

HOLY EUCHARIST

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026, 9:30 A.M.



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

Prelude on "Be Thou My Vision"

E. Broughton

HYMN 388

O Worship the King

Hanover

LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

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

People **And blessed be God's reign, 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 God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for

Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *

make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *

and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength; *

continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *

his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, *

O children of Jacob his chosen.

He is the Lord our God; *

his judgments prevail in all the world.

He has always been mindful of his covenant, *

the promise he made for a thousand generations:

The covenant he made with Abraham, *

the oath that he swore to Isaac,

Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *

an everlasting covenant for Israel,

Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *

to be your allotted inheritance." Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL GRADUAL

Celtic Alleluia



GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs

and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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.

NICENE CREED

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form III BCP387

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 HYMN 488 Be Thou My Vision Slane

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



We seek to wor-ship God, wel - come all,
and serve Christ in one a - noth - er.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367

SANCTUS HYMN S129

**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 615 **"Thy Kingdom Come!" On Bended Knee** *St Flavian*

POST COMMUNION **Come, Live in the Light, v. 1** *see insert*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Enriching our Worship*

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and
nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and
Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we
may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of
Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

HYMN 530 **Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word** *Gott sie dank*

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE **Trumpet Tune in F Major** *R. Anderson*

Now that our worship is over, our service begins!

Parish Prayers

Our Parish Prayer List:

"Patti Pzegeo, Barbara (Sargent) Johnson, Marjory Kelley, Liz Lannigan, Roberta Smith, Prakash and Santhi Mathew, Robert Bringham, Will Kullman, Justina Trevorow, Brian Paciulan, Nancy Wood, Mary Sargent, Lauren Shultz, Paula Tammaro, Carol Jugenheimer, Shelley, Namira Evans, Kathryn Dunn, Bob Moore, Ruth Hobbs, Elizabeth Padd, Kyle Lane, Caroline and Charlotte Harrison, Michael LaGasse, Bob Furtado, Hank Gagnon, Monica, David Petroski, Callan Sanger, Stephanie, Judy Ackroyd, Kate Green, Zev Rieser, Mary Ellen McDonough, John Moynihan, Anne Harvey, Bette Wright, Brentley Lozzi, Carolyn Detato, Hannah Malik, Melanie Van Steensburg, Sarah Nelson, David LeBlanc, Ann Hewins, Terry Hatfield, Ben Clemons, Tom Jordan, Julia dePeyster, Cynthia Scott, David Eberley, Jack Hart, Scott MacGregor, Siri Nillson, and Robinson Terrill

Flowers this week are given by Emery Freethey in memory of John McLaughlin's brother, Peter, who died this week.

"To request the addition or removal of someone from the prayer list please email church@stpeterslondonderry.org

Pray during this week for our parish families:

Jane Parthum
Eric and Justine Pepper
Sandra Perry

Assisting in the service of worship today are:

Lector	Dan Bragg
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Marilyn Bragg
Second Chalice	Rita MacAuslan
Usher	Keith Williams and Leila Bacho
Altar Preparation	Jane Parthum and Mary Sargent

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