



St. Peter's  
Episcopal Church  
The Little Church with the Big Heart



**23rd Sunday after Pentecost – 10/27/2024**

**The Rev. Shawn Rutledge Presiding**

**The Rev. Hunter Ruffin Guest Preaching**

**Prelude:** Organ Music

**Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church**

*(Brief announcements and acknowledgment of the land.)*

St. Peter's Episcopal Church is situated on land that was lived and traveled on by many different tribes including: the Hohokam, the O'odham Jewed, the Sobaipuri, and the Akimel O'odham. We respectfully acknowledge and honor all Tribal communities, past and present, for their ongoing and fundamental relationship with this land and this region.

**Processional:** O God our help – Hymnal #680

**The Acclamation:**

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

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

**Collect of Purity:** 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**



**The Collect of the Day:**

The Lord be with you.

**And, also with you.**

Let us pray.

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**First Reading:**

**1 King 1:1-5 11-18**

King David was old and advanced in years, and although they covered him with clothes, he could not get warm. So his servants said to him, "Let a young virgin be sought for my lord the king, and let her wait on the king and be his attendant; let her lie in your bosom, so that my

lord the king may be warm.” So they searched for a beautiful young woman throughout all the territory of Israel and found Abishag the Shunammite and brought her to the king. The young woman was very beautiful. She became the king’s attendant and served him, but the king did not know her sexually.

Now Adonijah son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, “I will be king.” He prepared for himself chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.

Then Nathan said to Bathsheba, Solomon’s mother, “Have you not heard that Adonijah son of Haggith has become king, and our lord David does not know it? Now therefore come, let me give you advice, so that you may save your own life and the life of your son Solomon. Go in at once to King David and say to him, ‘Did you not, my lord the king, swear to your servant, saying, “Your son Solomon shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne?” Why then is Adonijah king?’” “Then while you are still there speaking with the king, I will come in after you and confirm your words.”

So Bathsheba went to the king in his room. The king was very old; Abishag the Shunammite was attending the king. Bathsheba bowed and did obeisance to the king, and the king said, “What do you wish? She said to him, “My lord, you swore to your servant by the Lord your God, saying, ‘Your son Solomon shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne.’ But now suddenly Adonijah has become king, though you, my lord the king, do not know it.

#### **Psalm 90: 1-10, 12**

O God, you have been our refuge \*

**From one generation to another.**

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, \*

**From age to age you are God.**

You turn us back to dust and say, \*

**“Go back, O child of earth.”**

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \*

**And like a watch in the night.**

You sweep us away like a dream; \*

**We fade away suddenly like the grass.**

In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*

**In the evening it is dried up and withered.**

For we consume away in your displeasure; \*

**We are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.**

Our iniquities you have set before you \*

**And our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

When you are angry, all our days are gone; \*

**We bring our years to an end like a sigh.**

The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; \*

**Yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

So teach us to number our days \*

**That we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

**The Epistle: Colossians 2: 9-14**

For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gradual:** Breathe on me – Hymnal#508 (V1,2,/v3,4)

**The Gospel: John 7:37-44**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you Lord Christ.**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Messiah." But some asked, "Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he? Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" So there was a division in the crowd because of him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

The Good News of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon:** The Rev. Shawn Rutledge

**The Nicene Creed:** *(Please Stand as you are able)*

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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:**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

For our loved ones; those whom we know and hold in our hearts, and all of your children who are unknown to us but always known to you. Help us keep the needs of all, especially the youngest amongst us, in our prayers. Bond us through your love and inspire us to action alongside the voiceless.

God of love, **Receive our prayer.**

For those who teach us; at school and church, our friends and our family at home, and in all places we learn and grow. Help us to remember we are never too old to learn, and help us listen and pray with patience as we learn from you God, and one another.

God our teacher, **Receive our prayer.**

For those who lead; give the leaders of our nations, and our community the wisdom to serve people of all ages in love and peace. Give us all the language and intention to share your love in the world.

God who guides us, **Receive our prayer.**

For the poor, the unhoused, and the lonely; We pray for access that meets the needs of those who do not have enough. For nutritious food, housing, loving relationships, and all of the things that help us to thrive.

God of the vulnerable, **Receive our prayer.**

For ourselves; We offer thanksgiving for all of the good things you bless us with: for music, and laughter, and love. Inspire us, in this season of stewardship, to dwell in the stories of others and respond to the needs of our neighbors as you have taught us.

God who walks with us, **Receive our prayer.**

For the sick; we pray that they would know in their hearts that you are with them. Give them strength, courage and hope to endure what must be endured. We pray especially for: Ron, John, Becky, Chad, Rick's family, Sharon's family, Cheryl's family, Junie, Eric, Scott and Rachel. God of mercy, **Receive our prayer.**

For those who have died; remember them with your mercy, bring your beloved into your arms, and comfort those who are left behind with a sense of your goodness. We pray especially for: Ruby Alcantera, Rick Hamilton, Taryn Hanehan, Sue Fossen, Todd Shoestring, Tom Devlin, Sharon Wudtke, and Cheryl Enders.

God of eternal life, **Receive our prayer.**

Collect:

God, we thank you for always being with us; those of us here in this church today, and all who are joining us online. Open and transform our hearts that we might connect more deeply with the needs of others and be moved to be your love and care in this world. Help us to keep courage as we learn, share, and give. All this we ask through the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Confession:**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(Silence)*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evils done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love, and serve only your will. Amen.**

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.**

**Peace:** The Peace of Christ be always with you

**And also with you.**

*(Please take a moment to offer your neighbors a sign of Christ's peace. This will be followed by some brief Announcements; and then we will offer blessings for any Anniversaries, Birthdays, Surgeries or Travelers)*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory:** Amazing Grace - Hymnal 1982 # 671 (V1-4)

**Doxology:** The Hymnal 1982 #380 V3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus: S130**

**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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread, and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Peter and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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:**

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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.

*(If you are visiting, and you normally receive communion in your home church, you are welcome to receive at this table as well. If you are not yet baptized, you may come up with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing)*

**Communion Hymn:** Come Holy Spirit – Hymnal #510

**Post Communion Thanksgiving Prayer:**

*(Please stand or kneel as you are able)*

Let us pray,

**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.**

**Commitment Time & Benediction:**

**The Rev. Hunter Ruffin**

(The Rev. Hunter Ruffin will give some instruction for Consecration Sunday. We will then spend some time in silence and prayer, and leave the church quietly, respecting those still in contemplation and prayer. Please head directly over to Burton Hall to enjoy the Consecration Sunday Luncheon provided by Big House.)

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church Prayer List:**

Ron, John, Becky, Chad, Rick's family, Sharon's family, Cheryl's family, Junie, Eric, Scott and Rachel.

**Repose of the Soul List:**

Ruby Alcantera, Rick Hamilton, Taryn Hanehan, Sue Fossen, Todd Shoestring, Tom Devlin, Sharon Wudtke, and Cheryl Enders.



\* If you would like to add any names to the Church Prayer Lists, email: [prayers@stpeterseiscopalcg.org](mailto:prayers@stpeterseiscopalcg.org) names are kept on for 1 month. If you'd like them to stay on the list, simply resubmit them. Names are kept on the Repose of the Soul List for 2 months.

If you are new to St. Peter's and would like to schedule a time to meet w/the Vicar, please reach out to him via email: [shawn.rutledge@stpeterseiscopalcg.org](mailto:shawn.rutledge@stpeterseiscopalcg.org) or by phone: 602-688-2273.

He would love to chat and get to know you; and If at any time you need pastoral care, please call the Pastoral Care Line: 520-483-4288

If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to the members of your Bishop's Committee.

**Bishop's Committee:**

- The Rev. Shawn Rutledge, Vicar
- Kari Davis, Bishop's Warden
- Dorrie Carskadon, People's Warden
- Kay Horton, Member at Large
- Mitchell Smith, Member at Large
- Susanne Lieber, Member at Large

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