



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Little Church with the Big Heart



15th Sunday after Pentecost – 9/1/2024

The Rev. Shawn Rutledge Presiding

Prelude: The Spirt Song (LEVAS 118)

Welcome to St. Peters Episcopal Church

(Brief announcements and acknowledgment of the land.)

This church sits on land that was lived and traveled on by many different tribes including: the Hohokam, the O'odham Jewed, the Sobaipuri, and 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: I Sing the Almighty Power of God ALLEUIA – The Hymnal #398

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.

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 25:14-20, 24-25, 28, 32-34

But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, "David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master, and he shouted insults at them. Yet the men were very good to us, and we suffered no harm, and we never missed anything when we were in the fields as long as we were with them; they were a wall to us both by night and by day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. Now, therefore, know this and consider what you should do, for evil has been decided against our master and against all his house; he is so ill-natured that no one can speak to him." Then Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves, two skins of wine, five sheep ready dressed, five measures of parched grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs. She loaded them on donkeys and said to her young men, "Go on ahead of me; I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal. As she rode on the donkey and came down under cover of the mountain, David and his men came down toward her, and she met them. Then Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves, two skins of wine, five sheep ready dressed, five measures of parched grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs. She loaded them on donkeys and said to her young men, "Go on ahead of me; I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal. As she rode on the donkey and came down under cover of the mountain, David and his men came down toward her, and she met them. Please forgive the trespass of your servant, for the Lord will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord is fighting the battles of the Lord, and evil shall not be found in you so long as you live. David said to Abigail, "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who sent you to meet me today! Blessed be your good sense, and blessed be you, who kept me today from bloodguilt and from avenging myself by my own hand! For as surely as the Lord the God of Israel lives, who has restrained me from hurting you, unless you had hurried and come to meet me, truly by morning there would not have been left to Nabal so much as one male."

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

The Psalm: Psalm 37:1-9

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *

Do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, *

And like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in God and do good; *

Dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in God, *

Who shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to God and put your trust in God, *

Who will bring it to pass.

God will make your righteousness as clear as the light *

And your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before God; *

For God, wait patiently.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *

The one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *

Do not fret yourself, it leads only to evil.

The Epistle: Galatians 5:13-21

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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The Gradual: Take My Life and Let it Be (V1,2) - The Hymnal 1982 #707

The Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

(Please stand as you are able)

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

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble

and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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, Wayne, Elaine, Helen, Rick, Tim, Doug, Ken, Julia, Ivan, Barb, Eliana, Susanne, Richard, Sharon, Larry, Diane, Woodrow, 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: Danny Wiles, Bryan Mattas, Alice Rebecchi; and all those we raise up to you now:
(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: Lord of all Hopefulness, The Hymnal 1982 #482

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: Precious Lord, Take My Hand (LEVAS 106)

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: Lord Make Us Servants of Your Peace - The Hymnal 1982 #593

Dismissal:

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord;
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Jesus Came, Adored by Angels, The Hymnal 1982 #454

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Ron, Wayne, Elaine, Helen, Rick, Tim, Doug, Ken, Julia, Ivan, Barb, Eliana, Susanne, Richard,
Sharon, Larry, Diane, Woodrow

Repose of the Soul List:

Danny Wiles, Bryan Mattas, and Alice Rebecchi.

* 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
- Susanne Lieber, Member at Large

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