

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 23, Year C

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, October 12, 2025, 10:00 am

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Stevens, Celebrant Rani Fischer, Musician

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Redwood City

178 Clinton Street, Redwood City, CA 94062 www.stpetersrwc.org Prelude Piano Voluntary

The Processional hymn

Thou whose mighty word Hymnal 1982 #371

For the processional hymn, the people stand and face the back of the sanctuary as the service begins, gradually turning their bodies to face the cross as it moves to the chancel.

Traditionally, the people bow to the cross as it passes.

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Get ready for the Gospel...

What does the term "leper" mean in the Bible?

It is helpful to understand that in the ancient world, there was no formal diagnosis of what today we call Hansen's disease, or "leprosy." Terminology in both Hebrew and Greek merely described a variety of skin ailments, some severe and some less so, as a state of spiritual impurity.

The ancient terminology for skin disease covered treatable conditions such as psoriasis and vitiligo. In the Jewish community, a person afflicted with these could be declared "clean" by a priest after a period of isolation and cleansing rituals. This is effectively what Jesus is doing when he "heals" the ten "lepers" in our story.

The healing in the story is understood as a divine miracle of faith rather than a medical intervention. Jesus restores the outcast to good health and full participation in th community.

What is a Samaritan?

Samaritans are a monotheistic, Abrahamic sect differentiated by the Israelites. Often in the New Testament, Jesus uses the Samaritan is used as an exemplar of virtues, like gratitude, generosity, and faith in contradistinction to his fellow Jews. Samaritans represent those outside the Jewish tribe, or at its margins.

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The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

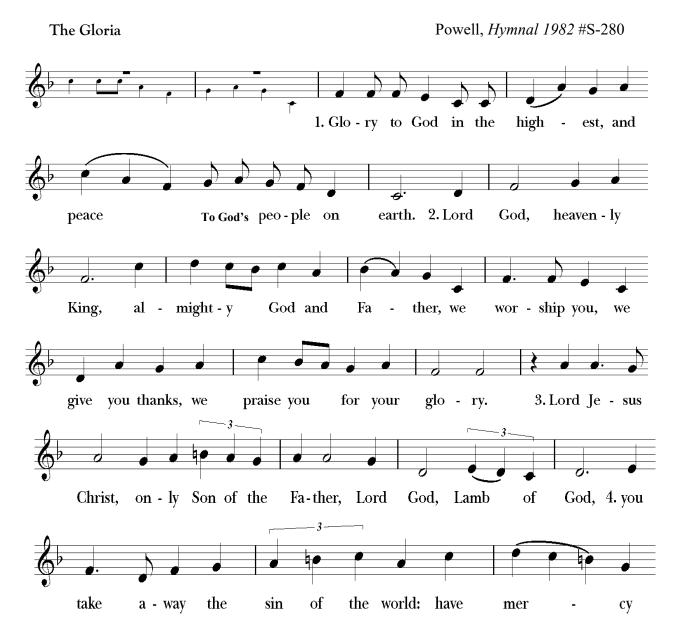
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

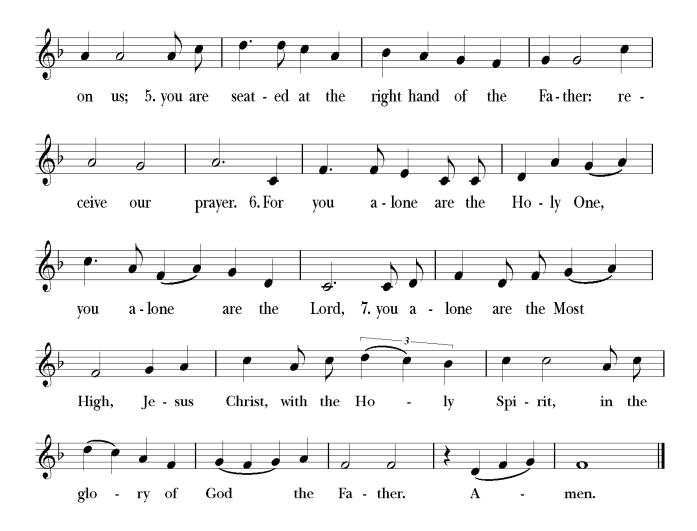
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant

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.



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Collect of the Day

a "Collect" (CALL-ect) is a prayer said by one person on behalf of the entire gathering

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant

Let us be seated for the lessons

The Lesson From the Old Testament

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

Lector

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response Psalms 66: 1–11

The Lector and the People will read responsively (marked by an asterisk*).

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *

sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *

because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, *

sings to you, sings out your Name."

- 4 Come now and see the works of God, * how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, * and there we rejoiced in him.
- 6 In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; * let no rebel rise up against him.
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; * you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

The Lesson from the Epistles:

2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Lector:

A reading from the first letter to St. Timothy

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David~ that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

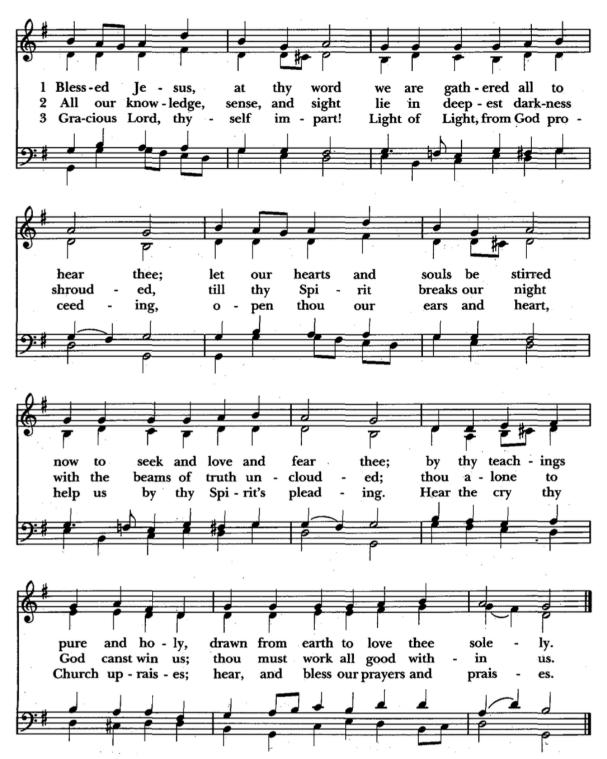
The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn

Blessed Jesus at thy Word Hymnal 1982 #440

The People stand for the Gradual hymn. A member of the clergy carries the Gospel among the People for the Proclamation. The People turn to face the Gospel.



Traditionally, as the clergy member says "The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" at the beginning of the proclamation, *the people may make three small crosses over the forehead, lips, and heart*.

The Gospel Luke 17: 11-19

Clergy:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke

People:

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Clergy:

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People remain standing until they are invited to be seated by the preacher.

The Sermon The Rev. Dr. Pamela Stevens

The Nicene Creed

The People stand.

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 [human].

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 [She] is worshiped and glorified.

[She] 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.

The Prayers of the People

1979 Book of Common Prayer p. 388

A moment of silence begins this time of prayer.

Intercessor

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Austin our Bishop, Pamela our priest, Skip, our deacon; Nancy, Dianne, Paul, Teri, RuthAnne, Elaine, and Deborah our vestry members; and all who serve in the church. We lift up those in our diocese who are serving on the Strategic Vision Team, that their work may be fruitful. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

A moment of silence....

Lord in your mercy

People

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

A moment of silence...

Lord in your mercy

People

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

A moment of silence...

Lord in your mercy

Peoble

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

A moment of silence...

Lord, in your mercy

People

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially Gia Pacheco, age 13, of the Kumu Ola choir, who suffered a serious neck injury; Irene Z, Pat G., Elaine Oliver, Shannon Walker, Andrea, members of the Stellamos Youth Chorus, the children in the Kumu Ola youth choir, Jenny Cornell, Karina, Ellen Berning, Jim Redman, Alejandro Mejia, Joanne Runyeon, Eva Mejia, Wendy Dickman, Jerry Berning, David Elms, Joan Brumleve, and those whom we name now, silently or aloud.

A moment of silence...

Lord, in your mercy

People

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom, especially Jeannie & Peter Ferber, Rev. Vern Jones, The Rev. Beth Phillips, Moshe, Diane Robertson, David Malm, Nancy Stevens, and those whom we name now, silently or aloud.

A moment of silence...

Lord, in your mercy

People

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

O Lord our God, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will.

We pray, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Confession and Absolution

(the people remain standing)

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of silence follows. Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People exchange a sign of the peace, typically hands in prayer position with a small bow saying, "Peace," or some other greeting such as "May the Peace of the Lord be with you."

Observances of Life Events

The Celebrant will invite the congregation to offer prayers for blessings of those with birthdays and anniversaries with the following prayers.

For Birthdays

Watch over your *children*, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever they may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Marriage Anniversaries

O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants N. and N., that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel [in particular ______]; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

News and Announcements

The Sr. Warden will share the news of the day and upcoming events.

The Offertory

The Celebrant will announce the commencement of the Offertory.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (*Ephesians 5:2*)

Ushers will pass the plate for an optional offering to the church for its mission and ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

Electronic donations are welcome:

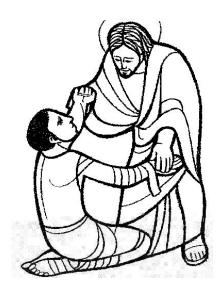


The Offertory Hymn

Take my life and let it be Hymnal 1982 #707

The People remain seated for the hymn, then stand at its conclusion as the musician begins the Doxology and the gifts are presented at the altar.

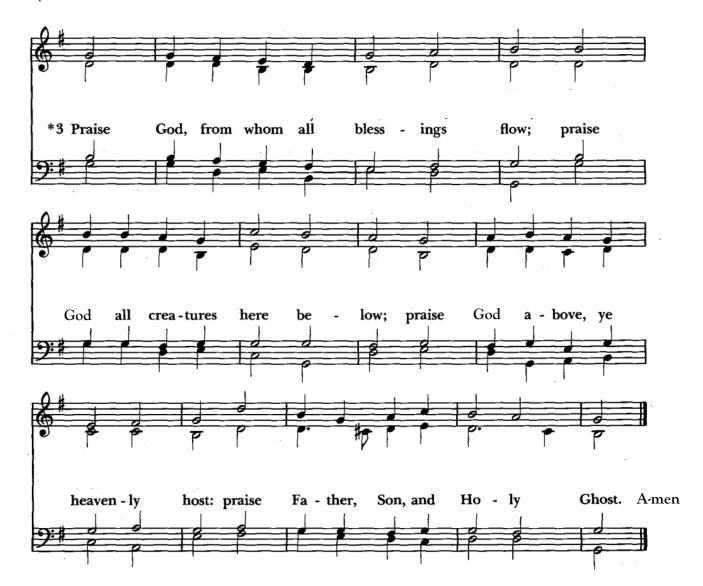
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The Doxology and the Presentation of Gifts

The People stand.



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP

The People stand.

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you. Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give [God] thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our great High Priest; in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in your sight.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

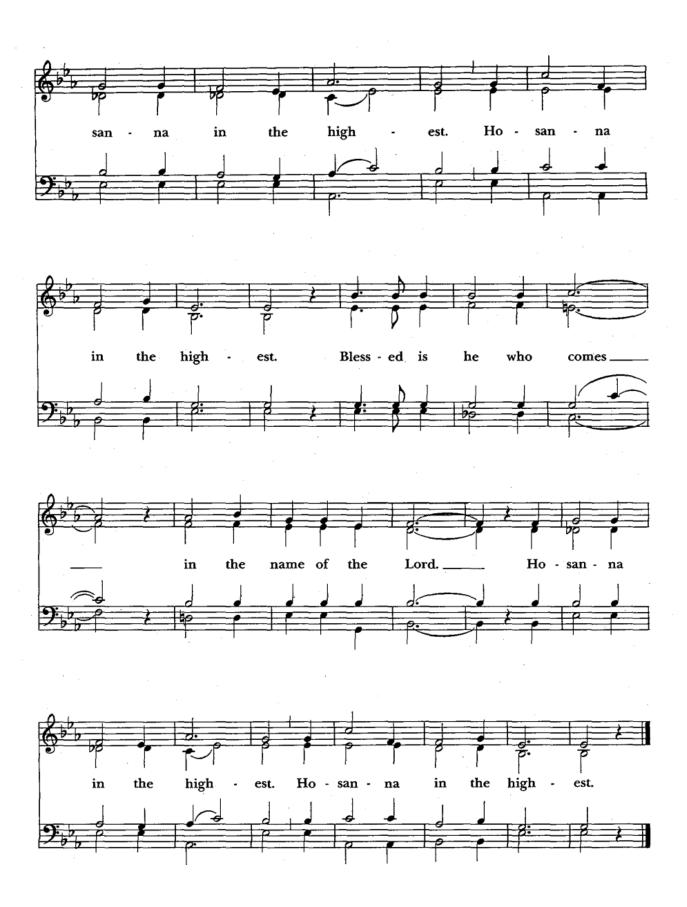
The Sanctus

Holy, holy holy, Schubert, Deutsche Messe

The Sanctus continues on the following page.







The people stand or may kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mary and St. Peter and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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.

The Fraction

Celebrant Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.

People Have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world.

People Have mercy on us.

Celebrant Lamb of God you take away the sins of the word.

People Grant us peace.

Celebrant

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Administration of Communion

At St. Peter's it is our practice is to receive the host, then dip (intinct) it into the wine before consuming it. Wine and grape juice are available, as is gluten-free host.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]



The Prayer After Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant

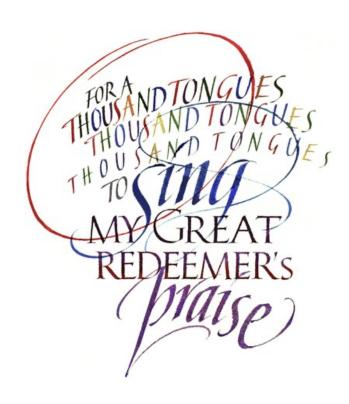
....and may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

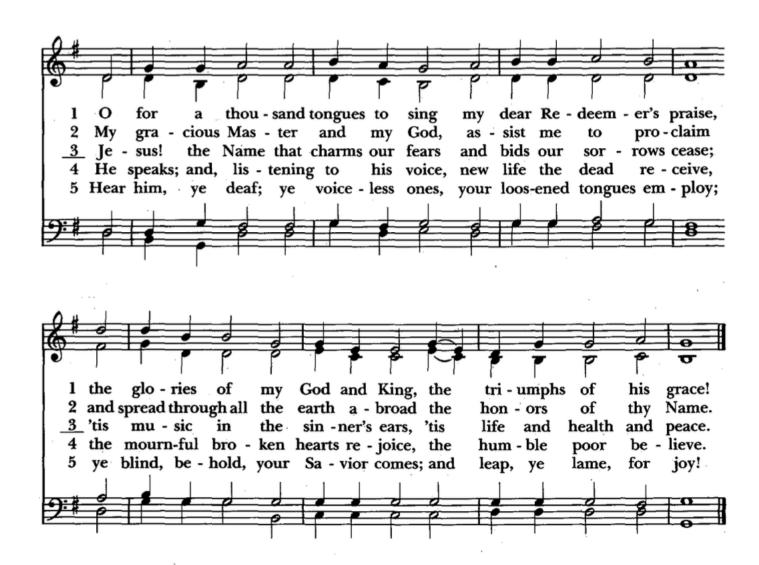
The Recessional Hymn

O For a thousand tongues to sin Hymnal 1982 #493

The altar party will recess, following the cross. The People, following the cross, turn to face the back of the sanctuary. The dismissal follows the hymn.

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6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

The Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

Piano Voluntary



Please join us for Coffee Hour, the so-called "Third Sacrament" of The Episcopal Church....

Why the third sacrament?

There are only two sacraments of The Episcopal Church, those which are dominical (ordered by Jesus).

These are: Baptism and Eucharist.

There are, however, five additional sacramental rites (confirmation, confession, marriage, ordination, and anointing of the sick).

Among Roman and Anglo Catholics, and in the history of Christianity prior to the Reformation, there are seven sacraments. In those traditions, if they want to joke that coffee hour is a sacrament, they have to call it the **eighth sacrament**.

Upcoming Events at St. Peter's Redwood City

October 12, 2025, Sunday: Care Kit Assembly During Coffee Hour

- We will meet in the Parish Hall after the service to assemble Care Kits for our unhoused neighbors.
- This project takes about a half-hour; just show up and start packing!

October 19, 2025, Sunday: Stellamos Youth Chorus to present at Coffee Hour

• The singers will present a slideshow of their experience working with the Kumu Ola Children's Choir on the island of Kaua'i. We will enjoy brunch together with the youth in the parish hall after the service.

<u>2025 DIOCESAN CONVENTION Oct 17th- Zoom / Oct 18th - Grace Cathedral</u>

- The 176th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of California will take place on October 17 on Zoom and October 18 at Grace Cathedral from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.
- Our lay delegates are Mr. Paul Berning and Dr. Jenny Cornell. All are welcome to attend.
- Keep up-to-date with all the new you need here on the convention website and make sure you're <u>signed up to receive DioCal News & Events</u> for weekly updates in the Convention section of the newsletter.

November 6, 2025, Thursday: Fr. Vern Jones Memorial Service

- The Memorial service will be held at Grace Cathedral at 2pm
- Fr. Vern will be honored with a special service with the bishop presiding over it
- Afterwards there will be a reception with light refreshments
- Fr. Vern had asked for no flowers, instead if you wish to make a gift in his honor, send a donation to Grace Cathedral for their greatest need