

St. Peter's Church in Plant City
Holy Eucharist Rite II



10:30 am | September 17, 2023
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome, Friends! Whether we are old or young, whether we are first-time or long-time worshippers, whether we come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow, in this place we meet at God's table as God's children.

Prayer books and hymnals are in the pews, but the service can be found in its entirety in this leaflet. Holy Eucharist Rite II begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Offering plates can be found at the doors, and mail-in and online giving options are also available.

Restrooms are available in Bender Hall, through the north doors and down the ramp. Individual restrooms are to your left. Men's and women's rooms with changing tables are through the second door and to your far right.

We do not currently offer a formal nursery—we're hiring, if you know someone who might be interested!—but children are always welcome in the church, with their wiggles and noises.

While we are searching for our new Rector, Fr. Barry and Deacon Denise will be available for pastoral needs, and Senior Warden Patti Booher will cover administrative needs. You can find their email contact information on the back page.

Prelude: Meditation -*Massenet Neal Ward, Violin*

Hymn: Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven (H1982 #410)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

The Word of God

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

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

Celebrant 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.**

All *See pew card for music*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 First Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31 *(Please be seated)*

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the

Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter: Psalm 114 (*People respond singing bold text*)

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *

the house of Jacob from a people *of* strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *

and Israel *his* dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *

Jordan turned *and* went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *

and the little hills *like* young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *

O Jordan, that *you* turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *

you little hills *like* young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *

at the presence of the *God* of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *

and flint-stone into a *flowing* spring.

The Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: Forgive our Sins as We Forgive (H1982 #674) *(standing)*

“Forgive our sins as we forgive” you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew,
how small the debts men owe to us, how great our debt to you.

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease;
then, reconciled to God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 *(Please stand)*

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not

have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily: The Rev. Scott Nonken (*Please be seated*)

The Nicene Creed (*Please 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 (*adapted from the Diocese of Olympia, Washington*)

Deacon Humbled by the bounty and grace of our lives, let us pray without ceasing.

Leader For all the followers of Jesus around the world, that we may be united in sharing God’s unfailing love and forgiveness.

People **Spirit of truth, set us free!**

For the boundless priesthood of all believers, and the ministry of all lay people, the cornerstone of your holy Church. For all priests and deacons. For Bishop Doug and this diocese, that our hearts may be opened to God's desires for our future.

Spirit of truth, set us free!

For our world and our nation, that all who govern and lead may tend peace in the land, and labor lovingly for every person entrusted to them.

Spirit of truth, set us free!

For the churches in our diocesan cycle of prayer: St. Michael and All Angels, Sanibel; St. Monica's, Naples; St. Nathaniel's, North Port; St. Paul's, Naples; St. Paul's Wesley Chapel, St. Peter's Cathedral, St. Petersburg; St. Peter's, Plant City; that they may be beacons of your love.

Spirit of truth, set us free!

For rain and sun in seasonable proportions, that the harvest may be plentiful and that no child, elder, or adult goes hungry.

Spirit of truth, set us free!

For the will and action to preserve God's creation,

Spirit of truth, set us free!

For our neighbors who live with hunger and without shelter, for all who feel alone, that we may bear witness to God's love for them.

Spirit of truth, set us free!

For those on our parish prayer list [found herein] and those we now name....., we pray that they feel your loving presence.

Spirit of truth, set us free!

For refugees and immigrants, for all who suffer violence at the hands of others, and for those who live with addiction and mental illness. May our selves, our voices, and our community be a place of safety, hope and compassion for all people.

Spirit of truth, set us free!

For all the blessings of our lives, that we may continually declare how much God has done for us.

Spirit of truth, set us free!

For all who have died, especially those we now name...., that they may be welcomed into glory with all the saints and angels.

Spirit of truth, set us free!

Celebrant God who sets our hearts on fire, we offer these prayers to you. Accept them as our offering of love and the pledge of our hearts to seek and serve you in all that we do. Through Christ, who is all in all. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin (*Kneel, sit, or stand*)

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace (*Please stand*)

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements (*Please be seated*)

Prayer for birthdays, anniversaries, and milestones

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Choir Anthem: O Praise the Lord With Heart and Voice – Haydn

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving *(Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p.361 – standing)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Celebrant and People **(H1982 S-125)**

**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.**

The people stand, kneel, or sit, then the Celebrant continues

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

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,

Celebrant and People

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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Hymn: For the Bread Which You Have Broken (H1982 #341)

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.

As our blessed ones adore you, seated at our Father's board,
may the Church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward,
in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest blesses the people
People **Amen.**

Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God (H1982 #397)

Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people

People **Thanks be to God.**

Ministers serving today:

Celebrant: The Rev. Scott Nonken

Deacon: The Rev. Denise Healy

Organist: Helen Jones

Psalmist: Mike Booher

+ + +

*The flower arrangements were created by Jim Jeffries
and are in celebration of the 44th anniversary of
Jim Jeffries & Neal Ward on September 22nd*

+ + +

Please Pray For:

- Barbara & Gary, Bernie, Bill, Betty, Bobbie, Carley, Charley, Chris, Christian, Christine, Daphne, Erick, Evelyn, Glen, Janet, Jeff & Jule, Jim, Jonathan, Judy, Ken & Gayle, Marilyn, Mary Alice, Mary Katherine, Michelle, Nancy, Pat & Murray, Priscilla & Robert, Rick, Rob, Sally, Sarah, Shirley, Ty
- The people of Maui
- The victims of violence and injustice in our own country and around the world
- Those celebrating birthdays: Amanda Alvarez 09/18, Glenn Vasterling 9/22, Lucas Jones 09/22
- Those celebrating anniversaries: Sally & Lyn Fuhrman 09/17, Jim Jeffries & Neal Ward 09/22
- Clergy: Doug, Barry, Denise, John
- St. Peter's Vestry: Carolyn, Cindy, Dick, Eda, Felix, Patti, Patty, Ron, Starr
- Members of our community serving in the armed forces: Andrew, Brendan, Christopher, Dayna, Forrest, Jeremy, Kyle, Logan, Matt, Matthew, Nick, Paul, Robert, Scott, Timothy, Yasmine

Are you on our email list? More announcements can be found in our weekly “This Week at St. Peter’s” email. Remember that you can also check <https://www.stpetersplantcity.com/calendar> for up-to-date calendar listings.

Take note:

- Gift for Mother Alissa: The vestry is collecting donations during the month of September for a gift to the Rector’s Discretionary Fund at Mo. Alissa’s new church. Deadline for all donations is Sunday, October 1. See This Week @ St. Peter’s for further details.
- Join us for our monthly Family Service on Sunday, September 24 at the 10:30 am service featuring Holy Eucharist with Father Barry Kubler and an exciting Children’s Sermon with Deacon John Santosuosso. Then stay for lunch and fellowship in Bender Hall after the service. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side or sweet to share. Hope to see everyone then!
- Blessing of Pets will be held October 1 at 4:00pm.
- The following clergy will be assisting on the Sundays in September:
Sunday, September 3 - Morning Prayer with Deacon Denise
Sunday, September 10 - Holy Eucharist with Father Robert Crow
Sunday, September 17 - Holy Eucharist with Father Scott Nonken
Sunday, September 24 - Family Service and Holy Eucharist with
Father Barry Kubler and Deacon John Santosuosso

Parish Administration:

Rector:

Deacon: The Rev. Denise Healy

Parish Administrator: Sarah Dean

Director of Music Ministries: Helen Jones

Treasurer: Trey Stevens

Asst. Treasurers: Mary Alice Steinke, Sherlyn Eukovich

Sexton: Tony Wilson

**Vestry: Starr Anderson, Patti Booher (Senior Warden), Carolyn Durst,
Ron Everett (Junior Warden), Cindy Gutowski, Felix Haynes,
Dick Kaiser, Patty Linder (Clerk), Eda Snyder**



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

302 N. Carey St | Plant City, FL 33563

Office Phone: 813-752-5061

Office Email: st.peterspc@verizon.net

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 9am–3pm

Fr. Barry Kubler email: revkubler@gmail.com

Deacon Denise Healy email: revdzz@gmail.com

Patti Booher/Senior Warden email: stpetersseniorwarden@gmail.com

www.stpetersplantcity.com

**Reprinted with permission under OneLicense #A-718716
ALL RIGHTS RESERVED**