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"We are God's family. We welcome all at Christ's table. We embrace the energy of youth and honor the wisdom of one another. We serve our Lord with faith, love and joy."



July 21, 2024

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

10 AM

Welcome to St. Peter's. *All are invited to God's table and fellowship. We welcome those from many backgrounds into our time together on Sunday. We worship weekly and pray daily. We remember who we are in God's Spirit.*

The Gathering

Gathering Hymn #616 Hail to the Lord's anointed

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **BCP 355**
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity: (All)

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.

Hymn of Praise Be a Bright Flame Before Me

Be a bright flame before me, Be a guiding star above me, Be a smooth path below me,
And a kindly shepherd behind me, Today, tonight and forever, be a bright flame before me, Amen.

Collect for the Day:

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

Old Testament 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.”

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Psalm 89:20-37

- 20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.

- 22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.
- 26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'
- 27 I will make him my firstborn *
and higher than the kings of the earth.
- 28 I will keep my love for him for ever, *
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
- 29 I will establish his line for ever *
and his throne as the days of heaven."
- 30 "If his children forsake my law *
and do not walk according to my judgments;
- 31 If they break my statutes *
and do not keep my commandments;
- 32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod *
and their iniquities with the lash;
- 33 But I will not take my love from him, *
nor let my faithfulness prove false.
- 34 I will not break my covenant, *
nor change what has gone out of my lips.
- 35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: *
'I will not lie to David.
- 36 His line shall endure for ever *
and his throne as the sun before me;
- 37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, *
the abiding witness in the sky.' "

Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Sequence Hymn #664 My shepherd will supply my need

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that

whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Sermon The Rev. Annette Joseph

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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 Form VI

BCP 392

The Leader and People pray responsively

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 our Presiding Bishop, and Thomas our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers; especially North Haven Summer Services, St. Philip by the Sea, Fortunes Rocks, For community and neighborhood gardens. *For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence The People may 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.
Silence The People may add their own petitions
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Silence may be kept
Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Presider 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.*

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn #343 Shepherd of souls refresh and bless

Doxology Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here

below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 369

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn: Insert

Sanctus

WLP 858

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. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

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.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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.

Post Communion Prayer: (said together)

BCP 365

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

Life is short, and we have not much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk the way with us. So, be swift to love, make haste to be kind and the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

Recessional Hymn #685 Rock of ages, cleft for me

Dismissal Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Announcements

If you need to reach Rev. Annette Joseph call (207) 890-8188 or arjoseph7@gmail.com and remember she is at school between 7-2 Mon – Fri and she will respond as soon as she is free.

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Prayer Shawl Ministry is more than its title. We gather together to knit, crochet, sew, chat, and share coffee and a treat. Anyone is welcome to join us.

When: July 9, 10am - noon

Where: Joan Lewis's home, 5 Elysian Way, Bridgton

Please think about joining us. During the course of our time together, we'll discuss the Unexpected Heroes of Faith, Esther (Book of Esther) and Rahab (Joshua 2:1-14; 6:25; Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25).

Parish Library: Parish Library: Pilgrimages, those done by journey to a holy place or done within, lead us to sacred places. We offer books from our church library that may spark or lead you on your way.

To Be A Pilgrim: The Anglican Ethos in History by Frederick Quinn

Our faith tradition developed along a path based upon reason, moderation, liturgy, and culture. Exploring the historical context of Anglicanism can help the reader see more clearly the grounding from which it emerged.

On the Road with Archangel by Frederick Buechner

in Buechner-style, this novel uses characters to explore grace, forgiveness, and the goodness of God as the Archangel Raphael accompanies a merchant's son on a journey to a far-off city.

The Path: A One-Mile Walk Through The Universe by Chet Raymo

Following the same path from his home to the college where he taught in Easton, Massachusetts. A combination of nonfiction, science, natural history, philosophy, ecology, history, and spirituality, Raymo urges us to walk attentively, stopping often to watch and listen with care as we follow our own local paths and try to gain a greater understanding.

The Wild Out Your Window: Exploring Nature Near at Hand by Sy Montgomery

Montgomery has traveled the world and written about her experiences, but in this collection of essays she takes us on a season-by-season tour of our own backyard where we can discover the hidden beauty of the natural wonders all around us.

These guides were written a while ago but the sites don't change. The books can aid in planning a pilgrimage of your own to British destinations.

13 Holy Island (Pilgrim Guide) by David Adam

Soulfaring: Celtic Pilgrimages Then and Now by Cintra Pemberton

The Pilgrims' Way - Shrines and Saints in Britain and to Ireland by John Eric Adair

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NOTICE: St. Peter's will be emailing a weekly newsletter through MailChimp. It's called e-Phish Tales newsletter. Please click the link that says Sunday Service Bulletin to view.

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If anyone has someone, they wish prayers for, please call Pat Sprackland or Carmen Doughty.

St. Peters is doing a Parish Directory update. Please email any changes with your address, email or phone to stpetersbridgtonmaine@gmail.com.

We have updated St. Peter's website: Click the link below to visit the website <https://stpetersbridgton.org/index.html>.

We are collecting food for the Bridgton Food Bank. There is a box on the table in the Narthex for the items.

Reminder: Bridgton Public Library started a program where they will deliver once a month, a box of free books to the church for anyone to take. Also, there is a form in the box of books that they would appreciate it if you could take the time to fill out, so that it can help them learn what theme or topics that are of interest. And the box of books are on the table in the Narthex.

Regarding the Chalice: Per the instructions from the Diocese, we have gone back to the Chalice for Communion, and we are not supposed to have Intinction (dunking) of the wafer into the Chalice. If you choose not to sip from the Chalice, touching the wafer to the Chalice is considered Communion In Kind.