



ST. PETER'S
— IN THE WOODS —

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021
10:00 am

Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Instrumental

Processional Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

Hymn 594



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;



crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.



Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -



hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
days, for the liv - ing of these days.
goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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Music: *Cum Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

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 - might - y 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,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

(The people remain standing)

Presider: God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

(In unison) **O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

(The people sit)

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-8

(to be read responsively by whole verse)

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has

inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

5 The Lord watches over the innocent; I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second Reading: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

(The people stand)



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
 5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
 3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
 3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

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

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Susan Hartzell

The Nicene Creed

(The people stand)

**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: Almighty God, we humbly bring our prayers before you and ask you to make of us what you created us to be: faithful followers, vessels of your love.

A brief silence.

We look to you, O God, to teach us. Shine your light on the path ahead. Catch us when we take a wrong turn, and by your Spirit, move us in the right direction. We are your children.

Teach us how to live, O God.

Leader: Speak to your church and our leaders. Energize us with new life and endless possibilities. Teach us to be partners with you in holiness and power. We are your children.

Fill us with the fullness of your grace.

Leader: We yearn for peace but are constantly at war with ourselves, our neighbors, and the nations throughout the world. We are your children.

Teach us how to make peace, O God.

Leader: We pray for our president, Joe, our governor Ralph, our Congress, and our courts. May harmony in diversity begin with us. Speak peace to the leaders of the nations, that conflicts may cease and mutual respect across boundaries and languages may prevail. We are your children.

Fill us with the fullness of your grace, O God.

Leader: When we quiet ourselves and take in the beauty of the wonders around us, we are full of awe at what you can do. We fill the air with songs of praise, coming before you with those celebrating birthdays this week, especially..... and anniversaries, especially..... We are your children.

Fill us with your joy, O God.

Leader: Our bodies ache, our spirits are restless, and our minds grow weary with constant worry. Lead us to a place of wholeness and make each of us agents of healing in this world. We pray for those who have asked our prayers today:..... We are your children.

Teach us how to trust in your healing embrace, O God.

Leader: For those who sit beside us, those whom we will never meet, who hunger for the riches of your grace. We are your Children.

Give them strength for today and for tomorrow.

Leader: We pray for those who mourn and who experience deep loss. We give thanks for those who have entered the larger life, especially... who now resides with all the saints in light. We pray for our military who have died in service to our country, especially... We are your children.
Hear us good Lord.

Concluding Collect:

Presider: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you, 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!

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 A

BCP 361

(The people remain standing).

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.....Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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

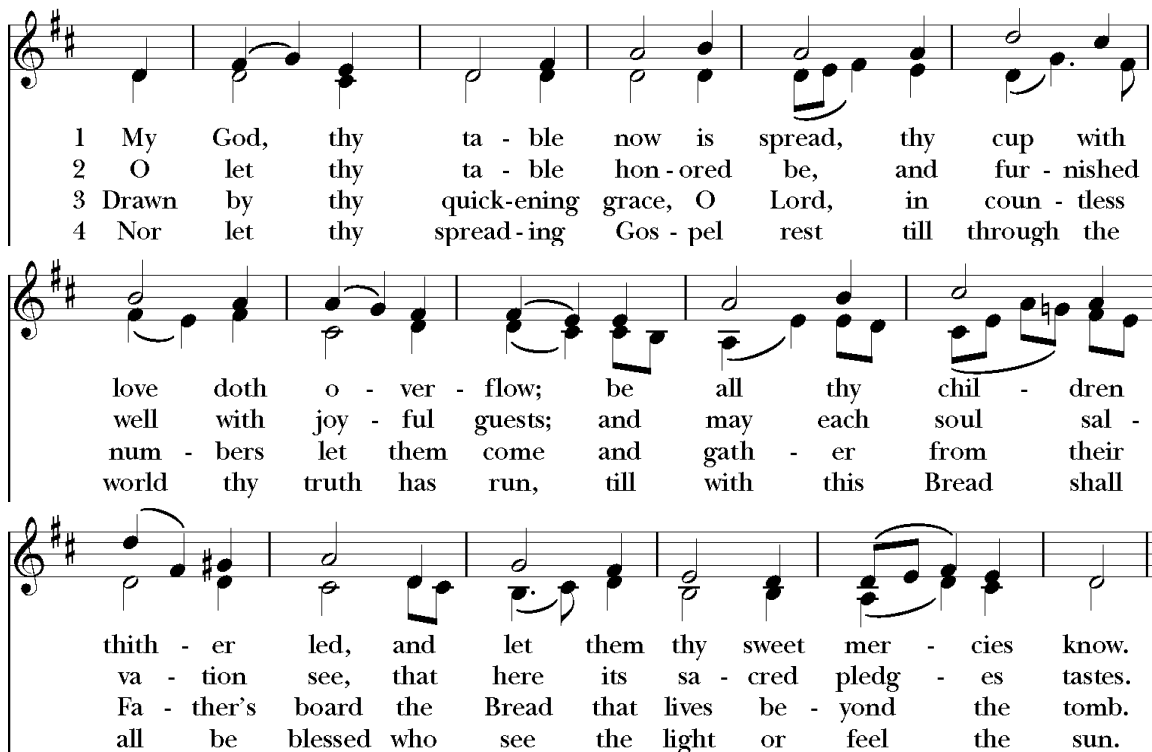
The bread is given to the people with these words:

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

Communion Hymn

My God, Thy Table Now is Spread

Hymn 321



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system has four lines of lyrics. The second system has three lines. The third system has three lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymn 657



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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

September 12, 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.

TODAY New Program Year Celebration – After the 10 AM outdoor service we will be hosting The Roaming Coyote (11) and The Kona Ice (11:30-12) Trucks for our Welcome Back Sunday. 8 AM Service will be indoor, livestreamed and recorded.

Check out the website or Enews for Building Love update!

Women's Fellowship Interest Meeting - Join Rev. Susan on Saturday September 18th, from 9 - 10 AM to explore a new offering for women. We're imagining an informal weekly? monthly? gathering for fellowship, fun and maybe a few prayers. Come and help us create what would be meaningful! On Sept. 18th we'll set up outside, weather permitting, with indoor spaces available (masks indoors please!)

Let revsusanh@gmail.com know that you are coming!

Fall Formation opportunities! Welcome Back! - This fall, we are offering several ways to grow deeper in your faith and relationship with God and each other:

Adults:

Sunday Forum returns on Sept. 26 in between the 8 & 10 AM services. Join your clergy and ministry leaders as we jump into a video series on the Book of Common Prayer and Scripture – the history, theology and meanings behind our prayer book and its use of Holy Scripture. In person and hybrid over Zoom from 8:50 – 9:50 AM.

Let ellen.icochea@gmail.com know you plan to attend and if you need the Zoom link!

Wired Word

returns Wednesday Sept. 22 at 7 pm, in person in the church office. Wired Word is a small group that explores contemporary events through the lens of scripture and faith. Be in touch with Bart Macmillan thebartmanjazz@yahoo.com with any questions!

Thursday Morning Theology returns Sept 29 at 8 AM on Zoom. Grab a coffee and join us as we explore Praying with the Mystics. This video series will help us deepen our connection with God by learning to pray like some of the prayer warriors of the Christian faith, people like Julian of Norwich and other English mystics. Let revsusanh@gmail.com know you plan to attend!

For Children and Youth:

Youth Confirmation meeting for parents and youth, Sunday Sept. 19th at 11 AM. Bring your calendars as we plan for confirmation prep this fall.

Let guimondpl8@gmail.com know to expect you!

Outdoor Chapel with Rev. G Sunday, Sept. 19th and Oct. 17th at 10. Kids of all ages – join Rev. G and your youth ministry team for outdoor worship and age-appropriate breakout activities while parents worship indoors. Masks required for all. Let Rev. G know to expect you! guimondpl8@gmail.com

Cocoa and Compline returns Sunday, Sept. 26 at 5 PM. Join us around the fire pit for this family-friendly worship gathering!

Outdoor Messy Church & Trunk or Treat, Saturday Oct. 23 at 5 – more details coming!

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.

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IF you have a prayer request – contact the office, Rev. Susan or submit on the website form. *Prayer intentions remain on the prayer list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.*

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