

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE FOURTEEN SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 17
SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021



THE VERY REV. STEVE FOSTER- RECTOR
THE REV. FR. EPHRAIM GOORAHOO - OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

Liturgy of the Word

Introit At the name of Jesus (sts. 1-5) - The Hymnal 1940 #356

- 1 At the Name of Jesus
 every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
 King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
 we should call him Lord
who from the beginning
 was the mighty Word.
- 2 Humbled for a season,
 to receive a Name
from the lips of sinners,
 unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
 spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
 when from death he passed;
- 3 bore it up triumphant,
 with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
 to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
 to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
 of that perfect rest.
- 4 Name him, Christians, name him,
 with love strong as death,
name with awe and wonder
 and with bated breath;
he is God the Savior,
 he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshiped,
 trusted, and adored.

5 In your hearts enthrone him;
 there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
 all that is not true;
crown him as your Captain
 in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you
in its light and power.

The Officiant says

People Blessed Be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 And Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

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 following is said

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant 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 bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE READINGS

FIRST READING:

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

THE LESSON: *A READING FROM THE SONG OF SOLOMON*

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: ‘Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

THE GRADUAL: *Psalm 45*

Antiphon: your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever

My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

Antiphon: Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever

You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.

Antiphon: Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever

Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, *
in your pride and in your majesty.
Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth *
and for the sake of justice.

Antiphon: Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever

Your right hand will show you marvelous things; *
your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.
The peoples are falling at your feet, *
and the king's enemies are losing heart.

Antiphon: Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

Antiphon: Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

Antiphon: Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever

Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

Silence

Second Reading

James 1:17-21

THE EPISTLE: *A Reading from the Letter of James*

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves

and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this; to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world..

V. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

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Silence

Sequence

ALLELUIA:

Cantor: Alleluia

People: **Alleluia**

Cantor: Jesus said to them. "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you..."

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark [7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23]*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark.

R. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by

going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Officiant. **The Gospel of the Lord.**
People Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon
Silence and listen for God speaking to you

Fr. Goorahoo

Sermon Notes

Nicene Creed

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

Prayers of the People

Officiant: *Jesus comes fulfilling the hope of healing to wholeness;
He shows that mercy has triumphed over judgment*

Let us pray to our loving and merciful God.

Lord, we thank you for the richness and diversity
of each unique identity.

We pray for the separate members
of this body of Christ, and our corporate nature,
that we may be filled at every level
with the living breath of God.

Silence

Father of mercy:
let your kingdom come.

We thank you for the beauty and variety
of our landscapes and cultures, all over the world;
for starscapes and the wideness of space.
Teach us to cherish and respect
this universe we inhabit
and all those who look or sound different
from ourselves.

Silence

Father of mercy:
let your kingdom come.

We thank you for the hope
each newborn child brings;
for the gentle gifts of laughter and friendship,
thoughtfulness and sympathy.
We pray that our eyes may see all others
with God's affection.

Silence

Father of mercy:
let your kingdom come.

We thank you for the patient endurance
of so many who suffer so much;
for them all we pray your wholeness and
refreshing, your upholding and healing.

Silence

Father of mercy:
let your kingdom come.

We thank you for the promise of mercy
triumphing over judgement,
and commend to your love for ever
our own loved ones who have died.

Silence

Father of mercy:
let your kingdom come.

We thank you for all our blessings
and pray that we may take none of them
for granted,
but commit ourselves to live out
our thanks each day.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” *Mark 12:29-31*

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

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

Celebrant The Kingdom of God is justice peace and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit

***People* They who thus serve Christ are acceptable to God and approved by others.**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Offertory Sentences – Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates 1940 #484

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
 behold the King of glory waits!
 The King of kings is drawing near;
 the Savior of the world is here.
- 2 O blest the land, the city blest,
 where Christ the ruler is confessed!
 O happy hearts and happy homes
 to whom this King of triumph comes!
- 3 Fling wide the portals of your heart;

make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

4 Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel:
thy grace and love in me reveal.

5 So come, my Sovereign; enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin;
thy Holy Spirit guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

O gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate upon you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbor, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake. **Amen.**

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of our mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

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Amen.

Office Hymn

Give me a clean heart -

LEVAS 124

Give Me a Clean Heart

*Give me a clean heart so I may serve Thee.
Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by thee.
For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.
Give me a clean heart and I'll follow thee.*

- 1 I'm not asking for the riches of the land.
I'm not asking for the proud to know my name.
Please give me, Lord, a clean heart, that I may follow thee.
Give me a clean heart, a clean heart, and I will follow thee.

Refrain

- 2 Sometimes I am up and sometimes I am down.
Sometimes I am almost level to the ground.
Please give me, Lord, a clean heart, that I may follow thee.
Give me a clean heart, a clean heart, and I will follow thee.

Refrain

The General Thanksgiving

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 which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which 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 overcame 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 him 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 of Self-Dedication

I am giving you worship with all my life, I am giving you obedience with all my power, I am giving you praise with all my strength, I am giving you honor with all my speech. I am giving you love with all my heart, I am giving you affection with all my sense, I am giving you my being with all my mind, I am giving you my soul, O most high and holy God. Praise to the Father, Praise to the Son, Praise to the Spirit, The Three in One. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Blessing

We have laid our burdens down in the presence of the living God. *Amen*

We have been nourished for our journey in the presence of the living God. *Amen*

We have taken on the armor of Christ in the presence of the living God. *Amen*

Now lead us, guide us, defend us, as we go into your world in your name for your sake, O loving, living God. *Amen.*

The blessing of God Almighty,  the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Recessional

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

1940 #579

- 1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

*Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing.*

- 2 With all the angel choirs,
with all the saints of earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
true rapture, noblest mirth.

Refrain

- 3 Your clear hosannas raise,
and alleluias loud;
while answering echoes upward float,
like wreaths of incense cloud.

Refrain

- 4 Yes, on through life's long path,
still chanting as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe.

Refrain

- 5 Still lift your standard high,
still march in firm array,
as warriors through the darkness toil,
till dawns the golden day.

Refrain

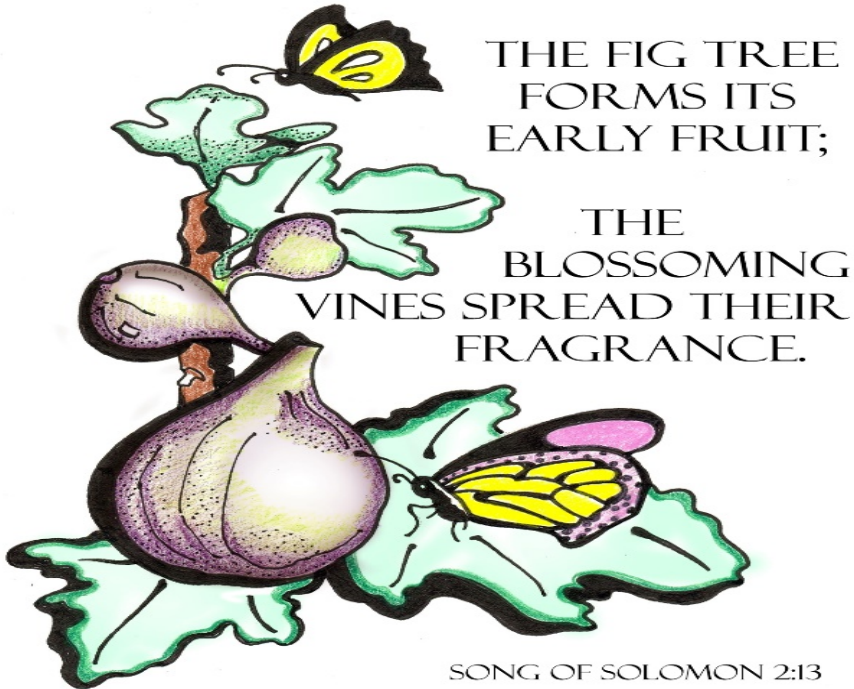
- 6 At last the march shall end;
 the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their Father's house,
 Jerusalem the blest.

Refrain

- 7 Then on, ye pure in heart!
 Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high
 the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Hosanna, hosanna!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.



ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of 08/29/2021

Sick and Shut-In

Please remember in our prayers members of our Parish as well as family and friends especially: Alisha, Carol Alexander, Gairy Allison, Kaiyden Bail, Olive Beckford, Jennifer Bennett, Cynthia Blake, Ida Bowen, Jennifer Brown, Lurline Brown, Jada Campbell, Rufus Carriman, Camile Cook, Natasha Cunningham, Hartley Foster, Marilyn Fremantle, Diana Galloway, O'Neal Gill, Cleonie Gordon, Frank Grausso, Dahlia Henriques, Pearl, Beatrice Jerome, Floyd Johnson, Kristen Jones, Shauna Kerr, Norma King, Felicia Lamothe, Antoinette Lashley, Lena Lyn, Celeste Lora, Jessica Lora, Nigel Maclean, Asima Malik, Sydney Miller, Arthur Mills, Linda, Anne, Movel, Ariayah Morgan-Mullet, Kerwayne Probherbs, Kwame Probherbs, Victor Rhodd, Jasmine Robinson, Clive Rodriguez, Luke Rojas, Adassa Samms, Basil Samms, Jean Scott, Coleen Shepherd, Rawl Shepherd, Suzette Smith, George Thompson, Louise

Todd, Francine Trotman, April Tucker, Eugena Tucker, Pauline Watson, Lorna Wilson, and Ian Yankwitt

We once again welcome Fr. Goorahoo as he joins us today for worship

Bible Study and Book Club will resume on September 15th. Regular Liturgies such as Compline and the Daily offices will resume the week of the September 19th, 2021.

The Yvonne Gittens Food Pantry

*The pantry has resumed activity: Please note the hours are **10 am-12 noon**. Thank you for your consideration.*

Schedule for the week of Aug 29 through Sept 04

**Sunday. Aug 29. The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
 9:00 am Holy Eucharist**

Monday. Aug 30. Office is Closed.

Saturday, Sept 18th, All White Homecoming Event

St. Peter's Church Rosedale Staff

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