

**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**August 12, 2018**  
**THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II – 8:00 A.M.**

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

Organ Prelude

**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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 Book of Samuel. (18: 5-9, 15, 31-33) *sit*

The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man." The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice;  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 **If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,  
O Lord, who could stand?**
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you;  
therefore you shall be feared.

4       **I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;  
in his word is my hope.**

5       My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.

6       **O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
for with the Lord there is mercy;**

7       With him there is plenteous redemption,  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

*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.**

*Priest:*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.       *stand*  
(6: 35, 41-51)

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

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

*Priest:*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: The Reverend Sally S. Weaver

*sit*

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.

*kneel*

For the Church throughout the world, remembering especially the Anglican Communion and Episcopal Church, 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 Michael Curry, Bette Handy and Etta Jane McCarty, let us pray to the Lord:

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

*Lector:* For those who have died, especially Robert Bergquist, John Bohl and George Eberle, and for Rolla B. Wetzler, 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.**

*We exchange the Peace at the altar rail after receiving Communion.*

Announcements

*sit*

## 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 Presentation	Hymn 380, stanza 3	Old 100th, <i>stand</i>
<b>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.</b>		
The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A		p. 361
Sanctus and Benedictus		p. 362 <i>kneel</i>
The Lord's Prayer		p. 364
Breaking of the Bread		p. 364
Administration of the Sacrament		<i>sit</i>
A Prayer of Thanksgiving		p. 365, <i>kneel</i>
The Blessing		
The Dismissal		<i>stand</i>
<i>Priest:</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.	
<i>People:</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
Organ Voluntary		

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Rolla and Anne Wetzel,  
in loving memory of Rolla B. Wetzel.*

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers:

Erica Fishel, Bud Wilson

Ushers:

Tony Randazzo, Rich Huck

Altar Guild:

Connie Lohr, Claudia McMillin

Caren Vredenburgh, DeWayne Trainer

Counters:

Bob Messey, Susan Hall

## ***PRAYER LIST***

**For Parishioner:** Bette Handy.

**For Family and Friends:** Michael Curry and Etta Jane McCarty.

**For the Faithful Departed:** Robert Bergquist, John Bohl and George Eberle.

**For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers:** Donna Brookman, Lucy Dolan, Meg Fuller, Jimmy Grimmett, Patty Hecker, Marsha Hussung, Helen Jenks, Susan Kerkering, Sandy Lehrer, Sophia Mandl, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Bryan Miller, Signe Myles, Jeffrey Rixleben, Ray Sellenriek, Dan Singer, Jane St. John, Timothy Vowels and Dick Williams.

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Child care is available in the Little Building from 10:00 a.m. through the conclusion of the 10:30 a.m. worship service, and Summer Sunday School for kindergarten—5<sup>th</sup> grade also meets in the Little Building, during the 10:30 worship service.

**TODAY'S PREACHER** – The Reverend Sally S. Weaver is our preacher at both services today. In June, Sally retired as the Vicar of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Eureka, after serving the congregation for 8½ years and leading it in purchasing property and constructing its own church building. Sally has been worshipping with us on many Sundays and Wednesdays since her retirement, and we are pleased to welcome her into the pulpit this morning!

**COFFEE HOUR** – Due to construction, Sunday morning coffee hour is taking a summer hiatus. Look for its return soon!

## ***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.

**ST. JOHN'S PEACE MEAL** – If you would like to cook and/or serve dinner for St. John's Peace Meal at St. John's Tower Grove **this Saturday**, August 18<sup>th</sup>, please contact Bill Gilbert, Chair of the Outreach Committee, at turkgobble@aol.com or 314-283-5288. Volunteers must be at least 12 years old.

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

**RECTOR'S FORUM RETURNS** – In honor of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary the first series of Rector's Forums will focus on the History of St. Peter's Church. Join Luke Jernagan in the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom at 9:15 on Sunday mornings beginning **next Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**.

**BREAKFAST & COFFEE HOUR RETURN** – The Undercroft is still being renovated, but that will not stop us from bringing back breakfast and coffee hour! **Beginning next Sunday**, continental breakfast will be served from 8:45 until 10:00 a.m., and coffee hour will take place immediately after the 10:30 worship service, both in the Confirmation Room. (It is true, construction has stopped us from serving bacon, but construction will not last forever!)

**BACKPACK BLESSING** – To celebrate the beginning of school, all students are invited to bring their backpacks to the 10:30 a.m. worship service **next Sunday** for a special "Blessing of the Backpacks." We'll ask for God's blessing upon our students and the tools they will use to inquire and discern while at school, and ask that God go with them as they do so. Don't forget to bring in your backpacks on the 19<sup>th</sup>!

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE!** We are excited to celebrate St. Peter's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the weekend of October 13-14<sup>th</sup>. We will kick off the celebration on Saturday, October 13, with a parish-wide dinner at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center. Look for an invitation in the mail soon, and please plan to join us for great food, fun, and fellowship!

***SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 12 - 19, 2018***

Sunday	8/12		<b>The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	8/14	11:00 a.m.	Summer Woman's Guild
Wednesday	8/15	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	8/16	6:00 p.m.	Choristers
Saturday	8/18	2-6:00 p.m.	St. John's Peace Meal
Sunday	8/19		<b>The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Continental Breakfast
		9:15 a.m.	Rector's Forum
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist/Backpack Blessing
			Coffee Hour

## ***AUGUST – SEPTEMBER***

*Please mark your calendars for these upcoming worship, formation, fellowship and outreach opportunities:*

<b>Sunday, August 19</b>	<b>Rector’s Forum resumes/Continental Breakfast</b> Backpack Blessing/Coffee Hour
Tuesday, August 21	Summer Woman’s Guild gatherings continue
Thursday, August 23	Thursday Bible Study resumes
<b>Sunday, August 26</b>	Lector Training after the 10:30 Worship Service
<b>Sunday, September 2</b>	Food Drive Sunday Instructed Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:30 Services Last Summer Sunday School
Monday, September 3	Labor Day Holiday – Office closed
Wednesday, September 5	St. Peter’s Playgroup Open House
Thursday, September 6	Holy Eucharist @ The Gatesworth St. Peter’s Playgroup begins Evensong for Choristers and their Parents
Friday, September 7	Friday morning Prayer Group resumes
<b>Sunday, September 9</b>	<b>Kids’ Kickoff!</b> Full Choir returns Children’s Chapel resumes Sunday School & Confirmation Class begin Teacher Commissioning/4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bibles Sunday Trinity Hot Lunch
Wednesday, September 12	“Searching for God in the Daily News” resumes
<b>Sunday, September 16</b>	<b>St. Peter’s Day/Invite a Friend to Church!</b> Acolyte Commissioning Parish Picnic
Tuesday, September 18	Woman’s Guild Opening Luncheon (off-campus)
<b>Sunday, September 23</b>	Sunday School Teachers’ Donut Celebration!
<b>Sunday, September 30</b>	Sandwich Makers

