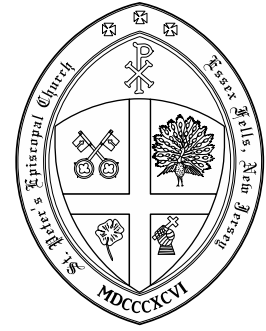


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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost ***October 6, 2024***

Welcome

We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship today. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We are a church rooted in Christian tradition, but open to new ideas, committed to service in community and world as part of the world-wide Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. We invite you to join fully in worship with us if you seek a closer relationship with God in Jesus Christ.

All are welcome to make a gift and offering in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we have received. To take advantage of our electronic giving options, please follow the QR code with your capable electronic device. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.



Holy Eucharist at 8 o'clock and 4 o'clock

The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), page 355

The Lessons may be found in the 10 o'clock portion of this worship bulletin (below)

Psalm 8 may be found on page 592 of the BCP

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B, may be found on page 367 of the BCP



Holy Eucharist at 10 o'clock

Voluntary

Prelude 'Liebster Jesu'

J.S. Bach

Entrance Hymn 400 (*omit * stanzas*) *Hymnal 1982*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

THE WORD OF GOD

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

Amen.

Gloria

Hymnal 1982, S-280

Collect of the Day

Proper 22

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

Reader *A reading from the Book of Genesis.* The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103 *Benedic, anima mea*

TAIZÉ

Please repeat the refrain after the Cantor, remaining seated

The image shows a musical score for Psalm 103. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

*Cantor It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **REFRAIN***

*Cantor The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **REFRAIN***

*Cantor As a father has compassion on his children, the Lord has pity on those who fear him;
for he knows of what we are made, he remembers that we are but dust. **REFRAIN***

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews. Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at

the right hand of the Majesty on high...Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet.” Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 711 *Hymnal 1982*

SEEK YE FIRST

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:2-16

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Deacon Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation,

‘God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rector

Nicene Creed

BCP, page 358

Prayers of the People

Leader In your mercy, Lord.

People **Hear our prayer.**

After the conclusion, the Leader says

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Peter our Patron, and all the saints, let us offer our selves and one another to the living God through Christ our Lord.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

The Presider adds a concluding collect, and the People respond, Amen.

Confession of Sin, Absolution, and the Peace

BCP, page 360

Welcome and Announcements, Blessing of Animals

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

—Psalm 5:8, 4:9

The youth may come forward as the gifts are presented during the following hymn

Hymn 405 *Hymnal 1982*

ROYAL OAK

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A

BCP, page 361

Sanctus

Hymnal 1982, S-129

Lord's Prayer

BCP, page 364

Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal 1982, S-169

Please repeat the refrain after the Cantor

People **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed,
says the Lord.**

Invitation

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Bread and Cup to be in communion with God and each other. You may receive only the bread by placing your hands together flat in front of you (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request).

Afterwards you may drink wine from the chalice. If you would rather have the bread intincted (dipped) in the wine, you may hand the bread to the person administering the chalice and they will intinct and hand it back to you. If you (or your child) would rather not receive the Sacrament, you may come to the altar rail during Communion and cross your arms on your chest for a blessing.

Hymn 325 *Hymnal 1982*

SPIRITUAL

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand and say together

**ALL Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and
nourished by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we consume. Amen.**

Hymn 398 *Hymnal 1982*

FOREST GREEN

Blessing

Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Finale

Healey Willan

This Week's Parish Notices

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Help make Saint Peter's a welcoming place by signing up to be a coffee hour host! Coffee hour is an important time for us to connect with one another and meet our guests and visitors. Please either sign up on the sheet posted in the upper room or contact Mary Shearin (shearchaos38@gmail.com) to let us know the date you prefer. *Feel free to sign up with a friend!*

PARISH CHOIR REHEARSAL

The Parish Choir (Adults and older teens) has resumed Thursday evening rehearsals at 7:30 in the Choir Room. Everyone is welcome to come and sing with us! Singing is great fun, Christian formation, and a wonderful way to be a part of a great community. For more information, contact Mark Trautman (trautman@stpetersef.org, 973.226.6500). *Everyone is welcome to give choir a try!*

HANDBELL CHOIR

Handbell Rehearsals have begun: Handbell Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the south transept of the church. Everyone is welcome to come and ring with us! For more information, contact Mark Trautman. *Everyone is welcome to give choir a try!*

USHERS

Are you looking to help grow our St. Peter's community? Please consider becoming an usher. We are looking for ushers for Sunday services. This work is important as we are the first impression people have as they arrive at Church. Your impression could help us to continue to grow and make our Church home a more friendly and welcoming place. The commitment is not more than once per month and schedules are worked around your availability. We will be happy to help train you on the responsibilities. If interested, please reach out to Wayne Copeland (waynecopeland@keyconsult.com).

ACOLYTE TRAINING

We are recruiting persons young and old who would like to serve at the Altar as acolytes. In the Episcopal Church altar servers are called acolytes and can be either gender. We are looking for both children and adults to join in this wonderful ministry to serve as an acolyte. An acolyte may assist in worship by carrying a torch, a processional cross, a banner, lighting candles, extinguishing candles, and assisting the priest and deacon as seen fit by the priest or deacon. Confirmation is not a requirement to be an acolyte, but it is something an acolyte should strive for in the very near future. Training is offered on an on-going basis; contact Chrisine DiGiovanni (adagio1562@aol.com).

FLOWER MINISTRY

Beautiful flowers adorn our church weekly. Flowers may be given at any time in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one, or any other occasion of thankfulness for God's creation. A check for \$50 may be made to St. Peter's—put 'altar flowers' in the memo. To reserve a date, use the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or email Alice Samuels (inkyretired@aol.com).

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

<i>Altar Guild</i>	Alice Samuels, Annetta Benedict, Debra Chance
<i>Ushers</i>	Emily Copland, Emery Vonderahe
<i>Acolytes</i>	Youth of the Parish
<i>Elements</i>	Jule Alexander Danville
<i>Readers</i>	Lyla Khan
<i>Cantor</i>	Michael Baretta
<i>Director of Music</i>	Mark A. Trautman
<i>Presiding</i>	The Reverend Nathaniel Darville

PRAYER LIST

Laurie Alcott, Stanley Au, Amye Becker, Duffy Bell, Grace Bishop, Nancy Bivona, Murriel Bowness, Martha Capel, Adele Corcoran, Gabriel Cowell, Mark Cowell, Wayne Hill, Bunny Jenkins, Tania Jenkins, Sheila & Norman Johnson, Johnson Family, Eddie K., Jeffrey Kamel, Pam Kamel, Katherine Kamen, Ed Kamper, Colin Kelley, Gloria Kelley, Katie King, Lauren L., Laurieann, Sally L., Mark Lewis, Marino Family, Tom Marriott, Mike, Nicholas Nunno, Lisa & Gary Pyne, Richardson & Dickhaus families, Craig Roper, Ruth Ann, Sarah, Jean Whiting Smith, Kathy Stanton, Marge Vere, & Frank Zupa.

THE VESTRY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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