



The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 18, 2020

*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 *Salus populi*

Plainchant, Mode 7

I am the saving health of my people, saith the Lord God: out of whatsoever tribulation they shall pray to me, I will surely help them, and I will be their God for ever and ever. Hear my law, O my people: incline your ears unto the words of my mouth.

– Psalm 37: 39, 40, 28; Psalm 78

Hymn 544: “Jesus shall reign where’er the sun”

Duke Street

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.
Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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. (45:1-7)

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: “I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no

other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.”

Lector: Thanks be to God for this holy word.

Psalm 96

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 **Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 **Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 **Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is King!
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.”**
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes,
when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth.

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.**

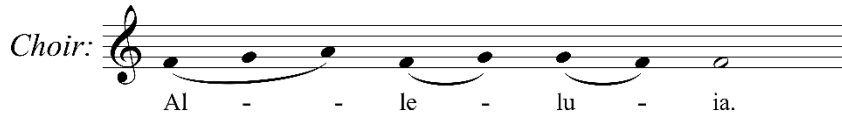
Lector: A Reading from The Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians. (1:1-10)

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the Word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Lector: Thanks be to God for this holy word.

Alleluia *Confitemini Domino*

Plainsong, Mode 6



Choir: O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name: tell the people what things he hath done.



– Psalm 105:1

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (22:15-22)

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Kelly Carlson

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

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 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 adult forum on Zoom at 9:15 a.m. followed by
a live Children's Chapel on Zoom at 10:15 a.m.*

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

Rooted in Faith, Forward in Hope ***2021 Annual Giving Campaign***

As we begin our stewardship season, we reflect on all the ways we have been blessed and turn our gratitude into action. We ask for your support for St. Peter's as our church continually seeks to support each of us and to help us know and share the love of God. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2021 and return your pledge card via mail, the Sunday offering plate, or you may pledge online at www.stpetersepiscopal.org/give. Thank you for your generosity!

Gifts and pledge payments can be made via:

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

THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

The Offertory Anthem: Geistliches Lied (*Sacred Song*)

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren
Mit trauren;
Sei stille,
Wie Gott es fügt,
So sei vergnügt
Mein Wille.

*Do not let yourself be depressed
By sadness;
Be calm,
However God may dispose,
Be content with it,
My will.*

Was willst du heute sorgen
Auf morgen?
Der Eine
Steht allem für;
Der gibt auch dir
Das Deine.

*Why worry today
About tomorrow?
There is One
Who controls everything;
He will give you
Your share too.*

Sei nur in allem Handel
Ohn' Wandel,
Steh feste;
Was Gott beschleusst,
Das ist und heisst
Das Beste.
Amen.

*Be constant in everything
You undertake,
Stand firm;
What God ordains
Is and is known to be
Best.
Amen.*

– Paul Fleming

*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 D

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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 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, Steve Kohlbry, Ann Lilly, Bryan Miller, Frank Rassieur, Jen Schafer, Greyson Schnoebelen, Carl Schuldt, Rolla Wetzel, and the people on our hearts today.

Remember, Lord, all who have died in the peace of Christ, especially Bill Jones, Rebecca Nickel Tyler, and Eric Williams 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 594: “God of grace and God of glory”

Cwm Rhondda

MUSIC NOTES: The Introit is sung by Christina Kruger, alto. The Alleluia is sung by Samantha Arten, soprano.

Geistliches Lied, Op. 30 was written when Johannes Brahms (1833–1897) was only 23 years old. Within its lyrical arches, Brahms disguises strict canons between the voices, a real feat of compositional ingenuity. The final “Amen” is notable for its “glorious, arching suspensions.” This recording of the anthem was made on the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, 2016.

The opening hymn, “Jesus shall reign where’er the sun,” and the final hymn, “God of grace and God of glory,” were both sung on the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, 2017.

The Gloria and Sanctus are heard in a recording made on the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, 2015. The Fraction Anthem was recorded on All Saints’ Day, 2015, when the cantor was Holley Sherwood, soprano.

PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: Janine Brown, Paul Hmiel, Ann Lilly, Bryan Miller, Frank Rassieur, Jen Schafer, Carl Schuldt and Rolla Wetzal.

For Family and Friends: Steve Kohlbry and Greyson Schnoebelen

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

For the Faithful Departed: The Rt. Rev. William (“Bill”) Jones, Jr., former bishop of the Diocese of Missouri, Rebecca Nickel Tyler, and Eric Williams.

For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Donna Brookman, Arlene Burnham, Elizabeth Clarke, Devon Corbett, Kathryn Dewein, Greg Evans, Samantha Forsko, Patty Hecker, Taffy Hoos, Laney Johnson, Fran Kempton, Ann McDonald, Bill McMahan, 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 – As we begin our stewardship season, we reflect on all the ways we have been blessed and turn our gratitude into action. We ask for your support for St. Peter’s as our church continually seeks to support each of us and to help us know and share the love of God. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2021 and return your pledge card via mail, the Sunday offering plate, or you may pledge online at www.stpetersepiscopal.org/give. Thank you for your generosity!

COFFEE WITH THE RECTOR – Brew your cup of joe and join Rob on Zoom at **9:15 a.m.** (the link to the meeting can be found in Friday’s *News from the Rock*).

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION – Today’s 25-minute program of music on St. Peter’s organ is at 9:30 a.m., featuring music by contemporary composers Aaron Travers, Wayne Oquin, and Owain Park. Next Sunday only, a pre-recorded Music for Meditation will be available on YouTube at 9:30 a.m. On November 1st, Music for Meditation moves to 10:00 a.m.!

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!*

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*.

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER – Come to St. Peter’s on Wednesday morning to soak up the beauty and peace provided by our main sanctuary. The hour from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. is dedicated to parishioners at higher risk for suffering serious complications from COVID-19, and then the church is open to everyone from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. The wearing of masks and social distancing are observed.

COFFEE IN THE GARDEN – Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., 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 to 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 stpetersepiscopal.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@stpetersepiscopal.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 so long as the pandemic statistics for St. Louis County remain in a range deemed acceptable for indoor worship to the physicians serving on our Parish Reopening Steering Group and the Diocese, we are planning as follows:

- The 8:00 a.m. worship service will move into the church on Sunday, October 25.
- The 10:30 a.m. service will move inside on Sunday, November 1.
- **Beginning November 1, we will offer a third worship service at 9:30 a.m., designed for families with young children.** While Sunday School classes cannot gather due to the pandemic, the 9:30 service

will offer families a celebration of Holy Eucharist meant to nurture the faith of the youngest among us. We will worship in the Undercroft at 9:30 a.m. Please note that all parishioners are welcome to worship at 8:00, 9:30 or 10:30.

- Beginning November 1, **Music for Meditation** will begin at 10:00 a.m., serving as an extended prelude to the 10:30 service.
- Weather permitting, **coffee** will continue to be served on the circle drive after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services.
- **Reservations** will continue to be required for attending in-person worship services. You may make your reservation for either the 8:00 or 10:30 service online or by telephone: Go to stpetersepiscopal.org/outdoor-worship and fill out a short form, or 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 #.
- 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.

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.

HALLOWEEN FUN – Join us for a *Spooktacular* celebration on Friday, October 30, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at church. There will be music, fall crafts, s'mores making, and of course, Trunk-or-Treating! St. Peter's will provide pre-packaged treats for the kids (and adults). Decorate your trunk in your own Halloween style or just bring a lawn chair. Costumes are encouraged. We will practice social distancing with masks required.

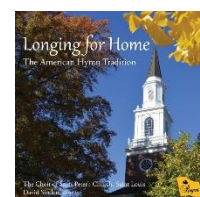
LIVING TRADITION – The Living Tradition series is an opportunity to explore St. Peter's musical and liturgical heritage as we celebrate 30 years of regular Evensong services at St. Peter's. The series continues on Sunday, November 8 at 1:30 p.m. with a virtual conversation called **Psalms, Lessons and Canticles**. The Psalms have been called "the backbone of Evensong." With special guest Dr. Mark Ardrey-Graves (St. Paul's, Winston-Salem, N.C.) we will examine the special relationship this book of the bible has to the Book of Common Prayer and the services of Choral Evensong and Holy Eucharist. We will also investigate how the daily cycle of lessons interacts with the canticles at Evensong. For more information about the Living Tradition series, including a recording of last Sunday's "Processions, Preces, and Prayers" conversation, please visit <http://livingtradition.online>.

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 for more information!

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*.

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, receives its first recording on this disc. **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

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 “**Be thou my vision**” and now available to view at <http://songsandstories.online>
David Sinden has begun meeting young singers online via Zoom. For more information, please email dsinden@stpetersepiscopal.org

ZOOM LINKS AND PASSCODES – Zoom now requires a passcode to get into meetings! We have been experiencing some difficulties recently, 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

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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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!

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.

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

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

All Saints' Day is celebrated by the Church every year on November 1 and is followed on November 2 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**, 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) 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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