



St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Lewes, Delaware

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
October 25, 2020, 9:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

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David Schelat (b. 1955)

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

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

### THE 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.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

What does the Lord require

The Hymnal 1982, # 605

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

*Reader* A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD'S command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent

him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17** *Domine refugium*

LORD, you have been our refuge \*

from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

or the land and the earth were born, \*

from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, \*

“Go back, O child of earth.”

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \*

and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream; \*

we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*

in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? \*

be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*

so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \*

and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works \*

and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; \*

prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

## SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 2:1–8

*Reader* A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. The bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34–46

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

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. J. Carlyle Gill, *Associate Priest*

## THE NICENE CREED

**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

*Deacon* We have heard the Word of God. Let us now pray for the revealing of the Reign of God in our world.

*Leader* Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you have given birth to a people called to proclaim the Good News of your reconciling love. Guide, protect and sustain your Church. I invite your prayers for the Church. *Silence.* God, Giver of Life,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth. Where your creation is in anguish, pour out your healing balm. I invite your prayers for the earth. *Silence.* God, Giver of Life,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Ruler of nations, raise up and sustain women and men of integrity, wisdom, right judgment, and prudence to guide the nations of the earth. I invite your prayers for all who lead and govern. *Silence.* God, Giver of Life,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Servant of All, bless the lives and work of all those who labor in health care, industry, banking, the trades, education, and science, that their service may give you honor and praise. I invite your prayers for all who serve society. *Silence.* God, Giver of Life,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Heart of Compassion, hear our prayers for those who are food insecure, those lacking healthcare or basic life necessities, the unemployed and the underemployed, that people of faith and goodwill will reveal your compassion and mercy. I invite your prayers for all in need. *Silence.* God, Giver of Life,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, racism, greed, injustice or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures. I invite your prayers for all who suffer at the hands of others. *Silence.* God, Giver of Life,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Good Shepherd, bring comfort and healing to the sick, those infected with COVID 19, those on our prayer list, and those for whom we now pray. *Silence.* God, Giver of Life,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Rock and Refuge of all your creatures, receive into your everlasting mercy [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all who have died. ✠ I invite your prayers for our departed. *Silence.* God, Giver of Life,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

Prayers adapted by The Rev. Ted Olson from Prayers of the People in *Liturgical Materials Honoring God in Creation*, prepared by the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music of The Episcopal Church.

*The Celebrant adds the concluding collect, Prayer for an Election, from BCP page 822:*

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence is kept.* Most merciful God,  
*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins ✠ through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

#### BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge

Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

*“All things come of thee, O Lord...”*

The Vestry of St. Peter’s wishes to thank all who are able to maintain pledges and gifts to the parish during this challenging time. Offerings may be mailed to the church office or made using our secure online giving portal by clicking:

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#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

*People* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. ✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal

Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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."

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
*People* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also ✠ that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

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

*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.

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
*People* **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the**



**Celebrating this week:**

**Birthdays**

**Monday:**

Ava Lenz

**Wednesday:**

Gordon Tanner

**Thursday:**

Drew Somerset

**Friday:**

Alice Harris

**Saturday:**

Anne Canan, John Wunderlich

**Anniversaries**

**Monday:**

Bill & Patty Bennett

Andy & Mary Beth Krytzer

**Tuesday:**

Mike & Alice Harris



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### *Spiritual Communion - from St. Augustine's Prayer Book*

The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that if one is unable to actually consume the consecrated bread and wine due to extreme sickness or disability, the desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion. When being present at a celebration of the Eucharist is absolutely impossible, this act of prayer and meditation can provide the means by which you can associate yourself with the Eucharistic Action and open yourself to God's grace and blessing.

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed by his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Let the power of the Holy Spirit come upon me, O Lord, to mercifully cleanse my heart and defend me from all adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Epistle: Revelation 3:20* Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door I will come in to you and eat with you and you with me.

*The Psalm: Psalm 23:5-6* You prepare a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*The Gospel: John 15:5* I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me, you can do nothing.

*If time and circumstances permit, the Apostles' Creed (p. 96, BCP) may be said.*

*In your own words, pray for your own needs, for those on your heart, for the peace of the world, and for the Church. After offering these intercessions, continue with this*

#### Act of Contrition

O God, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you and for all the wrongs I have done and the good I have not done. *Especially I confess...* Forgive me for Jesus' sake, and grant me strength and wisdom to amend my life. *Amen.*

#### Act of Reception

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, *(and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshiping there)* I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

*And particularly for the blessings given me...* I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.*

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.*

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

And may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep my heart and mind in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ my Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit, be with me now and always. *Amen.*