



# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Little Church with the Big Heart



## The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Nov. 19, 2023

### The Rev. Shawn Rutledge Presiding

**Prelude:** Give Thanks for Life (WLP775) – Choir.

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

St. Peter's 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:** Awake My Soul and With the Sun - Hymnal 1982 #11

#### **The Acclamation:**

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

#### **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**

#### **The Collect of the Day:**

The Lord be with you.

**And, also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### **First Reading:**

**Zephaniah 1:7,12-18**

Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts,

“The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.”

Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;

because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

Psalm: 90:1-12

Lord, 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 the 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.**

Who regards the power of your wrath? \*  
**who rightly fears your indignation?**

So teach us to number our days \*  
**that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

**The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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**The Gradual:** Take My Life and Let it Be - Hymnal 1982 #707 (V1/v2)

**The Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

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

**Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to

me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel, the Good News of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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

**Admission of new members to the order of the Daughters of the King:**

*Please welcome The Rev. Jeanne Rasmussen, Chaplain to the Kenosis Chapter of the Daughters*  
(When asked, "Will you support these women in their ministry of prayer and service?" Please answer **We will**)

**Intercessory Hymn:** Lift High the Cross

*Unison*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim, Till

all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.

*Fine*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lift High the Cross'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system is labeled 'Unison' and features a treble and bass clef with a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics 'Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim, Till' are written below the notes. The second system is labeled 'Fine' and continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics 'all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.' are written below the notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

**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:**

We pray to you Lord God in faith and hope saying: We lift our petitions to you,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Most Holy God, we pray for all baptized Christians throughout the world, that you would bless your church, its members, and its mission. We pray especially for those in your church who have chosen to join holy orders, that the rule of life they have embarked upon would inspire and encourage those around them to live even more deeply into your way of love.

We lift our petitions to you,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

King of Kings, we pray for the welfare of this nation, and this community, and all who are in positions of authority in it, that they would seek justice, grant mercy, and govern with wisdom. We lift our petitions to you,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Father of Mercy, we raise Israel and Gaza to you, and pray for those suffering. We ask that you provide peace in this crisis. We pray for those who have been killed, injured, are searching for loved ones, and are struggling with grief and fear. We pray for all Israelis and Palestinians. We lift our petitions to you,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

God our Father, we pray for all those who suffer and those in any trouble, especially:

Kara, Cathy, Mathew, Ron, Elaine, Wayne, Bryan, Helen, Kay, Richard, Owen, WaWee, Bob, Al, Christina, Gabriel, Diamond, and Fred. We ask that you send your healing power upon them, through the power of the Holy Spirit. We lift our petitions to you,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

God, Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children. We pray especially for: Sharon Suddeth, Ralph, Larry Woyach, Margorie Connelly. We lift our petitions to you,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Collect:**

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray; both those we have said out loud, and those said in hearts, both here in this church, and with our viewers online, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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:** be Thou My Vision -The Hymnal 1982 # 488

**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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:** WLP 858

**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:**

*(Silence)*

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.

**Communion Hymn:** My Faith Looks Up to Thee - The Hymnal 1982 # 691

**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.**

**Blessing:**

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

**Procession into the World:** God of Grace and God of Glory-The Hymnal 1982 # 594

**Dismissal:**

Go in Peace, to love and serve the Lord,

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.

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

Kara, Cathy, Mathew, Ron, Elaine, Wayne, Bryan, Helen, Kay, Richard, Owen, WaWee, Bob, Al, Christina, Gabriel, Diamond, and Fred

**Repose of the Soul List:**

Sharon Suddeth, Ralph, Larry Woyach, Margorie Connelly.

\* If you would like to add any names to the Church Prayer Lists, email:

[prayers@stpetersepiscopalcg.org](mailto:prayers@stpetersepiscopalcg.org).

Names are kept on the Church Prayer List 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.

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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

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