



ST. PETER'S

— IN THE WOODS —

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 2021
10:00 am

Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Instrumental

Processional Hymn

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Hymn 410



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple
3 Fa - ther-like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him



trib-ute bring. Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - gi - ven,
in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same as e - ver,
frame he knows. In his hand he gent - ly bears us,
face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him,



ev - er - more his prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia,
slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia,
re - scues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
dwel - lers all in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows!
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Opening Words

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

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

Gloria

Hymn S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



Prayer of the Day

(The people remain standing)

Presider: God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

(In unison) **Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

(The people sit)

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:9-14

(to be read responsively by whole verse)

9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking and your lips from lying words.

12 Who among you loves life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

14 Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

(The people stand)

Gospel Song

For The Bread Which You Have Broken

Hymn 341

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your
3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing
hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Gospel: John 6:51-58

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

(The people stand)

The Very Rev. Susan Hartzell

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.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of the cosmos, we pray for creation; the gardens, waterfalls, and creatures near to us and diverse forms of life that remain unseen. Teach us to treat the natural world with reverence, seeking restoration when human divisions have caused harm to your beloved creation. God in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in authority; holding before you our President Joe, our Governor Ralph. Give them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility. Dedicating their lives in service to others, all people may live in stability and freedom. God in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of healing, your touch has the power to make us whole. We pray for those suffering from physical or mental illness. Embrace those who are sick. Especially... Sid, Annette, Esta, The family of Tony John, Wildred, Jackson, Lachlan, John, Mari-Jane, Bob, Bill, Barbara, Carolyn, Glenna, Spencer, The Ashmore Family, Brian, Liz, Desiree, Karen, David, Stephanie, Jack, Bruce, Bob. Surround them with your unwavering presence. God in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, especially... Lynn Ashmore, Renee Costello, Julian Petrusiak, Liz Curtis, Pat Keithly, Gail Kaul and anniversaries, especially... Tim and Courtney Ashmore. Gladden our hearts to enjoy every moment in our lives. God in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of all Truth and Knowledge, we pray for our high school graduates who are going to college or their next adventure: Drew Laikin, Spencer Ashmore, Carter DeVoll, McKenzie Shedd, Roya Holbrook, Vivian Klosk, Lucy Carpenter, Cara Steffey and all other high school graduates. We hold before you all our young people pursuing their careers or trying to find their way. God in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and heal the cries of those who call to you for help. God in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We thank you, God, for the Saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith. We remember those in this community and those close to us who have recently died. Especially....and for those who have given their lives in service to our country especially..... Unite with them as God's children, assure us that we are yours forever. God in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Concluding Collect:

Presider: In the silence of our heart and in spoken words, we lift all these prayers to you, O God. Confident in the promise of your saving love to hear, renew and strengthen us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All: **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.**

Presider: 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

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

The Very Rev. Susan Hartzell

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Bidding

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The alms basin is located near the entrance for your gifts gratitude to God. Online giving is encouraged. Your gift of gratitude will be used to build up God's kingdom and serve others. Thank you!

Offertory Anthem *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* by Hal H. Hopson
Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving *(In unison)*

We give you thanks, O God, for every blessing and spiritual gift you have poured out upon us. Let the gifts of our lives be a source of blessing in your world, all to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer 1

EOWp.57

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus

Hymn S 125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a three-staff musical score in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, the second line to the second line, and the third line to the third line. The score ends with a double bar line.

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the

human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

In Unison:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Invitation to Communion

Presider: This altar is not ours; it is the Lord's. So, come to this altar, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him, here.

All persons are welcome at God's Table. Those who would like to learn more about the sacrament of baptism as a rite of Christian initiation, please speak with Rev. Susan. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms over your chest and the ushers will guide you forward. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshipping online

O God, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts.

We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our heart, our soul, and our mind. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The Communion of the People


The bread is given to the people with these words:

Priest: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

Communion Music

Blessed Assurance

LEVAS 184



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, — Vi - sions of
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, — I in my



1. fore-taste of glo - ry di - vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
2. rap - ture now burst on my sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -




1. God, — Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood. —
2. bove — Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. —
3. bove, — Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. —



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — Prais - ing my



sav - ior all the day long: — This is my sto - ry, this is my



song, — Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. —

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray. (*The People stand*)

All: **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

When In Our Music

Hymn 420



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, _____
2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found _____
3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song, _____
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night _____
5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! _____



1 and a - dor - a - tion leaves no room for pride, _____
2 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound, _____
3 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, _____
4 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the Light? _____
5 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise! _____



1 it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried _____
2 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found _____
3 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue, _____
4 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight, _____
5 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways _____



— Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Dismissal

Presider: Our worship has ended. Our service to the world begins.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Postlude

Instrumental

August 15, 2021 Announcements & Events

Please go to weekly E-news for links and more information. If you do not receive the enews contact the office to be added to our mailing list.

Adult Forum – As we plan for the coming year, what topics, formats or speakers would be meaningful to help your spiritual journey? Please help by responding to the brief survey in the enews. Thanks!

Interested in EfM? – Let Pat Keithly or Rev. Susan know by August 18th.

Hike at Burke Lake Park- Aug. 28th 9-11:30. Kids of all ages and their families are kindly invited to a morning hike at Burke Lake Park. We will meet in front of the [ice cream shop](#), walk for 40 minutes. The team will provide breakfast. Then we will have a brief service at the end of the hike. Please bring your backpacks for a blessing. RSVP to Rev. G

Our garden is producing a great harvest!! If your garden is giving more than you can use please consider sharing the bounty with those in need of food support in our community. Please contact Chris if you have extra garden items to donate to the UMC Food Pantry. Times to water the garden are available in August. See enews or contact Chris Camillo for more information.

Composting Made Easier - Great information on how to start (or continue) composting at home or with Fairfax County. See the enews for links to more information.

Become a Coffee Hour Host – Join us for fellowship after service. Keeping it simple! A few refreshments and great conversation!

Volunteers needed – Please consider filling in an opening on a Sunday Worship Team. We need lectors, ushers and acolytes. Please let the office know how you can help. Office phone: 703-503-9210.

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Office hours – M- F 7:30-3:30