



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026 – 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: BASED ON THE 1789 PRAYER BOOK

In observance of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, this Holy Eucharist is adapted from the Book of Common Prayer from 1789, being the first prayer book of the Episcopal Church in the United States. While similar to the 1662 prayer book of the Church of England, it showed the intention for the Episcopal Church to be firmly rooted within an American context. The goal of today's service is to find connection with our traditions and heritage of faith as seen and practiced in the way Americans worshipped in ages past.

*This service booklet is for both the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services.
The hymns, choral, and organ music listed are for the 10:30 service only.*

The sung setting of the Eucharist is by Healey Willan (1880-1968).

PRELUDE A Meditation on "Draw us in the Spirit's tether"

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

THE WORD OF GOD

INTROIT *Suscepimus*

Plainsong, Mode 7

We have waited, O God, for thy loving-kindness in the midst of thy temple; according to thy Name, O God, so is thy praise unto the world's end: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

– Psalm 48: 8,9,1

- 8:00 *The People stand as the procession enters.*
- 10:30 *The People stand and sing the hymn.*

HYMN 516: "Come down, O Love divine"

Down Ampney

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Celebrant God spake these words and said; I am the Lord thy God: Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

People **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his Name in vain.

People **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.

People **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Honour thy father and thy mother.

People **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt do no murder.

People **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not steal.

People **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

People **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Celebrant Thou shalt not covet.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Celebrant Hear also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by loving thee and our neighbor:
Grant us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart,
and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth
and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:8-15 *Exaltabo te, Deus*

- 8 **The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.**
- 9 **The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.**
- 10 **All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.**
- 11 **They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;**
- 12 **That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
- 13 **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**
- 14 **The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.**
- 15 **The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

HYMN 480: "When Jesus left his Father's throne"

Kingsfold

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All **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 SERMON

The Rev. Zack Rugenstone

A period of silence is kept. Then the People stand.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lector Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

The People kneel, as able.

Lector Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, especially for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, Presiding Bishop; for Deon, our Bishop; and for the clergy and ministry leaders of St. Peter's, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. In our diocesan cycle, we pray for the Episcopal Church St. Michael and St. George in Clayton, and in the Anglican Communion, we remember the Anglican Church of South America.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially Jan Anter, Pat Lambrix, [_____,] and Bonnie Wolfarth.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Natalie Wolfe [and_____,]; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The People stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

After the Peace, the People sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Everyone participating in worship is invited to make an offering in gratitude for God's generosity. If you would like to make an offering, you may scan the code to the right and follow the prompts.



ANTHEM

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly in thy name, two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.	As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.
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All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of thee,
that by caring, helping, giving,
we may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
We will serve thee faithfully.

- Percy Dearmer

The People stand and sing.

THE PRESENTATION (*Hymn 380, st. 3*)

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

- Thomas Ken

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from hence-forth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

The People kneel, as able. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All **we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant Hear what comfortable words our Savior Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.
Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matt. xi. 28.*
So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John iii. 16.*

The People stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II

The Celebrant faces the People and says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

- 8:00 *Said by all*
- 10:30 *Sung by all (Hymnal S 114)*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The People kneel, as able.

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

All

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Please tell the clergy if you require gluten-free Bread.

*Crossing your arms over your chest will let the clergy know
you would like to receive a blessing but not the Bread and/or Wine.*

COMMUNIO *Gustate et videte*

Plainsong, Mode 1

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessèd is he that putteth his trust in him. I will always give thanks unto the Lord; his praise shall ever be in my mouth. They had an eye unto him, and were lightened; and their faces were not ashamed.

- Psalm 34: 8,1,5

ANTHEM

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

King of Glorie, King of Peace,
I will love thee:
And that love may never cease,
I will move thee.

Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me:
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spar'd me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.

Though my sinnes against me cried,
Thou didst cleare me;
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst heare me.

Sev'n whole dayes, not one in seven,
I will praise thee.
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.

Small it is, in this poore sort
To enroll thee:
Ev'n eternitie is to short
To extoll thee.

- George Herbert

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The People kneel, as able.

All **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.**

The People stand.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

- 8:00 *The Gloria is said by all*
- 10:30 *The Gloria is sung by all (Hymnal S 202)*

All **Glory be to God on high,
and on earth, peace good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory.
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The peace of God, which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

- 8:00 *The Ministers process out.*
- 10:30 *The People sing the hymn.*

HYMN 657: "Love divine, all loves excelling"

Hyfrydol

PATRIOTIC HYMN SING

HYMN 720: "O say can you see, by the dawn's early light"

The National Anthem

HYMN 719: "O beautiful for spacious skies"

Materna

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All are invited to remain for the continuation of the Patriotic Hymn Sing, occurring immediately after the dismissal of the 10:30 a.m. service. Additional national hymns and songs may be sung by request.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God in loving memory of Cheryl Fowler,
by Witt Fowler

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 A.M.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. David Hodges
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Zack Rugenstone
<i>Organ</i>	David Sinden
<i>Lectors</i>	Bud Wilson, Brig Buettner
<i>Ushers</i>	Randy and Cheryl Meyer
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Didi Noelker

10:30 A.M.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. David Hodges
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Zack Rugenstone
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon
<i>Musicians</i>	Semi-Chorus from the St. Peter's Choir David Sinden, Organist and Choirmaster
<i>Acolyte Masters</i>	Allan Ivie, DeWayne Trainer
<i>Lectors</i>	Jim Wilson, Wendy Olk
<i>Ushers</i>	Hal Burroughs, Toby Martin, Doug Adderton, Liza Weiss
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Nancy Grimes
<i>Tuesday Counter</i>	June Sellenriek

PRAYER LIST

For Family and Friends: Jan Anter, Pat Lambrix, Bonnie Wolfarth

For the Faithful Departed: Natalie Wolfe

For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces: Alexandra Maranto

For Those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Lee Arten, Kit Baker, Victor Belyan, Bev Bouchard, Desiree Brattin, Virginie Brightman, Craig Campbell, Elizabeth Cottle, Wendell Covington, Ralph Dacey, Joan Hager Davis, Bonnie Essick, Prissy Evans, Nolan Fagan, Carolyn Farrell, Teenie Followell, Don Franz, Jerry Freeland, Anthony Frigard, John Hartman, Emily Hintz, Jeff Hirsch, Jack Howard, Verna Johnson, Mary Korte, Russ Lake, John Marshall, Cheryl Meyer, Randy Meyer, Liza Nash, Chris O'Connor, Maddie O'Keefe, David Orłowski, Holly Parks, Kimberly Penning, Kristi and Bill Peterson, Steve Randall, Chi Chi Rassieur, Sara Rigel, Sally Russell, Jill Smock, Dewayne Stapes, Sarah Striler, Scheryl and Michael Sylvia, Abbot Thomas, Mia Tiefenbrunn, Molly Webster, David Westfall, Anne Wetzel, Rolla Wetzel, and Goldie Wirth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP & MUSIC

1789 LITURGY

In honor of the 250th anniversary of American independence, our service today is using the historic 1789 Book of Common Prayer, the first Prayer Book of the Episcopal Church in the United States. Shaped in the early days of our nation, it reflects both Anglican tradition and a newly independent American identity.

You may also notice that the service has a different structure and arrangement. For example, we begin our worship with the Lord's Prayer, as an act of devotion and a way to frame all our other prayers in the liturgy. It also incorporates a recitation of the Ten Commandments, as well as the Summary of the Law given by Jesus, to serve as reminders of our covenant in following God. The Confession occurs just before Holy Eucharist as way to symbolize being spiritually cleansed before the meal of the Lord's Supper. Of particular note is that the hymn of praise, the *Gloria in excelsis*, is sung at the end of the service, rather than at the beginning, like we typically experience. Placing the *Gloria* at the end signifies that our response to God's love and the reception of Holy Communion is to offer praise and adoration.

PATRIOTIC HYMN SING

At the end of the 10:30 a.m. service today, there will be a brief Patriotic Hymn Sing in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The congregation will sing the National Anthem (Hymn 720) and "O beautiful for spacious skies" (Hymn 719). After the dismissal, additional patriotic hymns (Hymns 716-718) may then be sung by request from the congregation.

STEWARDSHIP & PARISH LIFE

JOIN THE ST. PETER'S FLOWER TEAM

Sunday altar flowers are repurposed into small bouquets after the Sunday services to bring joy and comfort to fellow parishioners at home! Arrangements are made either on Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. service or the next morning (Monday). Join the team as an arranger and/or deliverer! Schedules will be made based on your availability. Questions? Contact Dudley Grove at (314) 550-4500 or dudleyg@mail.com for more information and to sign up!

IN NEED OF A MEAL OR PRAYER?

St. Peter's Cares is a ministry by parishioners for parishioners. This anonymous service provides meals to those experiencing difficult times and prayers for those in need. To request prayers or meals or to volunteer to serve, please email shepherd@specstl.org or leave a message at (314) 993-2306 ext. 125.

ST. PETER'S IS HERE FOR YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

If you are hospitalized, homebound, or unable to come to church for any reason, the clergy of St. Peter's can bring church to you. Our clergy are always happy to visit with parishioners to offer pastoral care, bring Holy Communion, or to come by and say hello. If you would like a visit, please reach out to the office at office@specstl.org or by calling (314) 993-2306.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We are in need of parishioners to sponsor the Sunday altar flowers in August and after. Please consider donating in loving memory or in honor of a loved one to help beautify the church for worship. For more information, go to specstl.org/worship/Sunday-altar-flowers/ or call the Church Office at (314) 993-2306.

FORMATION

CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer is a contemplative form of Christian prayer that gently prepares us to receive the gift of God's presence. Rooted in ancient practices of silent prayer, it invites us to let go of thoughts and distractions, resting quietly in God's love. Using a simple sacred word or intention, we return again and again to stillness, opening ourselves to God's work within us. This practice is not about emptying the mind, but about consenting to God's presence and action in our lives. Over time, it can deepen our awareness of God's grace, both in silence and in daily living. All are welcome to join us each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in Grace Chapel.

LECTIO DIVINA: SPENDING TIME IN GOD'S WORD

You are invited to spend time with biblical readings for the upcoming Sunday this and every Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the Elliot Room. This hour is set aside for the meditative, prayerful reading of scripture, an ancient practice also known as "Lectio Divina" (divine reading). It is not an academic Bible study, but rather a time to read, meditate, and pray in a small group. You are invited to come as you are able; regular attendance is not required. For more information, please contact the Rev. Susie Skinner (susiecskinner@gmail.com) or David Sinden (dsinden@specstl.com).

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Summer Sunday School is currently available for all children ages 5-12 in the 2nd/3rd grade classroom. Nursery is offered through the summer from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the lower level of the Little Building. Volunteers are currently needed to support the summer nursery for the dates of July 26, and August 2, 9, 16 and 30. Please contact Didi Noelker, Director of Children & Family Ministries, at dnoelker@specstl.org with any questions.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Sunday	July 5	The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	
		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
		10:15 a.m. Nursery Care Opens	<i>Little Building</i>
		10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
		Summer Sunday School	<i>Classroom</i>
		11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour	
Monday	July 6	Offices are closed for Holiday	
Wednesday	July 8	5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist	<i>Grace Chapel</i>
Thursday	July 9	9:00 a.m. Yoga	<i>Undercroft</i>
		10:00 a.m. Centering Prayer	<i>Grace Chapel</i>
		2:00 p.m. Lectio Divina	<i>Elliot Room</i>
Friday	July 10	8:00 a.m. A.A.	<i>Classroom</i>
Sunday	July 12	The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	
		8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
		10:15 a.m. Nursery Care Opens	<i>Little Building</i>
		10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist	
		Summer Sunday School	<i>Classroom</i>
		11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour	

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S

If you are visiting St. Peter's, we would love to share more information with you about our shared life and ministry! Please take a red welcome bag on your way out the door. In it you'll find information about our worship, formation, and fellowship opportunities as well as information for families. You can also scan the QR codes below to get connected with us and learn more.



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The Rev. Jay Kanzler, *Assisting Priest*
The Rev. Susie Skinner, *Assisting Priest*
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