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The Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 14, 2026

We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship today. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We are a church rooted in Christian tradition, and open to new ideas, committed to service in community and world as part of the world-wide Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. The work of worship is shared by all, and we invite you to participate in the said and sung responses as you are able. Help us make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

Holy Eucharist at 10 o'clock, Church

Voluntary *Voluntary in G* *John Stanley*

Entrance Hymn 391 *Hymnal 1982* WINCHESTER NEW

The Word of God

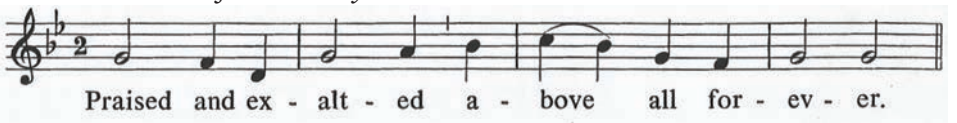
Opening Acclamation

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

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

Song of Praise, *Benedictus es, Domine* *Richard Proulx*

Cantor *Lord God of Creation, you are blest and adored.*



For the glory of your holy name, you are blest and adored.

ALL **Praised and exalted above all for ever.**

For the splendor of your temple, you are blest and adored.

ALL **Praised and exalted above all for ever.**

Throned upon the Cherubim, plumbing the depths, you are blest and adored.

ALL **Praised and exalted above all for ever.**

In the high vault of heaven, you are blest and adored.

ALL **Praised and exalted above all for ever.**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are blest and adored.

ALL **Praised and exalted above all for ever.**

Collect of the Day *Proper 6, BCP, page 230*

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

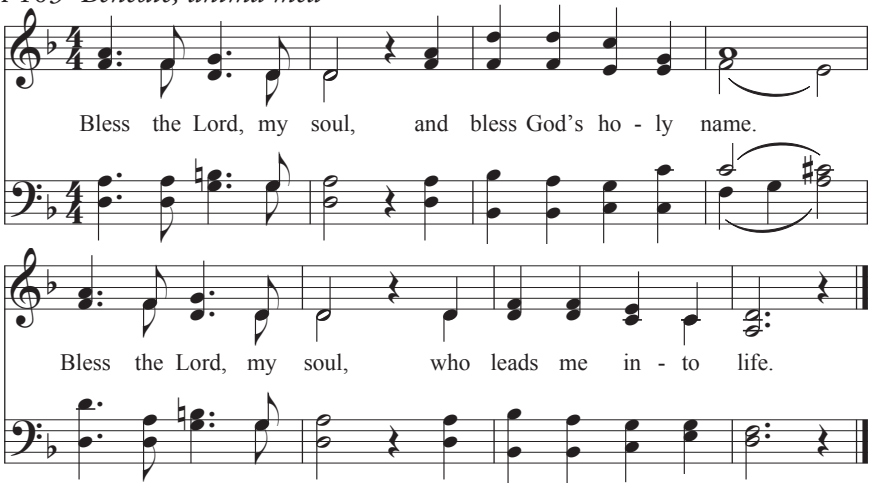
First Reading *Exodus 19:2-8a*

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103 *Benedic, anima mea* *Taizé*



Cantor *It is he who forgives all your guilt,*
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **Refrain**

Cantor *The Lord is compassion and love,*
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **Refrain**

Cantor *As a father has compassion on his children,*
the Lord has pity on those who fear him;
for he knows of what we are made,
he remembers that we are but dust. **Refrain**

Second Reading *Romans 5:1-8*

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel procession and sing

Hymn 711 *Hymnal 1982* SEEK YE FIRST

Gospel Reading *Matthew 9:9-35—10:8*

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

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his

twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon *The Rector*

Nicene Creed *BCP, page 358*

Prayers of the People

Leader Lord of life,

People **In your mercy, hear us.**

Confession of Sin and the Peace *BCP, page 360*

The Holy Communion

Offertory

All are welcome to make a gift and offering in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we have received. To take advantage of our electronic giving options, please follow the QR code (right). Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

Offertory Hymn *Please stand and sing* *LEVAS II Hymnal, 218*

Anne B. Warner and William B. Bradbury, 1862

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! He who died,
Heaven's gate to open wide;

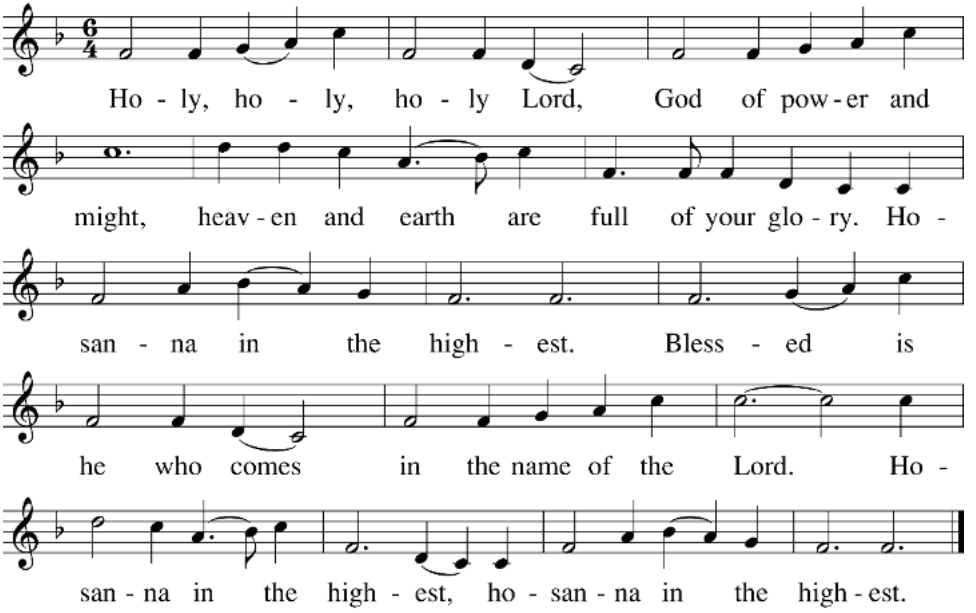
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in. *Refrain*

3 Jesus take this heart of mine,
Make it pure and wholly thine;
On the cross you died for me,
I will try to live for thee. *Refrain*

Hymn 380 *(stanza 3) Hymnal 1982* OLD HUNDREDTH

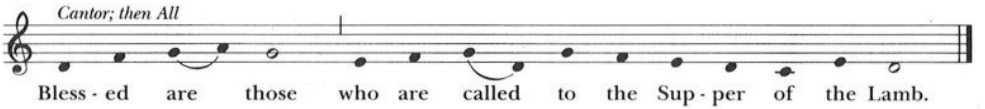
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A *BCP, page 361*

Sanctus LAND OF REST



Lord's Prayer *BCP, page 364*

Breaking the Bread *Hymnal 1982, S 170*



Invitation

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Bread and Cup to be in communion with God and each other. You may receive only the bread by placing your hands together flat in front of you (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request). Afterwards you may drink wine from the

chalice. If you would rather have the bread intincted (dipped) in the wine, you may hand the bread to the person administering the chalice and they will intinct and hand it back to you. If you (or your child) would rather not receive the Sacrament, you may come to the altar rail during Communion and cross your arms on your chest for a blessing.

Anthem *arr. K. Lee Scott*

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly; make me more like thee;

Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy power to see, I would thee;
'Gainst weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine victory.

—Thomas T. Lynch, alt.

Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand and say together*

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that this holy communion, which we have received as a sign of the unity of all the faithful in Jesus Christ your Son, may bring to your Church the blessings of peace and unity which it signifies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

At the Dismissal, all respond

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain standing and sing

Hymn 537 *Hymnal 1982* MOSCOW

Please remain in your pew until the Postlude

Voluntary *Prelude, 'Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort'* *J.S. Bach*

This Week's Parish Notices

Coffee Hour—*A special time for fellowship!*

Every Sunday after the 10 am service, we gather in Upper Room to meet and greet fellow parishioners. All are welcome to attend Coffee Hour. This ministry depends on volunteers to provide light refreshments and to help with set up. Please consider being a part of this fellowship by signing up for a Sunday to host! As the host, you will provide sweet and savory goodies (store bought or homemade, whatever is most convenient for you). There are serving platters, paper goods and utensils available for use in the kitchen. Directions on setting up are provided. Use the *QR* code here, or contact Barbara Gargiulo at barbara.gargiulo9@gmail.com. *Thanks to today's host, Valerie Felix.*

Vacation Bible School 2026

Save the date: We are excited to announce that registration for VBS 2026 is now open! The dates this year are August 3-7. You can register using the QR code here. Children in Pre-K (at least age 3 and fully potty-trained) through 5th grade are welcome to join us as campers and anyone entering 6th grade or older can serve as a volunteer. If you register your camper before June 30, the cost is $75. After that date, the price goes up to $90 per camper. Please register as soon as possible, since space is limited. Registration will close on July 20. Please note: There is no cost for volunteers. Contact Sarah, Jack, and Luke Latson: spefvbs@gmail.com.

Prayer List

St. Peter's is a community of prayer and service. Holding one another's joys, sorrows, and concerns before God in prayer is a spiritual practice at the heart of our life together as a parish family. We encourage you to pray throughout the week for these members of our parish family. We invite you to add yourself or others to the St. Peter's prayer list by submitting a request to the Parish Office.

Laurie Alcott, Joan Aliotta, Stanley Au, Amye Becker, Nancy Bivona, Kris Blake, Carl, Muriel Bowness, Kathy Calfee, Martha Capel, Adele Corcoran, Gabriel Cowell, Tony DiFazio, Mark Gerardi, Arnie Hartelius, Wayne Hill, Tania Jenkins, Eddie K., Jeffrey Kamel, Katherine Kamen, Robert Kazimir, Ed Kamper, Colin Kelley, Katie King, Neal King, Lauren L., Laurieann, Sally L., Mark Lewis, Marino Family, Tom Marriott, Bill Musser, Nunno Family, Lisa & Gary Pyne, Brenda Restivo, Richardson & Dickhaus families, Craig Roper, Ruth Ann, Sarah, Kathy Stanton, Frank Zupa.

Anglican Communion—*Church of the Province of East Asia*

Diocese of Newark—*St. Stephen's, Millburn*

Birthdays/Anniversaries—*Judy Himes, Ava Lopez, William C. Summers; Larry & Sarah Latson*

The flowers today *are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles William Mosher*

Congratulations, Graduates

Charlotte Albano, Elementary School
Wren Alexander Darville, Elementary School
Kayla Felix, High School
Lexie Felix, Middle School
Nadira Khan, High School
Jonathon Spell, High School

Ministers of the Liturgy

Altar Guild	Nancy Connor, Karen Mosher, Carolyn Wescott
Ushers	Charlotte Albano, Wayne Copeland
Acolyte	Joseph Wohltmann
Readers	Wren Alexander Darville, Aiden Ramos
Intercessor	Lexie Felix
Oblationers	Bryson Ramos, Noah Stern
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Shearin
Cantor	Michael Barretti, Kevin Johnson
Director of Music	Mark Trautman
Deacon	The Reverend Virginia Jenkins Whatley
Presiding	The Reverend Nathaniel Darville

Thanks to our youth for their leadership in today's liturgy

St Peter's Episcopal Church

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