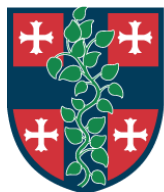


# HOLY EUCHARIST

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 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

# O Thou, Of God the Father

J. Walther

## HYMN 371

## Thou, Whose Almighty Word

*Moscow*

## 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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

## Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves,

because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

### **Psalm 133**

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*

**when brethren live together in unity!**

It is like fine oil upon the head \*

**that runs down upon the beard,**

Upon the beard of Aaron, \*

**and runs down upon the collar of his robe.**

It is like the dew of Hermon \*

**that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*

**life for evermore.**

### **SECOND READING**

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were

once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

## GOSPEL GRADUAL

## *Celtic Alleluia*



## GOSPEL

Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

## 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

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## CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A moment of silence may be kept.*

**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 380**      From All That Dwell Below      *Old 100th*

### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



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| BLESSING  |                   |                    |
| HYMN 544  | Jesus Shall Reign | <i>Duke Street</i> |
| DISMISSAL |                   |                    |
| POSTLUDE  | Andante Mosso     | F, Mendelssohn     |

***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 Bringhurst, Will Kullman, Justina Trevorrow, Brian Paciulan, Nancy Wood, Mary Sargent, Lauren Shultz, Paula Tammaro, Carol Jugenheimer, Shelley, Namira Evans, 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, Sarah Nelson, David LeBlanc, Ann Hewins, Terry Hatfield, Ben Clemons, Tom Jordan, Julia dePeyster, Cynthia Scott, David Eberley, Jack Hart, Scott MacGregor, Siri Nillson, Robinson Terrill, Linnae Peterson and Michael Patten.

To request the addition or removal of someone from the prayer list please email [church@stpeterslondonderry.org](mailto:church@stpeterslondonderry.org)

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

Bob and Janet Robinson  
Terry Robinson and Bert Lemack  
Debra Rolland

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

**Paula Crocker**, *Guest Music Director*

**Lector**

Noel Cartwright

**Lay Eucharistic Minister**

Peter Henry

**Second Chalice**

Sally Nelson

**Usher**

Terry Robinson and Ed Campbell

**Altar Preparation**

Penny Sullivan and Bev Adams

### **Parish Leadership**

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