THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II October 25, 2020

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

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Sentences stand

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: 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. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

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 Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with

you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons sit

Lector:

A Reading from The Book of Leviticus. (19:1-2, 15-18)

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

- Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.
- They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.
- 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 First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians. (2:1-8)

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. (22:34-46)
People: Glory to you, Lord Christ. Stand

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet""? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Joseph Wallace-Williams sit

The Nicene Creed stand

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

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 here for us. 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 St. Peter's is here

today.

People: We thank you, Lord.

Lector: For parishioners who during this time of pandemic have made a financial

pledge for 2021 to ensure that we can move forward into the new year 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,—become a blessing for our neighbors, and bring

glory to you and your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

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

Silence is kept.

All: Almighty God, giver of good things and lover of souls,

Forgive us where we have failed to serve you as faithful 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 be the community that is always here for you.

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

The Absolution

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.

All: Amen.

Exchanging the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements sit

The Offertory

Priest:

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual

worship.

The Doxology (said by all)

stand

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest:

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 say,

Sanctus and Benedictus

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, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, 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, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

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, Linda Morotz, Ann Randazzo, 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 Frank Rassieur 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

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Administration of the Sacrament

While we celebrate the Eucharist by blessing both bread and wine, during the pandemic we will receive the bread only.

Please tell the priest administering communion if you require gluten-free bread.

To receive communion, place one hand on top of the other with your palm open wide so that the bread can be placed on your palm without making physical contact.

As you remove the bread from its wrapping, pause to remember that you are welcomed to this sacramental feast by Jesus Christ, who nourishes the entirety of your being with himself.

If you would prefer not to receive the sacrament but receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer you a blessing.

Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

stand

Priest: Let us pray.

All: 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.

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

8:00 a.m.

Lectors: Brig Buetter, Ann Babington
Ushers: Cheryl and Randy Meyer
Altar Guild: Frances Gay

10:30 a.m.

Lectors:

Ushers:

Annie Vogt, Rob Heuermann
Bud Wilson, Logan O'Connor
Altar Guild:

Wendy Olk

PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: Janine Brown, Paul Hmiel, Ann Lilly, Bryan Miller, Linda Morotz,

Ann Randazzo, Jen Schafer, Carl Schuldt and Rolla Wetzel.

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: Frank Rassieur 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 McMahon, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Steven Minton, 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...

2021 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

St. Peter's relies on the faithfulness and generosity of all parishioners to support the work we are called to do each year. Your participation makes a difference!

As of October 21:

• Pledge amount received: \$182,215

Number of pledges: 42

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 us at **9:15 a.m.** on Zoom for our weekly discussion (the link to the meeting can be found in Friday's *News from the Rock*).

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION – This morning, a 25-minute program of music for piano and organ is offered **online** by guest musician Jae Park. The music is by Bach, Cabezón, Brahms, Mendelssohn, Florence Price, and Jae Park. Listen on YouTube beginning at 9:30 a.m. today, or any time thereafter: https://www.youtube.com/c/StPetersEpiscopalChurch. **Next Sunday**, November I, Music for Meditation continues at **9:30 a.m.** Please note this change in time due to the postponement of plans to move worship indoors.

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

THIS WEEK...

MORNING PRAYER – 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 mornings to soak up the beauty and peace provided by our main sanctuary. The hour from 9:00 to 10:00 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 – Come join us for our final gathering in the garden! We will meet this Wednesday, October 28 from 10:00am-11:00am for coffee and casual conversation. 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 final night of the series begins this Wednesday evening, 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. on Zoom! We will participate in our group sessions then come together at the end for Compline. We have had a great time and welcome anyone who wants to join in! 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*.

PRAYER GROUP – The prayer group is scheduled to meet on Fridays at 10:00-11:30 a.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sally Lemkemeier at 314-614-4321.

HALLOWEEN FUN - Join us for a *Spooktacular* celebration this Friday, October 30, from 4:30-6:00pm in the church parking lot. 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 INOLVED, STAY CONNECTED...

YOUR COPY OF LONGING FOR HOME IS READY – 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 hymnanthems. 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

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 "Luke's story about Mary" and now available to view at http://songsandstories.online

David Sinden has also begun to convene young singers online via Zoom. For more information, please email <u>dsinden@stpetersepiscopal.org</u>

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!

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

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 1st and is followed on November 2nd 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**st, 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 TOMORROW, Monday, October 26.

Remember tha	t though o	ur huildings	are mostl	v closed ou	— r hearts are	onenl