



ST. PETER'S **— IN THE WOODS —**

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 12, 2021

8:00AM

Rite I

THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Words

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with
all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great
commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt
love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments
hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Gloria

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: 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.**

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.

People: **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.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

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

People: **Glory to thee, O Lord.**

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.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

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: 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.

(Silent is kept).

Leader: 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 in 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...Graham Hood, who now reside 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:

Celebrant: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant & People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Declaration of Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Offering

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!

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Creator of the light and source of life, who has made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

Celebrant: All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus

Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather

up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith , with thanksgiving.

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.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

September 12, 2021 Announcements & Events

Please go to weekly E-news for links and more information.

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! Interested but can't make it that day? Please give Rev. Susan your feedback as well!

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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