

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



*September 13, 2020
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Lakewood, Ohio*

Good Morning! And welcome to Saint Peter's Sunday worship in the Coronavirus era.

The 10:00 Service on Sunday is broadcast live, and is available in recorded form, through the parish YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5r-XEvAg8xKiEl2jnl_s7g/

The broadcast will begin at 9:45 a.m.

Please observe the following safety protocols:

Face masks are required of all participants. The liturgy will not commence, or will be halted, until everyone in the room is wearing a face mask.

Practice safe social distancing, maintaining a distance of roughly 6 feet or more from other persons.

At the end of the service, please use the provided sanitizer spritz bottles and paper towels to disinfect the pew you sat in, and any surfaces you touched.

Please do not leave anything in the pew when you leave. Take with you used paper towels and service leaflets. Deposit these in trash receptacles at doors.

Don't forget to sign up for next week's service. The link to Sign-Up Genius is as follows...

For September 20:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F45AEAF2CABF94-saint8>

Or, it can be found on the parish website.

Prelude *At 10:00 service only* Toccata in d, FbWV102 Johann Jacob Froberger
1616-1667

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

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

Priest and people together:

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.

The Procession enters to musical accompaniment (9:30 only)

Then all pray together the "Surge, Illuminare" Isaiah 60: 1-3, 11, 14, 18-19

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
 And the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land;
 Deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise,
 And his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to you light,
 And kings to the brightness of your dawning
Your gates will always be open;
 By day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord,
 The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land,
 Ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation,
 And all your portals, Praise.
The Sun will no more be your light by day;
 By night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light,
 And your God will be your glory.

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them. (*Genesis 50:15-21*)

The Reading concludes:

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

The appointed Psalm will be prayed in unison by congregation.

Psalm 114

- 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.

A Reading from the New Testament

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. (*Romans 14:1-12*)

Reader The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Priest 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." (Matthew 18:21-35)

The Gospel concludes

Priest The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you Lord Christ

The Sermon The Rev. John Keller

The Nicene Creed

All pray together

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.

The Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael, for our Bishops Mark and Arthur, for Keith our Priest, for our Vestry, for this gathering and all the Holy People of God. Pray for the Church.

Silence for prayer

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; for the leaders of all governments, corporations, and organizations, that they may work for the health and well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence for prayer

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed and those in prison. I ask your prayers for the mentally ill, the infirm, and those who live alone.

I ask your prayers for all whose lives are devastated by physical and social disease, and for those who labor to bring healing.

Pray for all in any need or trouble.

Silence for prayer

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God; and for those who find faith difficult or impossible. I ask your prayers for all whose faith has been warped and twisted by fanaticism, and for those whose faith is self-satisfied or vacuous.

Pray that they, and we, may find and be found by God.

Silence for prayer

I invite your prayers for the departed and for those who mourn.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence for prayer

I ask you to offer any other prayers and thanksgivings you bear in your hearts
this morning.

Silence for prayer

Let us conclude our prayers together:

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one heart and mind,
to offer our prayers to you; and you have promised through your beloved Son
that, when two or three are gathered in his Name, you are in the midst of them:
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us
in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.
Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Intercessor: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Silence for prayer

All pray together:

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.

Celebrant:

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.*

Celebrant The Peace of Christ be with you

People And also with you

The Liturgy of the Table

At the 10:00 am service please do not sing the hymn. Feel free to hum along. More importantly, please pray along with the lyrics as the music gives depth to the words.

Hymn (10:00 only) *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven* *Lauda anima*

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.

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.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People And also with you

Celebrant Let us lift up our hearts

People We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant prays the Preface of the Day

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 together pray:

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.

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.

The Celebrant continues

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,

All pray together

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A moment of silence follows. The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrifice for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

10:00 service only

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

All pray together on behalf of those unable to receive the Sacrament

O Lamb of God, in union with the faithful at every altar of your Church, my heart offers you praise and thanksgiving. I love you above all things, and I earnestly desire to receive you into my soul. And although I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I invite you into my heart spiritually. May my soul be fed by this spiritual food, and may my heart know you more dearly in the breaking of this bread. Amen.

The Celebrant takes the Sacrament on behalf of all who are unable.

What's Happening: September 13, 2020

We hold in our prayers this week:

Parishioners in need of Prayer: Keith Owen, Connie Cooper, Molly Simon, Mary Sandberg, Lorna Jordan, Sheena James, Harold Babbit, Rick Nash, Ron Gantt, Jennifer Carlson, Ed Wilkinson, Bob Lewis

Homebound Parishioners: Doug Bradfield, Kay McKelvey, Ed & Marlene Wilkinson, Clara Mae Cain, Barbara House, Mildred Bittel, Deb Sefcek, John & Mary Etta Bitter, Brandt & Margo Tennant, Lynn Allman

Parishioners' Friends and Family: Brynn and Christopher Purdy (Linda Purdy), Marc Chokan (Bob Brown), Kevin Kelley (The Schauer Family), Rudy and the Capece Family (Jeff Gardner), Dianne Mason (Shaina Browning), Dianna Csikos, Karen Fobbs (Deb Vandrask), Eric Doubell (Joanne Hull), Karen and Jack (Don & Mary Blesse), Alberta Valente, Jayne Matthews, Joan & Chuck Bulf (Anida Balmer), Ruth Zimmer (Peggy Zimmer), Dan McDonough (Jan Madigan), Clinton Hist, II (Heidi Demaline), Pat Kiely (Mariann Wren), Michael Wood (Nan Archbold), Andrew Horner (Kathy Woolner), Nancy E. Warren (Laura Sutera), Cathy Lucas, Paul, David, Mathew, Liesl, Carly and Myrtel, Joe Jensen, Mom (Susan Jensen), Bridget, Karen, Graham & Gordon (Ann Bish), Lans Andrews (Tom & Sue Andrews)

Deployed Parishioners and Friends: Blake Schwartz, son of Paul and Wendi Schwartz, Ohio National Guard

Sunday Worship in the Pandemic Season

8:00 am and 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

We need you to sign up each week to attend worship. Use this link for Sign-Up Genius or call the church office at 216-226-1772.

The 10:00 Service will be live streamed beginning at 9:45 a.m., and the recording will subsequently remain available by going to:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5r-XEvAg8xKiEl2jnl_s7g?

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

The Friday Bible Study group has been going strong for 15 years. Following up on our study of the Book of Acts, we are making our way through Saint Paul's letters in the order scholars believe he wrote them.

Please join us via ZOOM every Friday morning at 9:00 a.m.. The Zoom meeting number is 853 0476 8498. And the browser link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85304768498>

VIRTUAL SUNDAY BRUNCH

Log in to Sunday Brunch via ZOOM right after the 10:00 service on Sunday. You can get to brunch by using this link in your internet browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89842233950>

From the ZOOM app on your computer or phone: Meeting ID: 898 4223 3950

Call in on your phone. Dial 1-646-558-8656, and then enter 898 4223 3950# when prompted.

LITURGICAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are about to put together the liturgical schedule through the end of October. If you are considering a return to in-person worship, and would like to serve as an Usher, Lector, Acolyte or Sacristan (chancel guild) please call or e-mail the church office and we will put you on the rota.

We are especially short of Ushers at this time. Even if you have never been an Usher before, now would be a helpful time to volunteer. It's easy and fun.



Serving Today, September 13

Lector/Intercessor	8:00	Sara Ferry
	10:00	Ken Taylor
Acolytes	8:00	Tren Cheshier
	10:00	Martha Taylor
Ushers	8:00	Dick Jacquemotte, Jan Madigan, Jeff Tennant
	10:00	Jim Cofer, Chas Geiger, Tucker Handley
Chancel Guild	8:00	Sara Ferry
	10:00	Linda Lange
Livestream	10:00	Dennis McCready

Serving September 20

Lector/Intercessor	8:00	Jim Calhoun
	10:00	Dan Gourash
Acolytes	8:00	Ian Drennan
	10:00	George Filko
Ushers	8:00	Harold Babbit, Neil Green, Tren Cheshier
	10:00	Joanne Hull, Joseph Jacoby, Lowell Johnson
Chancel Guild	8:00	Penny Mead
	10:00	Linda Purdy
Livestream	10:00	Jeff Tennant

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