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Proper 8
St. Peter's-at-the Light Episcopal Church
Barnegat Light

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*Thank you for worshipping with us this week.
May this worship truly honor God.
May it also be for you a time of blessing.*



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Entrance Rite

Entrance Hymn

O Bless the Lord, my soul

Hymnal # 411

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
5 and like the ca - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103. Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen!**

Celebrant: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Holiest in the heights

Hymnal # 446

1 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the
 2 O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! When all was
 3 O wis - est love! that flesh and blood, which did in
 4 and that the high - est gift of grace should flesh and
 5 Praise to the Ho - liest in the height, and in the

1 depth be praise; in all his words most
 2 sin and shame, a sec - ond Ad - am
 3 Ad - am fail, should strive a - fresh a -
 4 blood re - fine: God's pres - ence and his
 5 depth be praise; in all his words most

1 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!
 2 to the fight and to the res - cue came.
 3 gainst the foe, should strive, and should pre - vail;
 4 ve - ry self, and es - sence all - di - vine.
 5 won - der - ful, most sure in all his ways!

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-1890), alt. Music: *Newman*, Richard Runciman Terry (1865-1938).

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

The Collect for Proper 8 (BCP 230)

Celebrant: Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Please Sit as you are able

The Liturgy of the Word

OT Lector: The first reading is from the book Second Kings

2 Kings 2:1 - 14

¹ When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." ³ Disciples of the prophets at Bethel came to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take your master away from you today?" He replied, "I know it, too; be silent."

⁴ Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, for the LORD has sent me on to Jericho." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So, they went down to Jericho. ⁵ Disciples of the prophets at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take your master away from you today?" He replied, "I know it, too; be silent."

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So, the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the disciples of the prophets followed and stood at some distance from them as they stood by the Jordan. ⁸ Thereupon Elijah took his mantle and, rolling it up, he struck the water. The water parted to the right and the left, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹ As they were crossing, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha answered, "Let a double share of your spirit pass on to me." ¹⁰ "You have asked a hard thing," Elijah responded. If you see me as I am being taken from you, this will be granted to you; if not, it will not." ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a fiery chariot of fire with fiery horses appeared and separated one from the other, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha saw it, and he cried out, "Oh, father, father! Israel's chariots and horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own garments and tore them in two.

¹³ Elisha picked up Elijah's mantle, which had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ Taking the mantle that had fallen from Elijah, he struck the water and said, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" As he too struck the water, it parted to the right and to the left, and Elisha crossed over.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

OT Lector: **In response to this reading, let us pray select verses of *Psalms 77*, praying responsively by half-verse.**

- 1 I will cry aloud to God; *
 I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.
- 2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; *
 my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire;
 I refused to be comforted.
- 11 I will remember the works of the Lord, *
 and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- 12 I will meditate on all your acts *
 and ponder your mighty deeds.
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy; *
 who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God who works wonders *
 and have declared your power among the peoples.
- 15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, *
 the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God;
 the waters saw you and trembled; *
 the very depths were shaken.
- 17 The clouds poured out water;
 the skies thundered; *
 your arrows flashed to and fro;
- 18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
 your lightnings lit up the world; *
 the earth trembled and shook.
- 19 Your way was in the sea,
 and your paths in the great waters, *
 yet your footsteps were not seen.
- 20 You led your people like a flock *
 by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

NT Lector: A reading is from Paul's letter to the Christians in Galatia ***Galatians 5:1, 13-25***

¹ Jesus set us free so that we could enjoy freedom! So stand firm and do not get yourselves tied down by the chains of slavery.

¹³ When God called you, my dear family, he called you to make you free. But you must not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence. Rather, you must become each other's servants through love. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, this one: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out! You may end up being destroyed by each other.

¹⁶ Let me say this to you: Live by the Spirit, and you will not do what the flesh wants you to do. ¹⁷ For the flesh wants to go against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh. They are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: they are such things as fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostilities, strife, jealousy, bursts of rage, selfish ambition, divisions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, wild partying, and similar things. I have told you before and I am telling you again. Those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, great heartedness, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Jesus the Messiah have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acclamation (as a canon)

121 in *Enriching Our Music*

1
Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2
Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

3
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Adapt. from *Exsultate, Jubilate* by W.A. Mozart (1756–1791).

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke

Luke 9:51-62

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ

⁵¹ When the time came for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² He sent messengers ahead of him. The messengers entered a village of the Samaritans to get them ready for him; ⁵³ but they refused to receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them, ⁵⁶ and they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have lairs, and the birds of the air have nests; but the son of man has nowhere to lay his head."

⁵⁹ To another Jesus said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ "Let the dead bury their dead," said Jesus. You must go and announce God's kingdom."

⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say goodbye to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who begins to plow and then looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Where is your Jerusalem?

Please stand

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant:1 Let us profess our faith using the words of the 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.

The Prayers of the People

- Celebrant: As God's beloved children, let us place all our concerns in God's hands:
- Litanist: Most Holy Lord, fill us with the courage and conviction to open ourselves to
Your love each day, for we know that you desire that openness. O God of Grace
and Glory,
- All: We place all our trust in You.**
- Litanist: Free your Church, O Gracious God, from all that oppresses, binds, and divides
us. Fill our Presiding Bishop Sean, and our Bishop Sally with grace, that we and
all your church may live as people who have been justified by faith in your love.
We pray:
- All: Gracious God, open us to your Spirit, that we may be faithful.**

Litanist: Give judgment for us, Almighty One, and come to all who are troubled, oppressed, homeless, or afraid, that the leaders of all nations may turn to you as they serve the needs of the vulnerable and weak. We pray:

All: Almighty God, lead us by your Spirit that we may be kind.

Litanist: Transcend the barriers which divide this nation and our world, O Holy God, and cast out our fears as we give glory to Christ who makes us one. We pray:

All: Holy God, send your Spirit that we might be loving.

Litanist: Protect us from wind, earthquake, and fire, and let us know the mystery of your presence in the sound of sheer silence. We pray:

All: Powerful God, fill us with your Spirit that we might live with courage.

Litanist: Deliver those for whom we pray, O God, from their concerns and difficulties. We entrust to you all those on our parish prayer list, represented today by these names:

Deacon **Carolsue** Cummings, **Bill** Barre, **Diane** Garrenger, **Arthur** Hixson, **Tara** Shannon, **Derek** Shinn, **Bob & Cynthia** Shull, **Joseph** Smith, **Barbara** Sweeton, **Dennis** Tsirikos, **Candy** Turner, **Kathy** Van Hoof, **Cameron** Velez, **Jan** Viviani, **Mary & Bob** Wilding, **Bryan** W, **Steve** Zarrillo and **Al** Zofchak

As we remember all of these, O Loving God, we pray:

All: Living God, send your Spirit that your people might know peace.

Litanist: Let us pray for those who mourn this day. *Pause.* Gracious God ...

Send your Spirit of comfort and strength for all in need.

The celebrant will invite other petitions here

Celebrant: We have been clothed with Christ and made one people to serve the needs of the whole world: Grant us courage, O God, to confront the darkness and brokenness which infect the earth, that we may bring the power of your liberating love to all creation, through Jesus Christ our brother, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is due, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Let us now offer each other a greeting of peace.

Please Sit as you are able

The Liturgy of the Table

Hymn as the Table is Set

I Need Thee Ev'ry Hour

LEVAS - 192

1. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, Most gra - cious—
 2. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, Stay thou near—
 3. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, In joy or—
 4. I need thee ev - 'ry hour, Teach me thy—

1. Lord; No ten - der voice like thine Can peace— af - ford.
 2. by; Temp - ta - tions lose their power When thou— art— nigh.
 3. pain; Come quick - ly and a - bide, Or life— is— vain.
 4. will, And thy rich prom - is - es In me— ful - fill.

I need thee, O I need thee, Ev - 'ry hour I need thee; O

bles me now, my sav - ior, I come— to thee.

Words: Annie S. Hawks (1835-1918). Music: Robert Lowry (1826-1899).

Please stand as you are able

We are praying Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP 361)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal # S-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

Hymnal # S-146



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Although we will collectively use the contemporary form of the Lord's Prayer, you are encouraged to pray this prayer aloud in the language that comes from your heart.

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

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 for ever. Amen.

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.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

Celebrant: These are 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.

To Partake of Communion or to Receive a Blessing

Those who wish to partake of Holy Communion may come to the altar rail. The railing is our way of extending the Lord's table. If you wish to receive only a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

If you prefer a wafer to a small piece of bread, please hold your hands out but facing your hands toward the floor.

If you need a gluten free host, please place your right hand on your left shoulder.

To receive only the communion bread, consume the host after it is in your hands; then return to your pew.

If you wish to receive communion bread and dip it in the consecrated wine, remain at the altar rail, and hold the bread or host in your hand until the gold chalice comes to you. Then dip the host into the wine and consume the communion bread and wine.

If you wish to consume the host and then sip from the chalice, leave the altar rail after you consume the bread or host and move to the Eucharistic Minister with the silver sipping chalice at the left side of the altar rail.

Always, you may either stand or kneel at the altar rail, as you prefer.

*Please be seated as we prepare to distribute Communion.
This is the Lord's Table. All are welcome here.*

Post-Communion Hymn:

I've got peace like a river

LEVAS 201

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
 2. I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a
 3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

1. riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my
 2. foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain in my
 3. o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my

1. soul; _____ I've got riv - er in my soul. _____
 2. soul; _____ I've got foun - tain in my soul. _____
 3. soul; _____ I've got o - cean in my soul. _____

Words: Traditional. Music: Negro Spiritual.

Post-communion Prayer - BCP 366

Priest: Let us pray together once again.

All: Almighty and ever living God,
 We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
Be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements

Please stand for the final blessings of this service

Priest: May God's Blessing be with you,
May the Risen and Ascended Christ's peace be with you,
And may the Spirit's outpouring fill you with hope and peace
today and always.

All: Amen.

Sending Hymn: *God of Grace and God of Glory* **Hymnal # 594**
The music for the sending hymn is on the next page.

After the sending hymn:

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thank you for worshiping with us today.

Please join us, if you can, in the parish house for a time of fellowship.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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