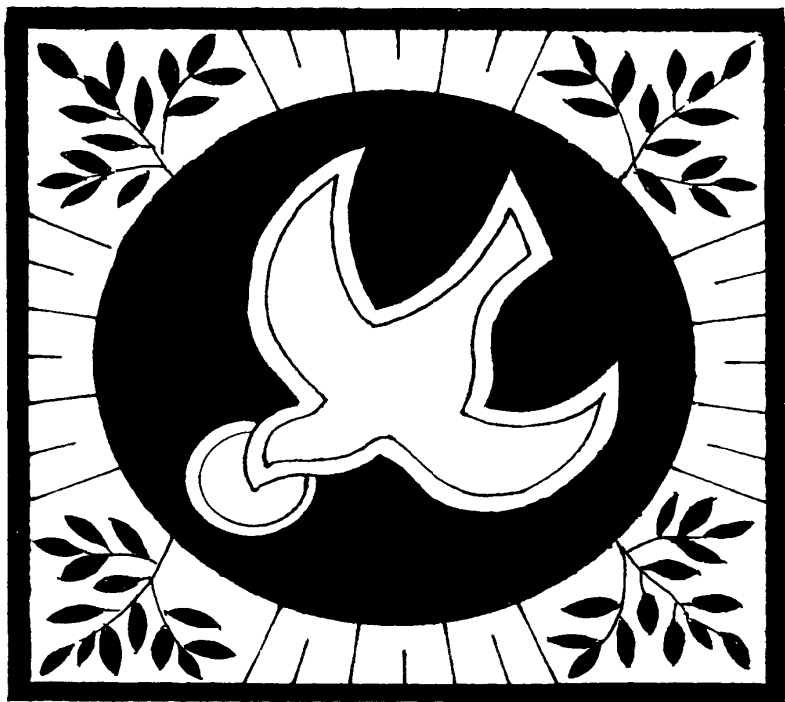


# HOLY EUCHARIST & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



ST. PETER'S  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH

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*We seek to worship God, welcome all, and serve Christ in one another.*

Welcome to St. Peter's Church! Our worship service can be found in the Red Book of Common Prayer, beginning on page 355. The hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal. Hymn numbers preceded by an "S" are service music, and can be found in the front of the hymnal.

## OPENING CHIME

*A bell will chime to signal a period of silence  
so that we can center ourselves and prepare for worship.*

**PRELUDE** Voluntary on "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Held Manning

**HYMN 405** All Things Bright and Beautiful *Royal Oak*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### OPENING SENTENCES

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

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

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

### GLORIA

HYMN S280

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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. O God, you have made us and all living things. You are even more wonderful than what you have made. We thank you for giving us these companion animals who bring us joy. As you take care of us, so also we ask your help that we might take care of those who trust us to look after them. By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus name. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

Job 39:1–18

"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 labour 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."

## PSALM 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*

**from where is my help to come?**

2 My help comes from the Lord, \*

**the maker of heaven and earth.**

3 He will not let your foot be moved \*

**and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.**

- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
**shall neither slumber nor sleep;**
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
**the Lord is your shade at your right hand,**
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
**nor the moon by night.**
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
**it is he who shall keep you safe.**
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
**from this time forth for evermore.**

## SECOND READING

Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her

beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

GOSPEL GRADUAL

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GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

SERMON

The Rev. Mary Beth Mills-Curran

*Following the sermon, a bell will chime to institute a period of silent reflection.  
The bell will chime a second time to indicate the end of the reflection period.*

**THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS – said together**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O, God, 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; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

**CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

**EXCHANGE OF PEACE****ANNOUNCEMENTS****LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

*All who yearn to be transformed and fed by God are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive communion but feel called to come forward for a blessing, please indicate so by crossing your arms across your chest. We have gluten free Eucharistic bread for people who are gluten intolerant.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

W. M. Runyan

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

**SANCTUS**

S125

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

BCP 364

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. AMEN.**

#### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**HYMN 398**                      I Sing the Almighty Power of God                      *Forest Green*

**HYMN 312**                      Strengthen For Service, Lord                      *Malabar*

**POST COMMUNION**                      Season of Harvest                      SPH 15

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**                      BCP 365

**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.**

#### **BLESSING**

**HYMN 400 v. 1,4,5,7**    All Creatures of Our God & King                      *Lasst uns erfren*

#### **DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**    Voluntary on “All Creatures of Our God & King”    Gordon Young

***Now that our worship is over, our service begins!***

## Parish Prayers

### **Our Parish Prayer List:**

Donna Soule, Patti Pzegeo, Barbara (Sargent) Johnson, Marjory Kelley, Liz Lannigan, Roberta Smith, Karen Furtado, Prakash and Santhi Mathews, Robert Bringham, Anna Rich, Will Kullman, Ethel Neusch, Deanie Reinhardt, Justina Trevorow, Brian Paciulan, Nancy Wood, John S., Mary Sargent, John Giglio, Rebecca DuPont, Lauren Shultz, Paula Tammaro, Carol Jugenheimer, Jessica Guard, Shelley, Dani Evans, Kathryn Dunn, Bob Moore, Ruth Hobbs, Ruth-ann and Shannon, Barbara MacDonald, Jim Peddle, and Lorraine Wheeler

### **Pray during this week for our parish families:**

Tom and Kathy Medrek  
Christopher Miller  
Mary Beth Mills-Curran

*The alter flowers today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of  
Jean Stott, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother,  
by Sarah, Adam & Cody Wobrock and Jackie Thesse.*

### **Assisting in the service of worship today are:**

<b>Lector</b>	Paula Crocker
<b>Lay Eucharistic Minister</b>	Penny Sullivan
<b>Second Chalice</b>	Rita MacAuslan
<b>Altar Preparation</b>	Judy Lenfest and Carol Bates
<b>Usher</b>	Wayne Peters
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Emery Freethey

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