



# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Little Church with the Big Heart



## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – 7/7/2024

### The Rev. Shawn Rutledge Presiding

**Prelude:** Lord of all Hopefulness – Hymnal #482

#### **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:** Come Thou Almighty King – Hymnal #365

#### **The Acclamation:**

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

**And blessed be his 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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 2:12-17, 22-25**

Now the sons of Eli were scoundrels; they had no regard for the Lord or for the duties of the priests to the people. When anyone offered sacrifice, the priest's servant would come, while the meat was boiling, with a three-pronged fork in his hand, and he would thrust it into the pan, kettle, caldron, or pot; all that the fork brought up the priest would take for himself. This is what they did at Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there. Moreover, before the fat was burned, the priest's servant would come and say to the one who was sacrificing, "Give meat for the priest to roast, for he will not accept boiled meat from you but only raw." And if the man said to him, "Let them burn the fat first and then take whatever you wish," he would say, "No, you must give it now; if not, I will take it by force." <sup>17</sup> Thus the sin of the young men was very great in the sight of the Lord, for they treated the offerings of the Lord with contempt. Now Eli was very old. He heard all that his sons were doing to all Israel and how they lay with the women who served at the entrance to the tent of meeting. <sup>23</sup> He said to them, "Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all these people. <sup>24</sup> No, my sons; it is not a good report that I hear the people of the Lord spreading abroad. <sup>25</sup> If one person sins against another, someone can intercede for the sinner with the Lord,<sup>[e]</sup> but if someone sins against the Lord, who can make intercession?" But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for it was the will of the Lord to kill them.

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

**The Psalm Psalm 49**

Hear this, all you peoples; hearken all you who dwell in the world, \*

**You of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*

**And my heart shall meditate on understanding.**

I will incline my ear to a proverb \*

**And set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*

**When the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me.**

The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*

**And boast of their great riches?**

We can never ransom ourselves, \*

**Or deliver to God the price of our life;**

For the ransom of our life is so great, \*

**That we should never have enough to pay it,**

In order to live for ever and ever, \*

**And never see the grave.**

For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and the stupid they perish \*

**And leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*

**They are like the beasts that perish.**

Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, \*

**And the end of those who delight in their own words.**

Like a flock of sheep they are destined to die; \*

**Death is their shepherd; they go down straightaway to the grave.**

Their form shall waste away, \*

**And the land of the dead shall be their home.**

But God will ransom my life \*

**And will snatch me from the grasp of death.**

Do not be envious when some become rich \*

**Or when the grandeur of their house increases,**

For they will carry nothing away at their death, \*

**Nor will their grandeur follow them.**

Though they thought highly of themselves while they lived \*

**And were praised for their success,**

They shall join the company of their forebears, \*

**Who will never see the light again.**

Those who are honored, but have no understanding, \*

**Are like the beasts that perish.**

**The Epistle:**

**1 Timothy 6:6-16**

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of

kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

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

**The Gradual:** My Faith Looks Up to Thee (V 1,2/3) – Hymnal #691

**The Gospel:** **Luke 16:10-13**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

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

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Gospel, 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, Chad, Tricia and her family, Tom, Deb, Ken, Maryan, Sandra, Cyndie and her family, Ron, Wayne, Elaine, Helen, Rick; 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 Terri Lyn Theberge, David Wayne Dyer, Danny Wiles, Danny Wiles, and Alice Rebecchi.

*(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:** The King of Love my Shepherd Is (V 1,2,5,6) – Hymnal #645

**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:** How Wondrous and Great - Hymnal #533

**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:**

God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn:** Onward Christian Soldiers (V1,4,5) - Hymnal #562

**Dismissal:**

Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** He is King of Kings (LEVAS 96)

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

Ron, Jeanne, Chad, Tricia and her family, Tom, Deb, Ken, Heather, Maryan, Sandra, Cyndie and her family, Ron, Wayne, Elaine, Helen, Rick

**Rest of the Soul List:**

Terri Lyn Theberge, David Wayne Dyer, Danny Wiles, and Alice Rebecchi

\* 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 for 1 month. If you'd like them to stay on the list, simply resubmit them. Names are kept on the Rest 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](mailto: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
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- Dorrie Carskadon, People's Warden
- Kay Horton, Member at Large
- Mitchell Smith, Member at Large
- Susanne Lieber, Member at Large

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