

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania

July 14, 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: Day of Prayer
Southbridge

James

Opening Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982, #380 From All That Dwells Below The Sky*

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

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; 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 7:7-15

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

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

Psalm 85:8-13 (*please use the Book of Common Prayer*)
BCP 708

The Epistle – *Ephesians 1:3-14*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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Gospel Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982, #488 Be Thou My Vision*

The Gospel – *Mark 6:14-29*

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And

others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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; Daniel, our Bishop; Barbara, our clergy; 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 Church of Ireland . In our companion Diocese of Guatemala, we pray for *La Resurrección* and Reverendo Presbitero Jorge Gomez. In our own diocese, we pray for the Evangelism Committee.

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We remember all those on our parish prayer list, especially Ashley, Anthony, Mary, Jeanné, Robert, John, Jack, Patricia, Tim, Roxanne, Leslie, Barbara, June, Catherine, Samantha, Greg, Manuel, Mike, Nancy, Brenda, Danielle, Anne, Faith, Brent, Debbie, Mike, Janet, Daniel, Roger, Dorrie, Teri, Donna, Williams, Josh, Jeff, The Lastig Family, and those we name now...Hear our prayer, O God

For your mercy is great.

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 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. Give peace O Christ in all the World.

For only in you can we live in safety.

We pray for all who have died, especially Walter Lastig 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.

The Confession of Sin

Presider says

BCP 360

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: Rock of Ages-Augustus Toplady

Daniel Kelly

Presentation Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982*, #671 **Amazing Grace**

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: *With One Voice*, #616A 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: *With One Voice*, #622 Lamb of God

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

The Communion of the People
Communion Music: The Mystery of God

Paul Taylor

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

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.

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.

Birthdays:

Alistair McCrea 07/15

Olivia McCrea 07/15

Harper Moore 07/16

John Sanford 07/16

Lori Hill 07/18

Anniversaries:

None this week

Announcements

- **Souper Sunday is next Sunday, July 21! Don't forget to grab some delicious soup from the parish hall before you leave. Freewill offering welcome!**
- **The pastoral care team is looking to assemble a list of volunteers who can occasionally provide transportation for those who are unable to drive. If you are interested in helping, contact Kate Boyce at yellowkab1@gmail.com.**
- **Fresh produce are available in the food cupboard on select Tuesdays. Please feel free to take what you need for yourself and others.**
- **Now, we invite Rev. Barb to lead a special presentation, followed by a brief reflection from Carolyn McGrory in honor of Shirley Smith.**

Below is our schedule of hosts for the rest of July. See the weekly newsletter to learn more about Sunday Fellowship.

July 14 - Terita Reeve & Mike Reeve

July 21 - Helen Collins

July 28 - no host

Closing Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982, #495 Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus*

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: Postlude

Roger C. Wilson

Worship Ministers

Presider & Preacher: *The Rev. Barbara Ballenger*

Acolytes: *Alyssa Clemens*

Lectors: *Tim Flaherty, Shirley Smith*

Intercessor: *Dan Kelly* **Counter: *Jeanne Robson***

Eucharistic Minister: *Addie Johnson, Kristina Marchuk, Debbie Panebianco*

Ushers: *Audrey Kipphut, Dave Kipphut, Linda Toia, Jack Wilbur*

Vestry Steward: *Mark Evans*
Altar Guild: *Donna Kulp* **Fellowship:** *Terita & Mike Reeve*
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Music Director: *Carol Cei*
Teach Team: *PJ Linke, Mike Levin, James Moore*

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