

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**The words I have spoken to you
are spirit and they are life.**



THE THIRTEEN SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 16

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

137-28 244TH STREET,
ROSEDALE NY 11422 THE VERY REV. STEVE FOSTER- RECTOR
THE REV. FR. EPHRAIM GOORAHOO-PRESIDER AND PREACHER

Liturgy of the Word

Introit

Blessèd Jesus, at thy word

The Hymnal 1982 #440

- 1 Blessèd Jesus, at thy word
 we are gathered all to hear thee;
 let our hearts and souls be stirred
 now to seek and love and fear thee;
 by thy teachings pure and holy,
 drawn from earth to love thee solely.
- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
 lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
 till thy Spirit breaks our night
 with the beams of truth unclouded;
 thou alone to God canst win us;
 thou must work all good within us.
- 3 Gracious Lord, thyself impart!
 Light of Light, from God proceeding,
 open thou our ears and heart,
 help us by thy Spirit's pleading.
 Hear the cry thy Church upraises;
 hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

The Celebrant says

Blessed Be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Readings

1 Kings 8:1,6,10-11,22-30,41-43

First Reading:

THE LESSON: *A Reading from the First Book of Kings*

Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD. Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, ‘O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, “There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.” Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant’s prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, “My name shall be there”, that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your

dwelling-place; heed and forgive. ‘Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built”.

V. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Silence

THE GRADUAL: Psalm 84

Antiphon: How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Antiphon: How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!

The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

Antiphon: How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!

Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Antiphon: How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it
a place of springs, *for the early rains have covered it with
pools of water. They will climb from height to height,*
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Antiphon: How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

Antiphon: How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in
my own room, *and to stand at the threshold of the house of
my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Antiphon: How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

Antiphon: How dear to me is your dwelling, O lord of hosts!

O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Silence

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

THE EPISTLE: A Reading from the Letter of Blessed Apostle Paul to the Ephesians

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand, therefore, and fasten the belt of truth against your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

V. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Silence

Sequence

ALLELUIA:

Cantor: Alleluia

People: **Alleluia**

Cantor: Jesus said "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

People: Alleluia

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

V. The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint John.

R. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

Sermon

Fr. Goorahoo

Silence and listen for God speaking to you.

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: *We need to be careful never to replace the timeless
Commands of God with man-made traditions*

Our God is the source of all holiness;
with the needs of the Church and the world close to our hearts,
let us pray to the only one
who can renew and redeem.

Father, we are all too aware of our temptation
to place our trust in rules and traditions,
and we long for you to release in the Church
such a desire to serve the living God
that nothing is allowed to get in the way of that.

Silence

Into your hands, O Lord:
we commit the future.

Father, we recognize in ourselves
the universal dangerous wants and cravings
which are cultivated because they make money.
Give us universally such a loathing of evil
that there is international co-operation
and individual responsibility in fighting
it and building one another up in love.

Silence

Into your hands, O Lord:
we commit the future.

Father, may our homes, schools and churches
reflect and engender the Godly values
of mutual care, respect and responsibility, of integrity and forgiveness.
Silence

Into your hands, O Lord:
we commit the future.

Father, we stand alongside all who are hurting
in body, mind or spirit;
all who need courage, support or practical help.
Make us willing to become
part of your answer to our prayers for them.

Silence

Into your hands, O Lord:
we commit the future.

Father, as Lord of both time and eternity,
we commit to your keeping
those who have died to this life;
that, freed from all pain, and forgiven,
they may live in the peace and joy of heaven.

Silence

Into your hands, O Lord:
we commit the future.

Father, write your Law of love on our hearts
and send us glowing with thankfulness
through the week ahead.

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

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

Hymn **Word of God, come down on earth**

The Hymnal 1982 #633

- 1 Word of God, come down on earth,
 living rain from heaven descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth
 faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

- 2 Word eternal, throned on high,
 Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heaven to die,
 crucified for our salvation,
saving Word, the world restoring,
speak to us, your love outpouring.

- 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see,
 speak and heal our mortal blindness;
deaf we are: our healer be;
 loose our tongues to tell your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken;
heal the world, by our sin broken.

- 4 Word that speaks your Father's love,
 one with him beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above
 God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us,
Word of life, with one Bread feed us.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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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Office Hymn

From the dawning of creation

WLP 748

1 From the dawning of creation,
God was present in the Word.
And the Word was God eternal,
source of all that came to be.
Jesus is that Word eternal.
Jesus is the Word of life.

- 2 Light appeared in deepest darkness.
 Night was ended, morning dawned.
 And that light is ever burning,
 brightness never overcome.
 Jesus is that Light eternal.
 Jesus is the Word of life.
- 3 Human eyes have seen God's glory;
 human hands have touched God's own.
 In our likeness here among us,
 dwells the Word of God made flesh.
 Jesus is that Word incarnate.
 Jesus is the Word of life.

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.***

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

The Celebrant says: 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.

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

Recessional O spread, thou mighty word 1940 #253

- 1 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word,
 spread the kingdom of the Lord,
 that to earth's remotest bound
 all may heed the joyful sound;
- 2 word of how the Father's will
 made the world, and keeps it, still;
 how his only Son he gave,
 earth from sin and death to save;
- 3 word of how the Savior's love
 earth's sore burden doth remove;
 how forever, in its need,
 through his death the world is freed;
- 4 word of how the Spirit came
 bringing peace in Jesus' name;
 how his never-failing love
 guides us on to heaven above.
- 5 Word of life, most pure and strong,
 word for which the nations long,
 spread abroad, until from night
 all the world awakes to light.



The heavens,
even the
highest heaven,
cannot contain

YOU.

How much less
this temple
I have built!

1 Kings 8:27

ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of 08/22/021

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, Asima Malik, Nigel McLean, 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, Bernice Waldron, 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 22 through Aug 28

Sunday. Aug 22. **The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
 9:00 am Holy Eucharist

Monday. Aug 23. Office is Closed.

Saturday, Sept 18th,

All White Homecoming Event

**St. Peter's Church Rosedale
Staff**

Mr. Jose Cruz - Sexton
Mr. Eiichi Shimada - Organist, and Choir Director
Ms. Dianne A. Worley – Parish Administrator
The Very Rev. Steve Foster – Rector

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Mrs. Yvonne Robinson – Warden
Mrs. Lamarcia Parkin Bascombe – Clerk of the Vestry
Mrs. Karen Mayne Lee – Assistant Treasurer
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Mrs. Sandra George – Member
Mrs. Monica Carrington - Member
Mrs. Gail Adams – Member
Mr. Michael Prescod – Member
Ms. Elaine Henry – Member
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Mr. Richard Connell – Treasurer

