

St. Peter's Episcopal Church



A celebration of the Feast of St. Francis
with a blessing of the animals
October 2, 2022 ❖ 10 am

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Welcome to St. Peter's! We are pleased and honored that you have chosen to worship with St. Peter's.

In our liturgical year, we are celebrating Ordinary time or the time after Pentecost (June 5) until the new year begins with Advent (November 27). This is a time to relish the seasons of life. We seek to see God's presence in the everyday by noticing God working in our lives and those of our neighbors. We grow ever deeper in our understanding of God and God's way of love, and act in the world to bring peace and justice.

Everything your need for the service is in this leaflet. If you are new to Episcopal worship services, we realize that it can be confusing at times. Don't worry about not knowing all the gestures! It is our hope that the rhythm of the liturgy will carry you and that you will drink deeply from God's well.

If you would like to know more about St. Peter's, the Rev. Iain Stanford would be happy to have a chat. He can be contacted at rector@stpetersrwc.org.

To keep everyone safe, we ask you to keep your mask on throughout the service. You can lift it briefly at communion to consume the host. Restrooms are located in the attached building to your right. To access them go through the door on the right side of the church. Proceed to the end of the hall and up the stairs. There is an all gender restroom to your left, and gendered restrooms to your right. If you are unable to use stairs, then after entering the hallway, take the first door to your right into the courtyard. There is a ramp located to your left, which will take to you into the attached building. To your left, you will find the restrooms.

Welcome

No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

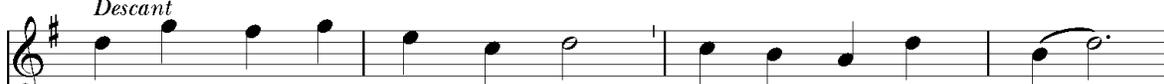
The Gathering

The people stand as the procession enters.

Hymn

Sung by all, standing

Descant



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea - tures great and small,

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

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Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895) Music: Royal Oak, melody from
The Dancing Master, 1686; adapt. and harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958)

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect

Presider May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Word of God

The First Reading

The people sit.

Abbreviated from Genesis 11-34

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and a great dimness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. On the first day, God created light and darkness. On the second day, God created the sky above and the waters below. On the third day, God formed the land and called it Earth, and gathered the water and called it Sea. God blessed the earth with vegetation and food. On the fourth day, God separated the day from the night, creating the sun, the moon, and the stars. On the fifth day, God brought forth swarms of living creatures in the air, in the water, and on the land, and God bid them to be fruitful and multiply. On the sixth day, God created humankind in God's image, giving them dominion over the animals. God blessed them and bid them to be fruitful and multiply. On the seventh day, God saw that everything that God had made was very good and God rested and blessed the seventh day and made it sacred.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

The people sit.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the God, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 God will not let your foot be moved *
and One who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Holy One watches over you; *
the is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 God shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is the One who shall keep you safe.
- 8 God shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

St.Helena Psalter

The Second Reading

The people sit.

Job 39:1-18

Reader

A reading from the book of Job.
"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the deer?
Can you number the months that they fulfil,
and do you know the time when they give birth,
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?
Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open
they go forth, and do not return to them.
"Who has let the wild ass go free?
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
to which I have given the steppe for its home,
the salt land for its dwelling-place?
It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.
It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.
"Is the wild ox willing to serve you?
Will it spend the night at your crib?
Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?
Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labor to it?
Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?
"The ostrich's wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.
For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
and lets them be warmed on the ground,
forgetting that a foot may crush them,
and that a wild animal may trample them.

It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear;
because God has made it forget wisdom,
and given it no share in understanding.
When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider."

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Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Sung by all, standing as able.

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

text: Celtic Alleluia

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

Presider Hear the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Homily

The people sit.

The Rev. Iain Stanford

The Nicene Creed

People stand as they are able.

All **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.

The Prayers of the People

The Canticle of the Sun is a prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi. This version of the prayer is from Rich Morley, and has further been adapted by Iain Stanford.

- Presider Most high, all powerful, all good God! All praise is yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing. And, it is to you alone, Most High, that we pray.
- Intercessor You are praised, O God by our Brother, Sun, who brings the day; and through whom you give light. May light be shed on your Church, that your faithful people may bear your likeness.
- People **O God, hear us.**
- Intercessor You are praised, O God, through our Sister, Moon, and the stars; in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and beautiful. May the nations of the earth, whom they look down upon each night be blessed with your peace.
- People **O God, hear us.**

- Intercessor You are praised, O God, through our Siblings, Wind and Air, and clouds and storms, and all the weather; May you rain down your grace upon our nation, and it's leaders and people.
- People **O God, hear us.**
- Intercessor You are praised, O God, through our Sibling, Water; Quench the thirst of the poor, the downtrodden, and those who are ill, or in trouble of any kind especially Robin Nolan, Angie, Pat, Joanne Runyeon, Elaine Elms, James Redman, Justin Redman, Khiana Chen, Vikki Hoobyar, Rob Durazzo, Jim Runyeon, David Elms, Peggy Trei, Tom Kennedy, Emily Thomann, and those we name now [pause].
- People **O God, hear us.**
- Intercessor You are praised, O God, through our Brother, Fire, through whom you brighten the night; We pray you to brighten your Kingdom, where the souls of the faithful departed rest, especially those we name now [pause].
- People **O God, hear us.**
- Intercessor You are praised, O God, through our sister, and Mother, Earth, who feeds us and rules us, and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs; Give us the will to care for her, as you created her.
- People **O God, hear us.**
- Intercessor Be praised, my God, through those who forgive for love of you; through those who endure the trials of this world keeping your ways, especially those facing war and natural disasters. Happy are those who endure in peace; for by you, Most High, they will be exhalted.
- People **O God, hear us.**
- Presider O God, we praise and bless you, and we give you thanks, and with all of creation, we serve you and pray to you with great humility.

The Peace

- Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

All may greet each other in the name of Christ. Due to Covid, we ask that you offer each other a physically distanced sign of peace: you may bow, wave, or use the peace sign.

The Blessing of the Animals

- Presider Let us pray.
Almighty God, Creator of all, to you be all praise, glory, and honour! To you alone does all creation belong.
All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
You made them all.
- We thank you for entrusting into our care such loving animals as cats, dogs, fish, birds, and all manner of creature. We thank you for the delight they bring to our lives. We ask you to create in us such hearts that we may care and bring happiness to them.
- People are invited to come forward with their animals for a blessing.
- Bless this animal(s), fill them with life, bind them to us, their human partners, and lead them to praise you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayers of Blessing

Birthday Prayer Watch over thy child, O God, 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* hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Travel Prayer O God, our heavenly maker, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; 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.

Marriage Prayer 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, 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.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory

An offering will be collected. Thank you for your generosity.

Hymn

Sung by all, the people stand when the gifts are brought up.

Sarah McLachlan

p Slowly $\text{♩} = 54$

Lord, make me an in stru ment of your__ peace Where there is ha-tred let me sow__ love;_

Where there is in- ju-ry, par- don; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is des- pair, hope;

__ Where there is dark- ness, light; Where there is sad- ness, Joy!_____

mf

O Di - vine__ Mas - ter, grant__ that I____ may__ not so much

seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

mf rhythmically
For it's in giving that we receive, And it's in pardoning that we are

par-don'd. And it's in dying that we are born

mp gently slower, freely
to eternal life. A - - - men.

Words: A prayer attributed to St. Francis Music: Sarah McLachlan (b. 1968)

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship Prayer 1

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

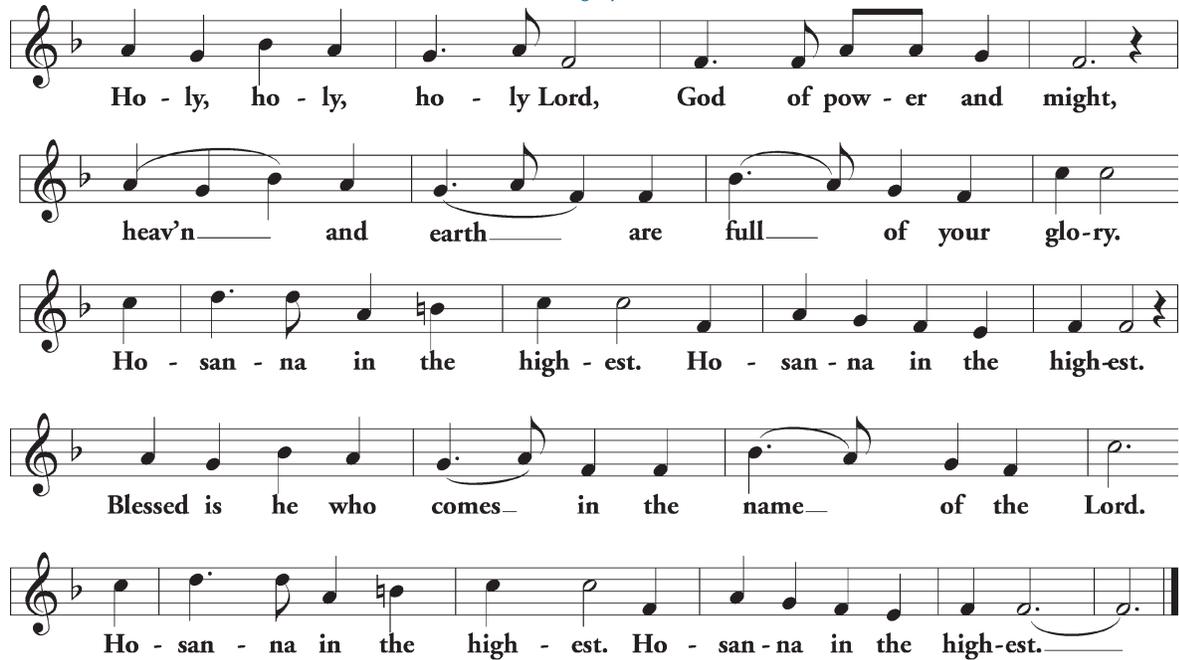
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

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:

Sanctus

Sung by all.

Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

text: trad.; music: from A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

"Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ had died
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again;**

Presider Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Peter and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The New Zealand Prayer Book

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bread is broken; silence is kept.

Enriching Our Worship

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All **We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

Invitation to Communion

Presider Behold who you are, may you become what you receive.

Following best practices for health safety due to Covid, we will share the bread only. We believe that reception of one element is sufficient for the full reception of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Please physically distance while in line for communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. You may lift your mask briefly to consume the host.

Hymn

Sung by all, standing as able.

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

a tempo
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934) | Music: Houston Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

Postcommunion Prayer After all have received Communion, the people stand.

Presider Let us pray.

All **God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Sending

The Blessing

Presider Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, our great Creator, yours are the praise, the glory, the honor and all blessings! To you alone do all things belong. Be praised for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we play with and care for our pets. Be praised for making us so happy to have our pets and to have them to play with.**

We ask you, O God, that we may be good to our pets always, so that they may be happy also. Help us always to take care of them so that they will be healthy.

O God, your world is wonderful. May we praise in this world knowing that we will come into even a greater world of your heavenly realm, where we shall see your glory in all its manifestation, and where we shall live and love forever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. Amen.

Presider blesses the people in these or similar words.

Presider May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord show his face to you and have compassion on you! May God turn his face to you and give you peace! And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Hymn

Sung by all, standing



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Francis of Assissi (1182-1226) | tr William H. Draper (1855-1933) Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623; adapt. and harm Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Serving St. Peter's Worship Ministry

Clergy

Rev. Iain Stanford, Rector
Rev. Skip Bushee, Deacon (Retired)

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Paul Berning
Jim Redman
Eli Serumalani

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Susan Mitchell
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Trendalyn Hallesy
Susan Mitchell

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