



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Little Church with the Big Heart



3rd Sunday after Pentecost – 5/9/2024

The Rev. Shawn Rutledge Presiding

Prelude: Come Now, O Prince of Peace (WLP 795)

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: Lift High the Cross! - The Hymnal 1982 #473

The Acclamation:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Ruth 4:9-17

Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses today that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses." Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem; and, through the children that the Lord will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."

So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin, and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

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

Psalm 107:1-9

We give you thanks, O God, for you are good; *

Your mercy endures forever.

Let all those whom you have redeemed proclaim *

That you redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

You gathered them out of the lands, *

From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some wandered in desert wastes; *

They found no way to a city where they might dwell.

They were hungry and thirsty; *

Their spirits languished within them.

Then they cried to you in their trouble, *

And you delivered them from their distress.

You put their feet on a straight path *

To go to a city where they might dwell.

Let them give thanks to you for your mercy *

And the wonders you do for your children.

For you satisfy the thirsty *

And fill the hungry with good things.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:14-26

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

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The Gradual: Seek Ye First (V1/2) The Hymnal 1982 #711

The Gospel: Matthew 5:43-48

(Please stand as you are able)

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

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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:

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

(Silence)

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer Reddall, our Bishop, and Shawn Rutledge, our vicar; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially: Ron, Jeanne, Elaine, Wayne, Helen, Susanne, Rick, Lynn, Joy, Susie, Patrick, Diamond, Nathan and his family, Chad, Tricia and her family, Tom, Deb, Ken, and Heather; And all those that we raise up to you now:

(Silence)

(The People add their own petitions)

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, hear our spoken thanksgiving and those unspoken.

(Silence)

(The People add their own thanksgivings)

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Especially: For Joanne Summers Puglielli, Hobart Bruce, Claire Smith, Kenny Yates, Terri Lyn Theberge, and David Wayne Dyer.

(Silence)

(The People add their own petitions)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Collect:

O God, our rock and our refuge: hear the prayers of your people this day, both those here present, and those joining us online; keep us safe in your care, and strengthen us with your grace, that we may pray to you faithfully and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives for ever and ever. **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. 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: We Will Know we are Christians by Our Love (Fr Scholtes)

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:

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant you the Spirit of Wisdom, to know the hope and see the path to which you have been called. **Amen**

Recessional Hymn: The Church's One Foundation - The Hymnal 1982 #525

Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: A Mighty Fortress is Our God - The Hymnal 1982 #688

St. Peter's Episcopal Church Prayer List:

Ron, Jeanne, Elaine, Wayne, Helen, Susanne, Rick, Lynn, Joy, Susie, Patrick, Diamond, Nathan and his family, Chad, Tricia and her family, Tom, Deb, Ken, and Heather

Repose of the Soul List:

Joanne Summers Puglielli, Hobart Bruce, Claire Smith, Kenny Yates, Terri Lyn Theberge, and David Wayne Dyer

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

prayers@stpetersepiscopalcg.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@stpetersepiscopalcg.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
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