

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

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October 25, 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 *In nomine Domini*

Plainchant, Mode 7

At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth, and things under the earth: for that the Lord became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross: wherefore Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

— *Philippians 2:10, 8, 11; Psalm 102:2*

Hymn 450: “All hail the power of Jesus’ Name”

Coronation

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, 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

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.

Lector: Thanks be to God for this holy word.

Psalm 1

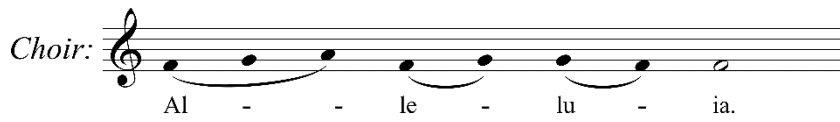
- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 **Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night.**
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit 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.**
- 5 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 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.

Lector: Thanks be to God for this holy word.



Choir: O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready: I will sing, and give praise with the best member that I have.



— Psalm 108:2

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

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.

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Joseph Wallace-Williams

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

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.**

*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.

Stewardship: A Whole Life Policy

*As we continue our Annual Giving Campaign we prayerfully ask you to make a financial pledge. I invite you to take a step back and consider not just a financial commitment, but your whole life. In a recent 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.

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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.*

At the Anthem, Motet

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

*Beati quorum via integra est:
qui ambulant in lege Domini.*

*Blessed are the undefiled in the way:
who walk in the law of the Lord.*

– Psalm 119:1

*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,

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, Linda Morotz, Ann Randazzo, Jen Schafer, Greyson Schnoebelen, Carl Schuldt, Rolla Wetzell, 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

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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 610: "Lord, whose love through humble service"

Blaenhafren

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

The opening hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' Name" was sung on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, 2017. Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792), alt.; Music: *Coronation*, Oliver Holden (1765-1844), alt.; desc. Michael E. Young (b. 1939). The descant is copyright © 1979, G.I.A. Publications, Inc. and is broadcast here under One License reprint and podcasting license A-722743.

The Motet, *Beati quorum via*, by Irish composer Charles Villiers Stanford, was sung on the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany. Please note that this music was sung at the Administration of the Sacrament, so the sound of the congregation and clergy is present on this recording.

The final hymn, "Lord, whose love through humble service" was sung on the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, 2016. Words: Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984), alt. Copyright © 1969 Oxford University Press (renewed 1988); reprinted under One License reprint and podcasting license A-722743; Music: *Blaenhafren*, Welsh melody.

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 1, 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@stpeterseiscopal.org, or look for it in Friday’s *News from the Rock*.

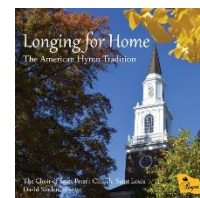
PRAYER GROUP – The prayer group is scheduled to meet on Fridays at 10:00-11:30 a.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sally Lemkemeier at 314-614-4321.

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 INVOLVED, 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 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 stpeterseiscopal.org/longingforhome



ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES – There are numerous books and films on anti-racism to spark good conversation with children of all ages, as well as adults. A list of resources, as well as steps for action are posted to our website. Go to stpeterseiscopal.org/antiracism.

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 dsinden@stpetersepiscopal.org

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

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 1st**, 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.**

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