 25, a pre-recorded Music for Meditation will be made available on YouTube.

**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*.

**LIVING TRADITION CONVERSATION** – The Living Tradition series continues this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. with an online conversation called “**Processions, Preces, and Prayers.**” We are joined today by Dr. Robert Lehman, Organist & Choirmaster at the Church of St. Michael & St. George, Clayton. The Living Tradition series is an opportunity to explore the musical and liturgical heritage of the service of Evensong as we celebrate 30 years of regular Evensong services at St. Peter’s For more information about the Living Tradition series, and to join today’s conversation, please visit <http://livingtradition.online>

### ***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 our Facebook page. This will also give you the opportunity to view our new Morning Prayer app, *Prayer from the Rock!*

**MEN’S BREAKFAST ONLINE!** – Since we can’t be together for our regular second Tuesday breakfast in the Undercroft, Men’s Breakfast has gone virtual! Bring your own bacon and **join us this Tuesday, October 13 at 8:30 a.m. after Morning Prayer** for our usual lively conversation and a bit of banter. Find the Zoom link in your Men’s Breakfast email. Our virtual breakfast is sure to be a great time for fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

**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** – Wednesday mornings from 10:00am-11:00am, through October 28. 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, so please stop by. We look forward to seeing you again!

**INDABA NIGHTS** – Our Indaba Nights series continues this Wednesday evening, 6:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m. on Zoom! Choose from a Men’s Spirituality Group, a Women’s Spirituality Group, or unwind with a virtual dance class! We will gather on Zoom, participate in our group sessions, then come together at the end for Compline. Last week was a great time and we welcome anyone who wants to join in! Read about each offering and sign up at [stpetersepiscope.org/indaba](http://stpetersepiscope.org/indaba). The zoom link is provided in Friday’s *News from the Rock*.

**FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** –Please join in the study of Genesis on Fridays at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom. Email Kelly for the link at [kcarlson@stpetersepiscope.org](mailto:kcarlson@stpetersepiscope.org), or look for it in Friday’s *News from the Rock*.

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS...***

**PLANS TO MOVE WORSHIP INSIDE** -While mother nature has been beautifully cooperative with outdoor worship over the past month, we know that inclement and colder weather will eventually arrive at our corner. With this in mind, and with the pandemic statistics for St. Louis County being in a range deemed acceptable for indoor worship to the physicians serving on our Parish Reopening Steering Group and the Diocese, we plan:

- to move the 8:00 a.m. worship service into the church beginning on Sunday, October 25. The 10:30 a.m. service will move inside on Sunday, November 1.
- Beginning November 1, **Music for Meditation** will begin at 10:00 a.m., serving as an extended prelude to the second service.
- Weather permitting, **coffee** will continue to be served on the circle drive after each worship service.

- **Reservations** will continue to be required for attending either service. Our virtual Sunday worship service, as well as Coffee with the Rector and Children's Chapel via Zoom, will continue, as will Wednesday morning personal prayer time in the church.

Stay tuned for information about 10:30 a.m. worship plans designed with families with children in mind, during this time when we cannot gather for in-person Sunday School.

### ***GET INVOLVED, STAY CONNECTED...***

**FLOCK THE YARD WITH ST. PETER'S YOUTH** – St. Peter's Youth is looking forward to raising money for Best Buddies and putting smiles on the faces of parishioners. We will migrate a flock of flamingos to your friend's yard in turn for a donation. If you do NOT want to see a flock end up in your yard, then you can purchase anti-flocking insurance. Join in the fun and donate today to flock a friend's yard! Email Annie at [aknapp@stpetersepiscopal.org](mailto:aknapp@stpetersepiscopal.org) for more information!

**SONGS AND STORIES** – All young people (around age 7 and up) are warmly invited to take part in Songs and Stories, St. Peter's virtual Chorister training program for the year. The latest episode of Songs and Stories is called "**Francis Likes Chickens**" and now available to view at <http://songsandstories.online> David Sinden also hopes to convene young singers online via Zoom. For more information, please email [dsinden@stpetersepiscopal.org](mailto:dsinden@stpetersepiscopal.org)

**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 AND PASSCODES** – Zoom now requires a passcode to get into meetings! We have been experiencing some difficulties this past week, as Zoom has been updating their requirements for meeting security. Be sure to keep the passcode listed with the Zoom link nearby! Check the most recent *News from the Rock* to make sure you have correct links. If you are not signed up for the newsletter, visit our website homepage. Scroll down to "Get Weekly News" and sign up!

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES** – [Register](#) to receive a box of Learning at Home materials each month this fall! You will receive crafts, games, Bible stories, and other activities to explore with your family at your own pace each month. These kits are designed to be inter-generational (for children, youth, and adults) and will have a different theme each month. There is no charge for these resources.

Households may sign up to receive all three monthly kits up front, or opt to register for only particular months. Households may also choose to either pick up the kit at St. Peter's at the start of the month or have the kit delivered directly to their home.

Questions? Contact Annie Knapp at [aknapp@stpetersepiscopal.org](mailto:aknapp@stpetersepiscopal.org)

**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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**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).

**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.

### ***St. Peter's worships in the great outdoors at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.!***

Make your reservation for either Sunday morning service of Holy Eucharist

***Remember: There is no bad weather . . . just inappropriate clothing.***

To do our best to protect the parish from COVID-19, our in-person worship is happening on the front porch, with everyone wearing masks and observing social distancing guidelines. This means that space is limited, so we ask that everyone make a reservation (this will also help us maintain a contact-tracing record). You may make your reservation for either the 8:00 or 10:30 service online or by telephone:

- Online: Go to [stpetersepiscopal.org/outdoor-worship](http://stpetersepiscopal.org/outdoor-worship) and fill out a short form.
- By phone: Call the church at 314-993-2306 and press ext. 116 to leave a voicemail. Leave your name, the date and time of the service you wish to attend, number of people attending, and a good call back #.

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.

**Everyone is invited to please bring a lawn chair or blanket.** (We have a small number of chairs available for people who cannot bring their own.) Social distancing markers will be set up on the circle drive and the front lawn to guide you in choosing where to sit. Ushers will be there to assist you.

In celebrating Holy Eucharist, out of an abundance of caution, the bread you receive at your seat has been individually pre-packaged.

Coffee Hour happens on the circle drive after each service. David Sinden offers Music for Meditation inside the church building at 9:30 a.m. When entering, please follow the posted safety guidelines.

*Despite all precautions being taken, a risk of coronavirus infection remains. 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.*

## *St. Peter's is Open for Personal Prayer on 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, every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. A member of the clergy is present.

### **To safeguard everyone's health, if you plan to attend please note and follow these guidelines:**

- The hour from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. is 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 is open to everyone from 10:00 a.m. to noon.
- Entrance and exit is through the front doors of the church (wheelchair accessible via the west side ramp).
- Before entering, self-assess for COVID symptoms based on criteria posted at the front doors; refrain from entering if experiencing symptoms [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, please stay home, waiting to come until you are well.
- Fill out the contact tracing registry in the narthex and use the provided hand sanitizer.
- Wear a mask (bringing one from home if possible) and practice social distancing while in the building.
- Sit only in a space marked by a blue cross, indicating an available, not previously used, seat.

*Despite cleaning of church buildings, additional sanitation of "high-touch" areas, and other precautions, a risk of coronavirus infection remains. 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.*

## **ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS**

All Saints' Day is celebrated by the Church every year on November 1<sup>st</sup> and is followed on November 2<sup>nd</sup> by All Souls' Day. The feast of All Saints' is an ancient tradition that celebrates all the saints, known and unknown, throughout the generations. All Souls' Day is the commemoration of all the faithful departed. Many churches combine the two celebrations into one for all those in our lives who have been examples of "virtuous and godly living." We all have known saints in our lives, those unique people who have pointed the way to God through love, kindness, courage, mercy, and compassion.

During the services of Holy Eucharist on **Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**, we will give thanks for all the saints, those known to the Church and those known only to us, as we remember them in the Prayers of the People.

Please list the names of those saints whom you wish to remember. You may go to our website ([www.stpetersepiscopal.org](http://www.stpetersepiscopal.org)) to submit names or place this sheet in the offering plate today. **In order to list all names in the bulletin they must be submitted by Monday, October 26.**

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