Welcome to

St. Peter's Anglican Church



Morning Prayer 9:30 AM

May 12, 2024

Meeting at 191 Allentown Rd. Souderton PA

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The Sunday after Ascension

The Order for Morning Prayer

According to the Order of the Book of Common Prayer, 1662

We welcome you to St. Peter's Anglican Church today. Whether you are visiting for the first time or have been with us before, we are glad you are here and welcome you in the Name of the Lord. Within this bulletin you will find the entire service, including Scripture readings and Hymns. If there are matters you are facing and would like prayer for, please speak with our clergy, or complete a Connect Card.

Prelude: Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

David Schack

Processional Hymn: Crown Him, with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA



The Minister will say,

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. *Joel 2:13*

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. *Luke 15:18-19*

Introduction

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father, but confess them with a humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart, to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God, yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me,

A general confession to be said by the whole congregation after the minister, all kneeling.

Almighty and most merciful Father,

We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against thy holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;

And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;

And there is no health in us.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.

Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults.

Restore thou those who are penitent,

According to thy promises declared unto mankind

In Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,

To the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

The absolution or remission of sins to be pronounced by the Presbyter alone, standing, the people still kneeling.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, and hath given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy gospel; wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please remain kneeling or seated.

The Presbyter then leads the congregation in 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,

the power, and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen.

Minister O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister O God, make speed to save us. **Answer O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Here, all standing,

Minister Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

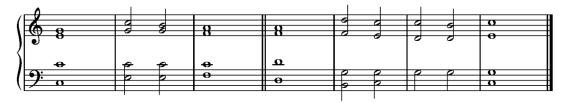
Answer As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Minister Praise ye the Lord.

Answer The Lord's name be praised.

Then shall be said or sung this psalm following.

The Venite Venite, exultemus Domino. Psalm 95.



- O come, let us sing | unto the LORD; * let us heartily rejoice in the strength of | our salVAtion.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with | **THANKS**giving * and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a | **GREAT** God * and a great | King above all gods.
- In his hand are all the corners | of the earth, * and the strength of the hills is | **HIS AL**so.
- 5 The sea is | his, and · he made it, * and his hands pre | pared the **DRY** land.
- O come, let us worship and | **FALL** down, * and kneel before the | LORD our **MA**ker.

- For he is the | Lord our God, * and we are the people of his pasture, and the | sheep of **HIS** hand.
- Today, if you will hear his voice harden | not your hearts * as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation | in the wilderness,
- 9 When your fathers | tempted me, * Proved | me, and saw my works.
- Forty years long was I grieved with this gener | ation · and said, *

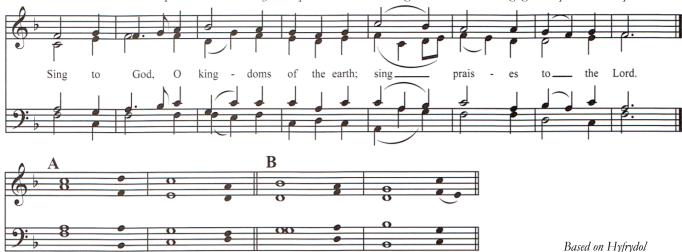
 "It is a people that err in their hearts, for they | have not known my ways,"
- 11 Of whom I | sware in ·my wrath * that they should not | enter into ·my rest.

Glory be to the Father, | and to · the Son, * and | to the · **HOLY**· Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is | now, and ever shall be, * world without end. | **A** · men.

Psalm 68:32-35

The Cantor will introduce the Antiphon and the Assembly will repeat it. The Cantor sings the verses and the congregation repeats the Antiphon.



- A 32 Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms of the <u>earth</u>; * O sing praises unto the Lord;
- B 33 Who sitteth in the heavens over all, from the be/ginning: * lo, he doth send out his voice; yea, and that a mighty voice.

[Antiphon]

- A 34 Ascribe ye the power to God over <u>Israel</u>; * his worship and strength is in the <u>clouds</u>.
- B 35 O God, wonderful art thou in thy holy <u>places</u>: * even the God of Israel, he will give strength and power unto his people. Blessed be <u>God</u>.

[Antiphon]

- A Glory be to the Father and to the <u>Son</u> and to the Holy <u>Ghost</u>
- B As it was in the beginning, is now and ever <u>shall be</u>, world without end. A-<u>men</u>

[Antiphon]

First Lesson

When the reading is announced, the reader may say,

A reading from the 1st chapter of Peter's First letter, verses 7 to 11. This can be found on page 1016 in the Church Bibles.

And at the end,

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Pause for a moment of silent reflection.

Please stand for the Te Deum

Te Deum Laudamus.

We praise thee, O God; * we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, * the Father everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud, * the heavens and all the powers therein;

To thee cherubim and seraphim * continually do cry,

'Holy, holy, * Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty * of thy glory.'

The glorious company of the apostles * praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets * praise thee.

The noble army of martyrs * praise thee.

The holy church throughout all the world * doth acknowledge thee:

The Father * of an infinite majesty;

Thine honorable, true, * and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost, * the Comforter.

Thou art the king of glory, * O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son * of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, * thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, * thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God * in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come * to be our judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, * whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints * in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, * and bless thine heritage.

Govern them, * and lift them up for ever.

Day by day * we magnify thee,

And we worship thy name, * ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, * to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, * have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, * as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted; * let me never be confounded. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

Please be seated for the second lesson

Second Lesson

When the reading is announced, the reader may say,

A reading from the 15th chapter of John's Gospel, reading from verse 26 to chapter 16, verse 4. This can be found on page 902 in the Church Bibles.

And at the end,

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Pause for a moment of silent reflection.

Please stand.



The Athanasius Creed

WHOSOEVER will be saved: before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholic Faith.

Which Faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled: without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

And the Catholic Faith is this:

That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity;

Neither confounding the Persons: nor dividing the Substance.

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son: and another of the Holy Ghost.

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one:

the Glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son: and such is the Holy Ghost.

The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate: and the Holy Ghost uncreate.

The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible: and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible.

The Father eternal, the Son eternal: and the Holy Ghost eternal.

And yet they are not three eternals: but one eternal.

As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated:

but one uncreated, and one incomprehensible.

So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty: and the Holy Ghost Almighty.

And yet they are not three Almighties: but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God: and the Holy Ghost is God.

And yet they are not three Gods: but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord: and the Holy Ghost Lord.

And yet not three Lords: but one Lord.

For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity:

to acknowledge every Person by himself to be God and Lord;

So are we forbidden by the Catholic Religion: to say there be three Gods, or three Lords.

The Father is made of none: neither created, nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone: not made, nor created, but begotten.

The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son:

neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers;

one Son, not three Sons:

one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

And in this Trinity none is afore, or after other:

none is greater, or less than another;

But the whole three Persons are co-eternal together: and co-equal.

So that in all things, as is aforesaid:

the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

He therefore that will be saved: must thus think of the Trinity.

FURTHERMORE it is necessary to everlasting salvation:

that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the right Faith is that we believe and confess:

that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;

God, of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds:

and Man, of the Substance of his Mother, born in the world;

Perfect God, and Perfect Man:

of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting;

Equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead:

and inferior to the Father, as touching his Manhood.

Who although he be God and Man: yet he is not two, but one Christ;

One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh: but by taking of the Manhood into God;

One altogether, not by confusion of Substance: but by unity of Person.

For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man: so God and Man is one Christ.

Who suffered for our salvation: descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, he sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty:

from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies:

and shall give account for their own works.

And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting: and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

This is the Catholic Faith:

which except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Prayers

We sit or kneel.

Minister The Lord be with you. **Answer And with thy spirit.**

Minister Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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. Amen.

Officiant standing up, shall say,

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Answer And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save them that rule.

Answer And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Answer And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people.

Answer And bless thine inheritance.
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect for the Sunday after Ascension

O God the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Second Collect, for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies, that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Grace

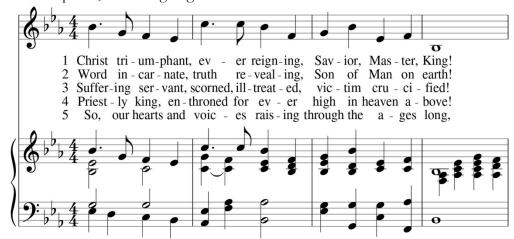
O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always what is righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sermon: The Rev'd Geoffrey Firth

Musical Meditation: Son of God, Eternal Savior Richard Wienhorst

Hymn: Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning

GUITING POWER





Please sit or kneel.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks that demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments that satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he conquered death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.**

A Prayer for all those in Civil Authority

Almighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite: Have mercy upon this whole land, and so rule the hearts of all in authority, especially Joseph our President and Joshua our Governor, that they, knowing whose ministers they are, may above all things seek thy honor and glory; and that we and all the people, duly considering whose authority they bear, may faithfully and obediently honor them, according to thy blessed word and ordinance, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Clergy and People

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our bishops and pastors, and all congregations committed to their charge the healthful Spirit of thy grace (especially Foley our Archbishop, Julian and William our bishops, and Geoffrey, Phil and Blair our clergy); and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. As we look forward to the election of a new Archbishop, we ask, Lord, that you would be preparing the heart of the man of your choosing. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we lift to you Lord, St. Mary's Anglican Church in the Bronx, New York and their clergy, the Very Rev. Belgrave Pelle the Rev. Deacon Morrel Brown and the Rev. Deacon Aneta Jeremiah. We also pray for those leading men's ministry in the Diocese, asking that they might lead faithfully and encourage men to walk in godliness. And we continue to pray for parish growth here at St. Peter's, asking that you would bring one new person or family into our fellowship a month. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our advocate and mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Prayer for All Conditions of Mankind

A Prayer for Peace in the World

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: we pray for our world troubled by warfare and conflict. Frustrate the plans of those who work evil and restrain the work of those who perpetuate unjust violence. Direct the steps of the peacemaker, give wisdom to political leaders and right discernment to military forces. Draw near to the dispossessed, strengthen the fainthearted and comfort all those who mourn. Hasten the day when people from every tribe and nation will enter into your eternal and perfect kingdom, when swords are beaten into plowshares and spears are turned to pruning hooks. Kindle in us all a desire for justice, a love of kindness and the will to walk before you humbly. And all this we ask for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom

Almighty God,
who hast given us grace at this time with one accord
to make our common supplications unto thee,
and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name,
thou wilt grant their requests:
Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants,
as may be most expedient for them,
granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth,
and in the world to come life everlasting.
Amen.

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians* 13:14

The Offertory

Do ye not know that they who minister about holy things live of the sacrifice; and they who wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord also ordained, that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. 1 Corinthians 9:6-7

Music: Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

Johann Gottfried Walther

DoxologyLasst uns Erfreuen

Praise God from who all blessings flow,

Praise him all creatures here below, Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise him above ye heavenly hosts,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Parish Notices



Ending

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

Hebrews 13:20-21

"This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Acts 1:11

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude: Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun Richard Wienhorst



UPCOMING SERVICES

May 19 | Pentecost (Whitsunday) – Holy Communion | 9.30am The Rev. Geoffrey Firth, Preaching and leading

May 23 | Thursday - Synod Holy Communion | 1.00pm The Rev. Geoffrey Firth, Preaching and leading

May 26 | Trinity Sunday-Morning Prayer | 9.30am The Rev. Geoffrey Firth, Preaching and leading

June 2 | First Sunday after Trinity- Holy Communion | 9.30am The Rev. Geoffrey Firth, Preaching and leading

June 9 | Second Sunday after Trinity- Morning Prayer | 9.30am The Rev. Geoffrey Firth, Preaching and leading

Our Wednesday night Book Group (with Compline) meets on Wednesday at the Broad Street Grind (6:45 – 8:30pm

PRAYER REQUESTS

For Our Church

For growth of the Parish
The Wednesday Night Book group @ BSG
For the our stall at the Teleford Night Market

For Mission

ADLW Mission to Haiti | Rev. Joseph Jocelyn Carol Derstine | Missionary to Brazil (Crossworld) Dean & Kira Baldwin | MTW Ethiopia Heartworks, Vienna, Austria.

For Our Community

MontCo low-income & homeless residents North Care Women's Clinic, Lansdale

For Those Serving in Our Military

Greg Shade | US Army Tim Miles | US Army

For Those in Need

Den Blair Biddle | health needs

Rev. Bill Kenney | declining health
Jill, Roger, David, Steve & Gail | cancer
Sherry Cressman | cancer
Ron & Gloria Arnott | recovering
Steven Loveless | recovering
Greg Stine | recovering
Ruby Shade | health needs
Deb | chronic illness
Pip Harding | Brain Tumor
Rachael Buckley | cancer

For Faith or the Renewal of Faith

Luke & Anna | renewal of faith Noah, Matt, Lissy | come to faith Jessup & Alexa | come to faith

CLERGY & PARISH LEADERSHIP

The Rt. Rev. Julian M. Dobbs, Bishop The Rt. Rev. William Love, Assistant Bishop

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