



ST. PETER'S
— IN THE WOODS —

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021
10:00 am

Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Instrumental

Processional Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Choir

Opening Words

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

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

Collect for Purity

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria, Gloria

Choir

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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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)*

Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

Insert

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19:7-14

Insert

(to be read responsively by whole verse)

Second Reading: James 5:13-20

Insert

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

(The people stand)

Gospel Hymn

Where Comes the Crowded Ways of Life

Choir

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

Insert

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Susan Hartzell

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

(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 hope for tomorrow.

Leader: We pray for those who mourn and who experience deep loss. We commend to your mercy 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

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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 A

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(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 *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* By: Stuart Townend
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 *Lord of All Hopefulness* Choir

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