

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

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
(We invite you to join us as we say together 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 Song At The Cross (Love Ran Red)

Communion Song This Is Love

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 Kingdom

Dismissal BCP 366

The Deacon dismisses the congregation.

People: **Thanks be to God**
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If you would like a Prayer Shawl, please contact Ruth Marshall

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

PARISH Calendar

Monday - Thursday Church Office Open 9:30am - 2:00pm
Monday - Friday School Office Open 9:00am - 1:30pm

Sunday, August 23
7:00am Choir Rehearsal
8:30am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist
11:00am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist, Kids’ Church & Nursery

Monday, August 24
9:30am Morning Prayer on St. Peter’s website
5:00pm Finance Meeting

Tuesday, August 25
6:30pm Men’s and Women’s Bible Study in the Family Life Center

Wednesday, August 26
1:30pm Handwork Group in the Family Life Center
5:45pm Evening Prayer

Thursday, August 27
6:00pm Prayers for the Vestry
6:00pm Vestry Meeting
7:00pm Band Practice in the Church

Saturday, August 29
7:30am Grace & Grits @ First United Methodist in Sanford

Sunday, August 30
7:00am Choir Rehearsal
8:30am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist
11:00am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist, Kids’ Church & Nursery

Plate & Pledge	MTD July 2026	YTD July 2026
Actual	\$33,648.00	\$302,615.68
Budget	\$43,750.00	\$306,250.00

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St. Peter’s Episcopal Church is a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida, and a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

The text of the service contained in this program is taken from The Book of Common Prayer 1979. The Book of Common Prayer is the authority for worship of the Episcopal Church. This order of service has been provided for your convenience. All Scriptures are taken from The English Standard Version. The Psalms are from the BCP.



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 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 2026 ✙ 11 am

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Song Open Up The Heavens

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

The Collect for Purity BCP 355

Song Is He Worthy

The Collect of the Day

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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Exodus 1:8-2:10

Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ And he said to his people, “Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. ¹³ So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves. ¹⁵ Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ “When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt

commanded them, but let the male children live.¹⁸ So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and let the male children live?"¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them."²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong.²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

¹ Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. ⁴ And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. ⁵ Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

Psalm 124:1-8

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD!
he has not given us over to be a prey or their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

The Epistle Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if

prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness."

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

Song	Behold The Lamb
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Deacon People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ acc. to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven." ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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

The Sermon The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb, Bishop

Presentation and Examination of Candidates BCP 415

Bishop	The Candidates will now be presented.
Presenters	We present these persons for Confirmation.
Presenters	We present these persons to be received into this Communion.
Bishop	Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?
Candidates	I do.
Bishop	Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
Candidates	I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.
Bishop	Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
People	We will.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop	Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.
Bishop	Do you believe in God the Father?
People	I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Bishop	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People	I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

Bishop
People

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of
God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People	I will, with God's help.

Bishop	Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People	I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates BCP 305-306

People	*Lord, hear our prayer after each prayer
Leader	Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.*
Leader	Open their hearts to your grace and truth.*
Leader	Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.*
Leader	Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.*
Leader	Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.*
Leader	Send them into the world in witness to your love.*
Leader	Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.*
Leader	We now invite your prayers for these candidates, either silently or aloud.

The Candidates

Isabel Cottrell	Catherine Clifford	Matthew Dolin
Hayden Fellmy	Andrea Genders	Nadine Lewis
Kristee Mollerup	Jerry Mollerup	Noah Mumba
Sarah Mwangi	Angelica Ortiz	Matt Ortiz
Joshua Richardson	Larry Woods	Marche-Anne Woods

The Bishop's Final Prayer

The Peace

Celebrant People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Rector's Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Abide