



ST. PETER'S

Built on the Rock.
Powered by the Spirit.

Please be in a spirit of quiet prayer as we prepare for worship. We invite you to come to the altar rail and offer a prayer that the Holy Spirit will renew our minds with truth and pour the love of God into our hearts as we hear the Word of God read and the Gospel proclaimed.



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2024 ✠ 11 am

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Song Your Grace Is Enough

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

The Collect for Purity BCP 355

Song Blessed Be Your Name

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

The First Lesson Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor meet together; the LORD is the Maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of his fury will fail. Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor, because he is poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate, for the LORD will plead their cause and rob of life those who rob them.

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

Psalm 125

BCP 781

- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the LORD stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good * and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; * but peace be upon Israel.

The Epistle

James 2:1-17

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

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

Song Good Good Father

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ acc. to John
People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

And from there Jesus arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon

out of her daughter. And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Scott Holcomb

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and all our mind let us bring our prayers to our Heavenly Father.

Good Lord, we ask that you rule and govern your holy Church, your will being done on earth as it is in heaven;
Lead us, good Lord.

That every member of your church, and especially this congregation, would have a heart to love and fear you, and diligently live according to your commandments, so we can be one as you and your Son are one;
Unite us, good Lord.

That you would bless your Church with the joy of repentance, and make us holy;
Purify us, good Lord.

That your Holy Spirit would enflame all bishops, priests, and deacons with a love of you and your truth, for the proclamation of the Gospel, and for the salvation of souls;
Enlighten them, good Lord.

That you would impart to all of us a zeal for your glory, a hunger for your Word, and a heart for those who do not know you,
Give us your Spirit, good Lord.

That you would guide the leaders of our nation, state, and community in sound judgment and true justice, and that they would work for the common good;
Give them a servant's heart, good Lord.

That you would give to every nation unity, peace, and concord;
Have mercy, good Lord.

That you would bless our homes, our labor, our community, and our schools;

May we abide in you, good Lord.

That you would have mercy on all those who are suffering, are alone, are hungry, are in danger, are homeless, are incarcerated, or in some other trouble;

Comfort and help them, good Lord.

That you would receive all who have died in the communion of your Church and those whose faith is known to you alone (especially___), that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

Unite us with them in your Kingdom, good Lord.

Additional prayers, suitable to the occasion, may be said.

We then welcome your prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant prays a concluding collect.

Confession and Absolution BCP 360

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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.

The priest pronounces the absolution.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Rector's Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Help Us See Christ

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) BCP 361

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

Sanctus BCP 362

The Celebrant continues

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

The Great Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Fraction BCP 364

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Agnus Dei BCP 407

All Christians baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and of a clean conscience are welcome to receive communion. All others are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, or remain in their seats in prayer. If you are interested in baptism, please contact the office.

Communion Songs Look To The Lamb

We Bless Your Name

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Song Majestic

Dismissal BCP 366

The Deacon dismisses the congregation.

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**



You can dedicate altar flower arrangements throughout the year.
Your thanksgiving or memorial will be placed in the bulletin.

PARISH Calendar

**Tuesday - Thursday
Tuesday- Friday**

**Church Office Open 9:00am - 4:00pm
School Office Open 9:00am - 1:00pm**

Monday, September 9

7:00am Morning Prayer at NEW TIME

Tuesday, September 10

10:00am Women's Bible Study in the Family Life Center

6:30pm Women's Bible Study in the Family Life Center

6:30pm Men's Bible Study in the Family Life Center

Wednesday, September 11

1:00pm Handwork Group in the Family Life Center

5:45pm Evening Prayer in the Church

Thursday, September 12

9:30am Women's Bible Study via Zoom

7:00pm Worship Band Practice

Saturday, September 14

7:30am Grace & Grits @ First United Methodist in Sanford

Sunday, September 15

7:00am Choir Rehearsal

8:30am Holy Eucharist

10:00am Adult Sunday School with Rev Scott Holcomb

11:00am Holy Eucharist with Kids' Church & Nursery

Year-Long Programs for Kids at St. Peter's

Mondays @ 7pm - BSA Troop 507: Boys grades 6th-12th
Tuesdays @ 6:30pm - BSA Pack 242: Boys & Girls grades K-5th

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