

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania
October 13, 2024
10:00 A.M.

About our liturgical language: In January Bishop Gutiérrez invited the diocese to prayerfully consider the language they use through the lens of gender, sexual orientation, race and ethnicity. In response to the bishop's call and to honor the 50th anniversary of the first women ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church, St. Peter's is using Rite Two (Expansive Language) for Trial Use, approved by General convention in 2018. Look for the subtle changes in this translation of Eucharistic Prayer B.

Rev. Barb is serving on the bishop's Advisory Group on Inclusion and Empowerment in Liturgy and Ministry, and would be happy to discuss your thoughts on expansive language in our liturgy and our practices of inclusion in parish life.

Please note: During the service you will be prompted to use the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), which can be found in your pew.

Gathering In Joy

Prelude: Celebre Andante - Mozart

Opening Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982*, #470 **There's A Wideness in God's Mercy**

The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

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

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.**

Listening for God's Word

The First Reading - Amos 5:6-7,10-15

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,

just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

Psalm 90:12-17 (*please use the Book of Common Prayer*)

BCP 718

The Epistle – Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

Gospel Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982*, #707 **Take My Life and Let It Be**

The Gospel – *Mark 10:17-31*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of

the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of our Savior. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Barbara Ballenger

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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, Form VI

BCP 392

Intercessor and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons. We pray especially for: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; Daniel, our Bishop; Barbara, our clergy; Ramon, the Bishop-elect in Guatemala; Luis Linares and Juan, our companion clergy in Guatemala; and each one of us in our vocation and Ministry. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines. In our companion Diocese of Guatemala, we pray for *San Andres* and Rev. Presbitero Miguel Salanic. In our own diocese, we pray for United Thank Offering . O God, guide your church.
And bless those who lead and serve.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and for all the prayers written on our community blackboard outside. We remember all those on our parish prayer list, especially Ashley, Anthony, Jeanné, Robert, John, Jack, Patricia, Tim, Roxanne, Leslie, Barbara, June, Catherine, Samantha, Greg, Manuel, Mike, Nancy, Brenda, Faith, Debbie, Mike, Janet, Daniel, Roger, Donna, Alyssa, Issac, Sarah, Kathleen, Jen, William, Linda, Carole, Edgar and those we name now...Hear our prayer, O God.
For your mercy is great.

We pray for the communities devastated by Hurricane Helene and Milton, for those who have died and those still missing, those who mourn the loss of loved ones, and homes and livelihoods. O Christ, bring your comfort and your aid,
And heal the brokenhearted.

We pray in penitence for our earth, which because of human folly is suffering from heat and flood and fire. Let your way be known upon Earth.
Your saving health among all creation.

We pray for a renewed commitment to justice and to peace in the face of economic greed, racial hatred and the lure of violence in all its forms. On this day honoring St Francis we pray for peace in all areas of war and conflict, especially the Middle East. We pray for peace in this time leading up to the National election, and a peaceful and just outcome. And we pray to be channels of peace in all we do. Give peace O Christ in all the World.
For only in you can we live in safety.

We thank you, O God, for all the blessings of this life, especially remembering today our parish family, our own friends and families, and all other blessings we name now...

We will exalt you, O God;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Patrica Gerber and all those we name now...that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
O God, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Presider says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider 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 our Savior 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.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrating Holy Communion

Offertory Music: Ave Verum - Mozart

St. Peter's Choir

Presentation Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982*, #475 **God Himself Is With Us**

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider says

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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: Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #255 Holy, Holy, Holy

Presider 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into 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 disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 Peter and Philip and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor

and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

**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 Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, #270 **Lamb of God**

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Communion Music: Sonata da Chiesa - Mozart

The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Presider and people together

**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.

Sending Out

The Blessing

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord, to thee be ceaseless praise outpoured, and blessing without measure. Let creatures all give thanks to thee and serve in great humility. And may your Blessing on us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and remain with us forever. Amen.

Walk in Love Stewardship Campaign Kickoff

Walk in love as Christ loved us, giving himself for all
Walk in love as Christ loved us, raising us when we fall
The walk of love is the way of love
Through the life we are called to live
And from the start we will pledge our hearts
In all of the ways we give.

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Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning (occasional)

Presider: In the name of the congregation of St. Peter's, we send you forth bearing the gift of Holy Communion to...

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread and one cup.

Birthdays:

Meg Lauer 10/14

Nathan Clemens 10/19

Grayson Torpey 10/19

Anniversaries:

Mike & Missy Monserrat 10/18

Birthday & Anniversary Prayer

BCP 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom

and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

- Join us for our second discussion on Space usage following morning worship in the parish hall.
- The Youth and Teen bowling trip scheduled for this evening is canceled. See Rev. Barb and Kathleen Taylor for more information.
- Rummage sorting begins in 10 days. Please see the newsletter for drop-off, sale and volunteer information.
- Registration for the annual fall vaccine clinic on Oct. 26 is now open. Please use the link in the weekly newsletter to register today!
- Pies at polls: Suzanne Teleha is asking for help assembling pies for the bake sale during the November 5 election. The first pie making session is today in the kitchen following morning worship. *Announcement by Suzanne Teleha.*
- Walk in Love 2025 pledge cards are available online and on the table outside the sanctuary. Scan the QR code to make your pledge today!

Closing Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, #145 **Have Thine Own Way, Lord**

The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: Allegro in D - Mozart

Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher: *The Rev. Barbara Ballenger*

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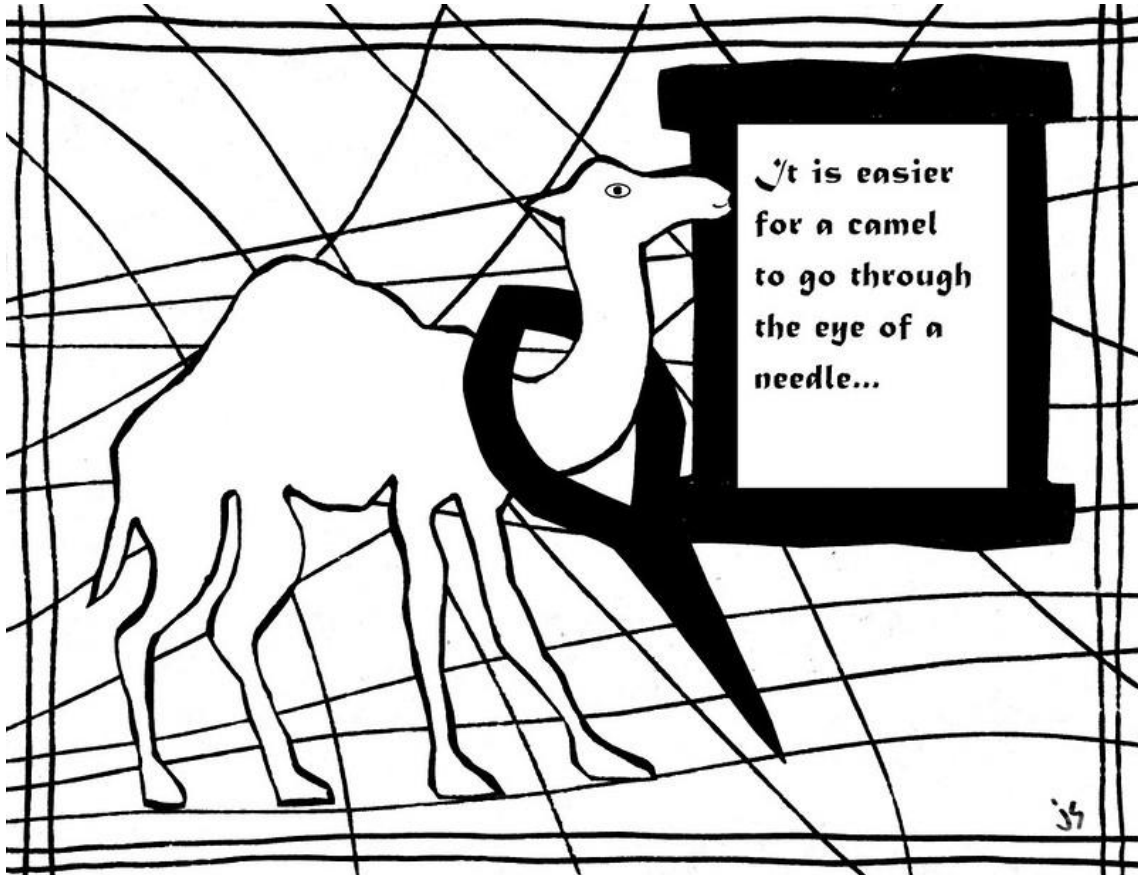
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