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The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 7, 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 *Prelude, 'Lobe den Herren'* *Johann Gottfried Walther*

Entrance Hymn 390 *Hymnal 1982* LOBE DEN HERREN

THE WORD OF GOD

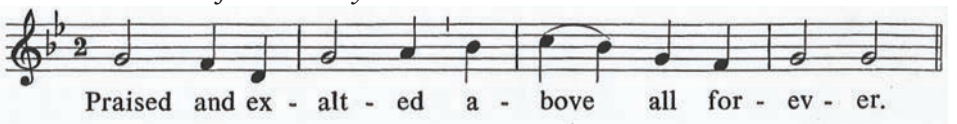
Opening Acclamation

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 5, BCP, page 229*

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray. O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

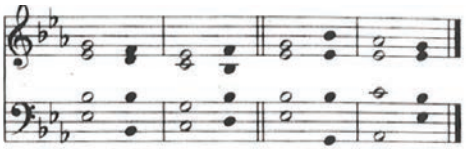
The Lessons

First Reading *Hosea 5:15—6:6*

[Thus says the Lord:] "I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50 *Deus deorum* *Robert Knox Kennedy*



7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness **against you;** *
for I am God, your **God.**
8 I do not accuse you because of your **sacrifices;** *
your offerings are always be**fore me.**
9 I will take no bull-calf from your **stalls,** *
nor he-goats out of your **pens;**

10 For all the beasts of the forest are **mine,** *
the herds in their thousands upon the **hills.**
11 I know every bird in the **sky,** *
and the creatures of the fields are in my **sight.**
12 If I were hungry, I would not **tell you,** *
for the whole world is mine and all that is **in it.**
13 Do you think I eat the flesh of **bulls,** *
or drink the blood of **goats?**
14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thank**sgiving** *
and make good your vows to the Most **High.**

Second half of the chant

15 Call upon me in the day of **trouble;** *
I will deliver you, and you shall **honor me.**"

Second Reading *Romans 4:13-25*

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel procession and sing

Hymn TALLIS CANON

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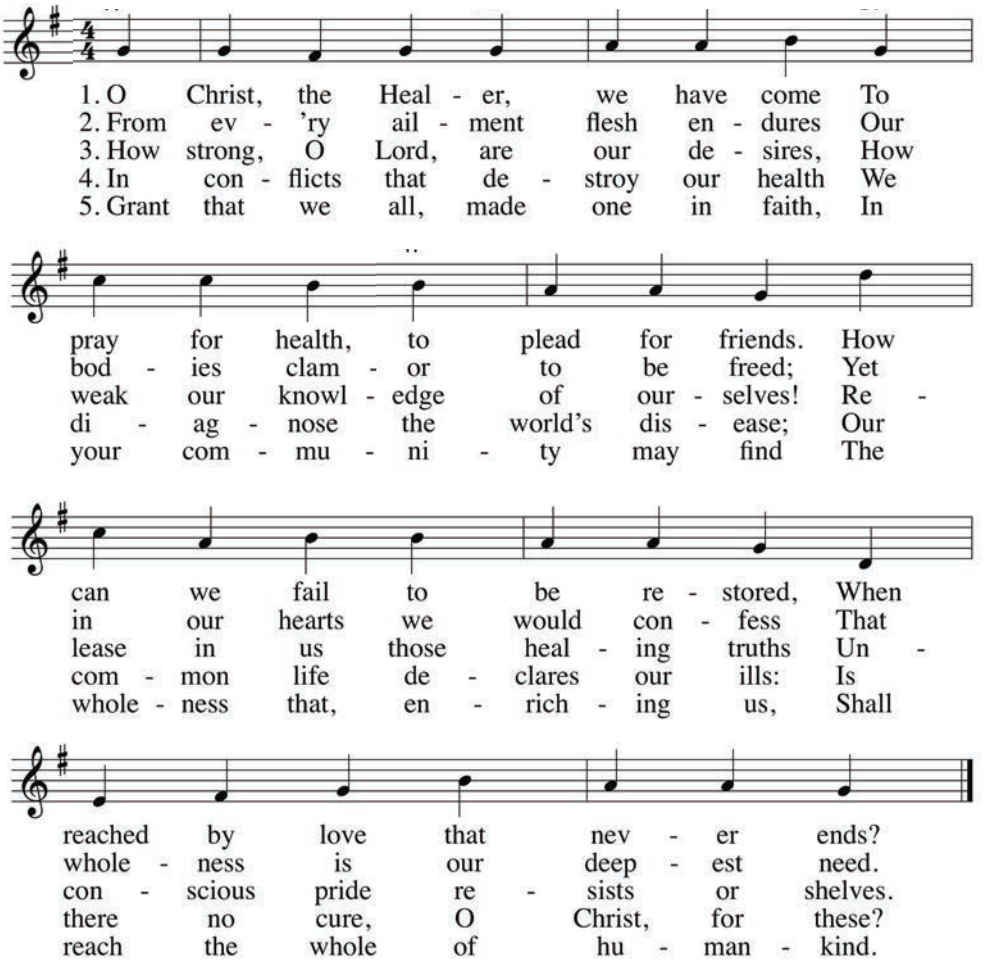


Gospel Reading *Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26*

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

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why

does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."...While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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 Anthem *Kinley Lange*

Esto les digo si dos de ustedes se ponen en acuerdo aquí,
en la tierra para pedir, pedir algo en oración,
mi padre que está en el cielo, se lo dará.
Porque donde dos o tres se reúnen en mi nombre
allí estoy you, en medio de ellos.

[Again, truly I tell you,
if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask,
it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.
For where two are three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them.

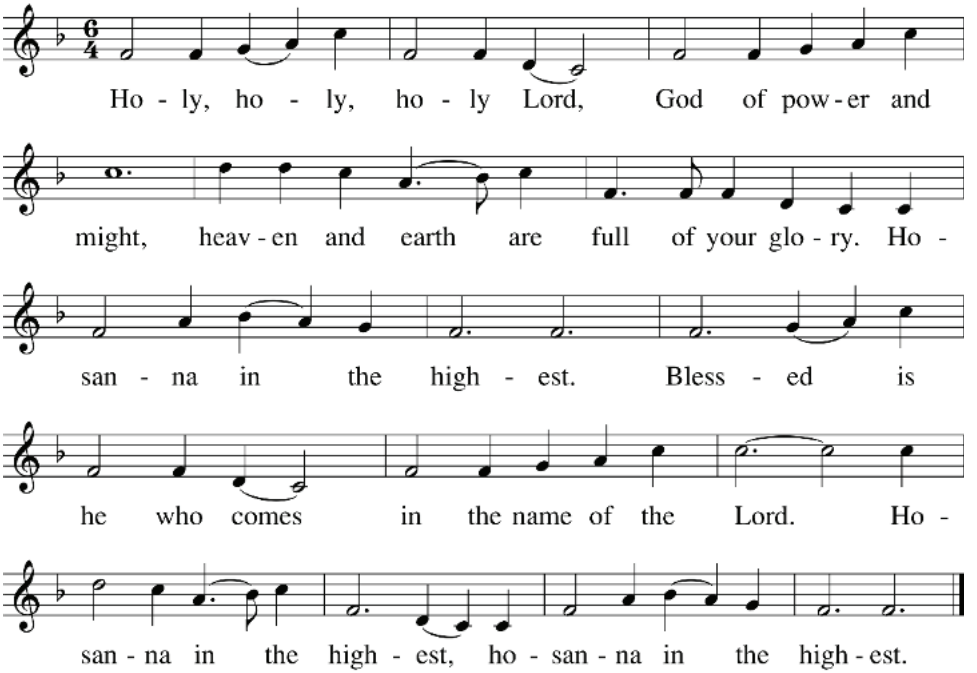
—Matthew 18:19-20

Please stand and sing as the gifts are presented

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

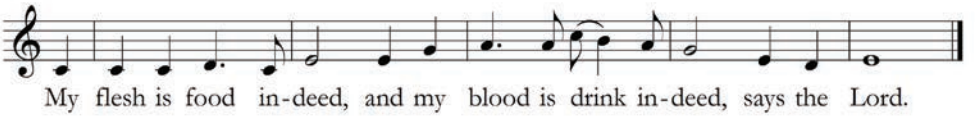
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A *BCP, page 361*

Sanctus LAND OF REST



Lord's Prayer *BCP, page 364*

Breaking the Bread



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.

Hymn 337 *Hymnal 1982* UNDE ET MEMORES

Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand and say together*

Almighty and everlasting God, you have made us partakers of the bread of heaven: pour into our hearts, we pray, the abundance of your healing grace, to set us free from the bonds of self-will and lead us in paths of righteousness; 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 408 *Hymnal 1982* MIT FREUDEN ZART

Please remain in your pew until the Procession has left the nave

Voluntary *Prelude, 'Ehre sei dir, Christe'* *Johann Sebastian Bach*

This Week's Parish Notices

Stewardship 2026—*Gifts From Our Souls*

Our annual stewardship drive, *Gifts from Our Souls*, continues. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus tells us whatever we value most will be the focus of our deepest affections. As we prayerfully consider how much we want to give, let's ask ourselves the question, "What do we love about St. Peter's, and how can help these good things grow?"

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, TBA.*

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.

Street Fair

Thanks to Christine Doyle, Mary Shearin, and the many volunteers who helped make our 91st Annual Street Fair a success!

Summer and Coming Up

Dear Fellow Parishioners of St. Peter's:

We wanted to give you an update on the transition process that we are about to begin. As you know, Father Nate's last day at St. Peter's will be June 30. We will have a send-off celebration honoring Father Nate and his family at Coffee Hour on Sunday, June 28.

The calendar going forward will be as follows:

- *July 5: 10 am, Morning Prayer*
- *July 12: 10 am, Eucharist, The Rev. Canon Andrew Wright, Preacher and Presider*
- *July 19: 8 am and 10 am Eucharist, The Rev. Anne Thatcher, Preacher and Presider*
- *July 26: 8 am and 10 am Eucharist, The Rev. Anne Thatcher, Preacher and Presider*
- *Services at 8 am will be held in the Chapel, and those at 10 am will take place in the Church Nave.*

We hope to have a terrific interim priest in place by August 1. (We will keep you updated on that.) In the meantime, the Vestry will be forming a well-rounded search committee and sending out a new survey, which will focus on your hopes and vision for the future of our wonderful church. This will help us formulate our Parish Profile to aid our search for a new full-time Rector over the next several months.

Thank you.

Jim Irwin, Barbara Gargiulo, Wardens;

Christine Albano, Erika Grothues, Sarah Latson, Karen Mosher

Recognition Sunday Graduation 2026

We will recognize the ministry of our Sunday School Teachers and Acolytes next Sunday, June 14. Is your child graduating from elementary, middle, high school or college? We'd like to celebrate our graduates on Recognition Sunday as well. Please let the Parish Office know: info@stpetersef.org.

Sunday School and Recognition Sunday

Dear Families:

I can hardly believe how quickly this academic year is winding down! It has been such a joy watching our children grow in faith and fellowship throughout the year and I look forward to our last few

weeks in the classroom together. This week we will celebrate Family Eucharist, and our final Family Eucharist of the academic year will be held on June 14. Family Eucharist is a wonderful opportunity for our students and families to celebrate, worship, and reflect on the blessings of this past year as a church community. I'm looking for one more volunteer for our June Family Eucharist, please reach out and let me know if your child can help!—*Lindsay Thompson* (thompson@stpetersef.org)

Around the Diocese of Newark

Diocesan Juneteenth Celebration, Sunday, June 14

Bishop Hughes invites you to join her for a diocesan celebration of Juneteenth at St. Luke's Church, 73 South Fullerton Avenue, Montclair on June 14 at 4 pm. A federal holiday since 2021, Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, and informed enslaved people there that they were free under the Emancipation Proclamation issued by Abraham Lincoln more than two years earlier. Traditionally observed with community gatherings, music, food, education, and reflection on African American history and Civil Rights, our diocesan celebration will include remarks from the Bishop and other speakers, a moderated group conversation, and Evensong followed by a reception. Traditionally observed with community gatherings, music, food, education, and reflection on African American history and Civil Rights, our diocesan celebration will include remarks from the Bishop and other speakers, a moderated group conversation, and Evensong followed by a reception.

St. Paul's Shelter

The Cantrell family wrapped up this year's calendar, making and serving a delicious meal for the men at St. Paul's Shelter in Paterson. The men enjoyed taco casserole, salad, dinner rolls and cookies—***thank you!*** St. Peter's provides meals at the Shelter each month, September through June. We are sometimes able to get additional dates, so if you are interested in serving over the summer, please contact Liz Irwin 973-879-7006. *Many thanks to all who participated this year!*

Acolytes

We are recruiting persons young and old who would like to serve at the Altar as acolytes. In the Episcopal Church altar servers are called acolytes and can be either gender. We are looking for both children and adults to join in this wonderful ministry to serve as an acolyte. An acolyte may assist in worship by carrying a torch, a processional cross, a banner, lighting candles, extinguishing candles, and assisting the priest and deacon as seen fit by the priest or deacon. Confirmation is not a requirement to be an acolyte, but it is something an acolyte should strive for in the very near future. Currently, we are looking to sign up acolytes for July and August. Please email Mark Trautman (trautman@stpetersef.org) for more information.

Ushers

Grow our St. Peter's community—join the ministry of ushers! This work is important as we are the first impression people have as they arrive at Church, and particularly important during the summer months. The commitment is not more than once per month and schedules are worked around your availability. Contact Wayne Copeland (waynecopeland@keyconsult.com).

Flower Ministry

Beautiful flowers adorn our church weekly. Flowers may be given at any time in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one, or any other occasion of thankfulness for God's creation. A check for $50 may be made to St. Peter's—put 'altar flowers' in the memo. To reserve a date, email the Parish Office (info@stpetersef.org) or call Carolyn Wescott at 973-787-4616.

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—*The Scottish Episcopal Church*

Diocese of Newark—*St. Mark's, Mendham and the Community of St. John Baptist, Mendham; the work of OASIS, the LGBTQ ministry of the Diocese*

Birthdays/Anniversaries—*Nancy Connor*

The flowers today *are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lee Wescott by his family*

Ministers of the Liturgy

Altar Guild	Candace Carr, Sheila Valenti, Carolyn Wescott
Ushers	Barbara Gargiulo, Maggie Wohltmann
Acolyte	Andrew Stern
Readers	Valerie Felix, Garrison Block
Eucharistic Minister	
Cantor	Michael Barretti
Director of Music	Mark Trautman
Deacon	The Reverend Virginia Jenkins Whatley
Presiding	The Reverend Nathaniel Darville

St Peter's Episcopal Church

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