

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 8, 2018

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II – 10:30 A.M.

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

Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Introit *Dominus fortitudo*

Anglican chant: Edward Elgar

The Lord is the strength of his people, and a stronghold of salvation to his Anointed One: O Lord, save thine own people, and give thy blessing unto thine inheritance; O feed them also, and set them up for ever. Unto thee will I cry, O Lord; my God, be not silent unto me: lest, if thou make as though thou hearest not, I become like them that go down into the pit.

– Ps. 28:8, 9, 1

Hymn 657: “Love divine, all loves excelling”

Hyfrydol, *stand*

Opening Sentences

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 (*Hymnal S 280*)

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.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. *sit*
(12: 2-10)

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 **Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,**
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.

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.**

Hymn 530: "Spread, O spread, thou mighty word"

Gott sei Dank, *stand*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. (6: 1-13)

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Reverend Amy Bertschausen

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The Nicene Creed

p. 358, *stand*

Prayers of the People

Lector: Through baptism, we have been made alive in Christ Jesus. Let us speak the words of this new life by praying for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

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For the Church throughout the world, remembering especially the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church, and delegates to General Convention, meeting in Austin, Texas, that we might be faithful, willing to serve, constant in grace, and receptive to newness, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Wayne, our Bishop; this congregation, Luke and Kelly, our clergy; and our parish staff, that we might be eager to welcome, diligent in prayer, and generous in deed, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For our nation, town, and neighborhoods, and for the ministries of Beyond Housing, Episcopal City Mission, The Haven of Grace and Magdalene St. Louis, that we all might be advocates of the lowly, defenders of liberties, and models of justice, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all who travel, who seek rest, who visit family and friends, and who enjoy the gifts of creation, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the well-being of all who work and all who seek employment, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For our families and friends, for our enemies and for those with whom we disagree, and for those who are examples of grace in our lives, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For those who grieve, those in places of care, those in prison, and those who suffer from sickness of body, mind or spirit, especially Sandy Lehrer and Mary Maher, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For those who have died, especially Janet Carey, and for Edwin, Ilda and Linda Elzemeyer, Peter Clark, Elizabeth Clark, and Edwin Elzemeyer III, that they may come into the fullness of life, united with God in the communion of the faithful, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: Accept our thanks and praise, O God, for all your gifts so generously given; hear our petitions and intercessions, and guide our thoughts and actions so that your will may be done and your name glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Yours, O God, is the dominion, the power, and the glory, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

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The children join the Service from their summer Sunday School class.

Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.

If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, let the priest know at the altar rail.

The Offertory Anthem

Ned Rorem (b. 1923)

All-glorious God, what hymns of praise
shall our transported voices raise!
What ardent love and zeal are due,
while heaven stands open to our view!

Scattered the shades of death and night,
and spread around his heavenly Light.
By him what wondrous grace is shown
to souls impoverished and undone!

Once we were fallen, and O how low!
Just on the brink of endless woe;
when Jesus, from the realms above,
borne on the wings of boundless love

He shows, beyond these mortal shores,
a bright inheritance as ours;
where saints in light our coming wait,
to share their holy, happy state!

– Philip Doddridge

The Presentation (*Hymn 380, stanza 3*)

Old 100th, *stand*

**All: 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 Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus and Benedictus (*Hymnal S 129*)

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The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread

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Administration of the Sacrament

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Anthem

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505–1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may bide with you for ever,
ev'n the spirit of truth.

– John 14:15-17

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

p. 365, *kneel*

The Blessing

Hymn 347: “Go forth for God; go to the world in peace”

Litton, *stand*

The Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

The sung setting of the Eucharist is by Robert Powell (b. 1932).

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Edwin and Ilda Elzemeyer, their daughter Linda, Peter L. Clark, Elizabeth Spencer Clark, and Edwin Elzemeyer III, by the Elzemeyer family.

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers:

Page Ivie, Peter Perkins

Ushers:

Jack Gillis, Susan Schettler, Allan Ivie, Matt Bouchard

Acolyte Master:

Ann Randazzo

Greeter:

Jim Gilbert

Altar Guild:

Claudia McMillin, Nancy Grimes, Wendy Olk

Counters:

Mary Rassieur, Susan Hall

PRAYER LIST

For Family and Friends: Sandy Lehrer and Mary Maher.

For the Faithful Departed: Janet Carey.

For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Donna Brookman, Lucy Dolan, Meg Fuller, Jimmy Grimmett, Richard Hamman, Patty Hecker, Helen Jenks, Susan Kerkering, Sophia Mandl, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Bryan Miller, Signe Myles, Jeffrey Rixleben, Ray Sellenriek, Dan Singer, Jane St. John, Alice Vosburgh, Dick Williams and Glenda Wiman.

TODAY...

GUEST PREACHER – Join us in welcoming The Reverend Amy Bertschausen, Executive Director of Care and Counseling, as our guest preacher at both services this morning. The mission of Care and Counseling, an interfaith non-profit operating in St. Louis since 1968, is to enhance emotional, relational, and spiritual well-being through counseling, professional training and community education. With community support, counseling services are available to those who would otherwise be unable to afford the full cost of psychotherapy.

Amy is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), having received a Master of Divinity degree from the University of Chicago Divinity School. Amy's Facebook page attests that, since moving to St. Louis in 2014, she and her husband, Roger, have fully embraced Cardinals baseball!

With recent news reports about an epidemic of loneliness and an increase in the suicide rates in our country, there could not be a better time to hear to Amy preach God's Word on healing and mental health.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Child care will be available throughout the summer from 10:00 a.m. through the conclusion of the 10:30 a.m. worship service, and Summer Sunday School for all students in kindergarten through 5th grade will be during the 10:30 worship service. Both groups will gather in the Little Building.

CHAMBER ORGAN – Due to construction work in close proximity to the organ blower room, the Chamber Organ will be used at services today and for the next few Sundays. We will be able to use the Chancel Organ again once the first phase of the work is complete.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT – In Friday’s parish e-newsletter, Maria Maguire wrote to youth, parents and parishioners with the news that, moving on to her next chapter, she is no longer serving as St. Peter’s Director of Youth Ministry. Maria sends this message to all: “It has been a gift and joy to work with you for the past 10 months. Thank you so much for the warmth and hospitality with which you have welcomed me into your fold. . . . May God bless and empower you in the next chapter of St. Peter’s Youth Ministry.” We wish Maria all the best and God’s blessing on her journey.

COFFEE HOUR – After this morning, construction necessitates that coffee hour will go on hiatus until mid-August. So join us for coffee this morning and, in the weeks to come, perhaps make a date with a fellow parishioner for coffee or brunch on a sunny summer Sunday.

THIS WEEK...

NEWS DEADLINE – Please submit news to the Church Office by noon on Tuesdays.

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.

WOMAN’S GUILD – Bring your lunch and join us for our summer gatherings about noon on Tuesdays. Yoga will meet at 11:00 in the Little Building.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

BEYOND THE BACKPACK DRIVE – St. Peter’s is once again supporting the Beyond Housing back-to-school project. **Be sure to take a flyer today from the narthex** and take the list with you when you shop. Please bring the requested school supplies to church by July 22nd. Our packing party will be on Sunday, July 22nd in the 4th and 5th grade classroom between services. Volunteers are also needed for the event at Normandy High School on Saturday, August 4th, 11 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to give backpacks to students. Contact the Church Office if you would like to participate!

DONUT SUNDAY – On Sunday, July 22nd we will welcome members of the Indianapolis Children’s Choir for the 10:30 Service. Immediately following, join us on the lawn for donuts!

BOOK GROUP – Our summer read is *The Alexandria Quartet* by Lawrence Durrell, so read at your leisure and plan to join us on Wednesday, October 3rd at 2:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 8 - 15, 2018

Sunday	7/ 8		The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	7/10	11:00 a.m.	Summer Woman’s Guild
Wednesday	7/11	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sunday	7/15		The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

New Guidelines for Flowers Donations

The flowers that beautify our worship are given to the glory of God! Effective July 1, the Sunday flowers are ordered by the Church Office by agreement with a local florist, except for the Sundays following a memorial service or wedding.

To donate for flowers, follow these easy steps:

1. **Go to the parish website** at <http://stpetersepisopal.org/worship/sunday-flowers/> or you may contact Carol Lyons, our Parish Secretary (314-993-2306, ext. 101; clyons@stpetersepisopal.org).
2. **Choose the Sunday date** for your gift. If you would like your memorial or thanksgiving listed in the Sunday bulletin, fill out the information at least two weeks in advance. Please note that all who wish to donate are welcome for each Sunday and parishioners may donate for flowers on more than one Sunday of the year.
3. **Indicate your preference for the wording printed in the Sunday bulletins.** The format is:

*The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of _____,
by _____.*

Or:

*The flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of (or thanksgiving for)
the Birth/Baptism/Marriage/Anniversary/Birthday of _____,
by _____.*

4. **Make your donation**, either through the parish website, or by sending your check to the parish office (110 N. Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63124). Make checks payable to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and mark it for FLOWERS. The suggested donation is a minimum of \$100. The actual cost of the flowers each week is \$173.

Four easy steps! Thank you for your gift! And finally, did you know that after the worship services volunteers divide the flowers into smaller bouquets and deliver them to parishioners, to add a little cheer where needed?