



ST. PETER'S
— IN THE WOODS —

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021
10:00 am

Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Instrumental

Processional Hymn

Instrumental

Opening Words

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

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

Gloria

Prayer of the Day

(The people remain standing)

Presider: God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

(In unison) **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 people sit)*

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and

he Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:15-22

(to be read responsively by whole verse)

15 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the

gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

(The people stand)

Gospel Song

Choir

Gospel: John 6: 56-69

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "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." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Susan Hartzell

(The people stand)

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.. ... Vaughn, Ruthie, Howard, Esta, John, Bob, Bill, Carolyn, Spencer, The Ashmore Family,

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...Bill Hall. and anniversaries. Gladden our hearts to enjoy every moment in our lives. God in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of Wisdom, knowledge, and Grace, we pray for all your children who are returning to school tomorrow. Bless their learning and playing. Protect their hearts from fear. Watch over them, provide for them, guide them, sustain them. Grant them a year full of new possibilities, creativity, and joy. God in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**

Leader: God of mercy, we pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens. Console those who grieve and heal the cries of those who call to you for help, holding before you especially the people of Afghanistan and Haiti. We pray for peace, protection of human lives, and harmony in the world you so desperately love. 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...Sid Tiesenga 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

Instrumental

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

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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

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Choir

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

Instrumental

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 22, 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 – WE want to KNOW what are YOUR thoughts! 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 by **AUG. 27th**. Thanks!

Vestry Curious? – Curious about the vestry? It's role in the church? Want to sit in on a meeting? Contact Tom Keithly, Senior Warden, at keithlytm@gmail.com for a zoom invitation. All are welcome.

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. RSPV to Rev. G

Upcoming Events – Sept. 5th – Service will be Morning Prayer. 8 AM Rite One from BCP. 10 Am Celtic inspired Morning Prayer.

Sept. 12th – Welcome Back Picnic and new program year kick off. 10 AM service will be outdoors.

Sept. 18th – Outdoor Concert at 6:30 PM.

Sept. 26th – Cocoa and Complaine returns.

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.

Volunteer training and Volunteers needed – On Sept. 11th please consider joining us at the church for a quick informational refresher for serving on Sundays. Have questions? Office phone: 703-503-9210.

Weekly Prayer in Community – Tuesday Morning at 9 AM for 12 minutes. It is an amazing ministry. Come check it out. It is very easy to join. Contact the office for more information. Dial: 971-224-6601 Access Code: 662648

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