July 26 & 27, 2025 Proper 12 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.

<u>To minimize distractions during worship</u>, we do not "pass the plate" during the service. Still, we are very grateful for contributions to support our ministries. You can find the offering plate by the door, and you may leave a contribution there either as you enter or as you leave the service. We are always grateful for your presence and for your support!

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Please join us in the Parish Hall for a short time of fellowship after the service

Entrance Hymn

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Hymnal # 398



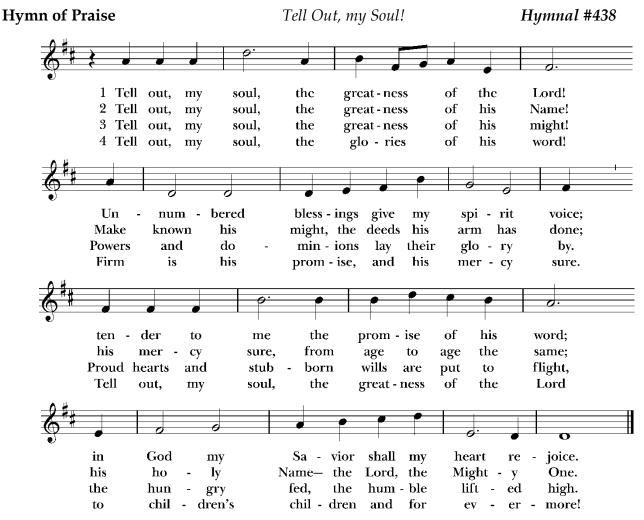
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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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.



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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

The Collect for Proper 12 (BCP 231)

Celebrant: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

OT Lector: The first reading is from the book of the prophet Hosea

Hosea 1:2-10

² When the Lord first spoke to Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, get yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom; for the land will stray from following the Lord." ³ So Hosea went and married Gomer daughter of Diblaim. She conceived and bore him a son. ⁴ And the Lord instructed him, "Name him Jezreel; for I will soon punish the House of Jehu for the bloody deeds done at Jezreel, and I will put an end to the monarchy of the House of Israel. ⁵ In that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

⁶Gomer conceived again and bore a daughter. The Lord said to Hosea, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer accept the House of Israel or pardon them. ⁷But I will accept the House of Judah. And I will give them victory by the Lord their God. I will not give them victory with bow and sword and battle, by horses and riders."

⁸ When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, Gomer conceived and bore a son. ⁹ Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I will not be your God." ¹⁰ Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and instead of being told, "You are not my people," they shall be called Children of the living God.

Here ends this reading of God's Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

OT Lector: In response to this reading, let us pray Psalm 85 responsively by half-verse.

- You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
 - you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
 - and blotted out all their sins.
- You have withdrawn all your fury *
 - and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
- ⁴ Restore us then, O God our Savior; *
 - let your anger depart from us.
- ⁵ Will you be displeased with us for ever? *
 - will you prolong your anger from age to age?
- ⁶ Will you not give us life again, *
 - that your people may rejoice in you?
- ⁷ Show us your mercy, O Lord, *
 - and grant us your salvation.

- I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *

 for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
 and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰ Mercy and truth have met together; *
 - righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
 and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, * and our land will yield its increase.
- Righteousness shall go before him, *
 and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

NT Lector: A reading is the letter to the Christians in Colossae Colossians 2:6-19

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

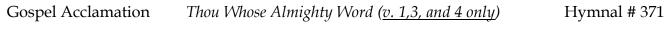
¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶ Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Here ends this reading of God's Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation





<u>Celebrant</u>: The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke

Luke 11:1-13

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ

¹Once Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he had finished, one of his disciples approached. "Teach us to pray, Lord, just as John taught his disciples."

² Jesus said to them, "When you pray, this is what to say: "Father, may your name be honored. May your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not put us to the test."

⁵ "Suppose one of you has a friend," he said, " and you go to him in the middle of the night and say, 'My dear friend, lend me three loaves of bread! ⁶ A friend of mine is on a

journey and has arrived at my house, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷He will answer from within, 'Do not bother me! The door is shut, and my children and I are in bed! I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸ Let me tell you, even though he will not get up and give you anything because you are his friend, because of your shameless persistence he will get up and give you whatever you need.

⁹ "So this is my word to you: Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ You see, everyone who asks receives! Everyone who searches finds! Everyone who knocks has the door opened for them!" ¹¹ If your child asks for a fish, is there a parent among you who will give a snake? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, would you give a scorpion? ¹³ Be truthful! You who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children! How much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Spirit of God is within you: Stop looking for magic formulas!

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant: 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: Good and Gracious God, hear our praise for all that you have done for us, and

receive the prayers we raise now for the needs of your people.

Litanist: O Gracious Lord, you have tasked us with bearing your peace into the world

around us. Give wisdom to the leaders of your church, especially Presiding Bishop Sean and Bishop Sally. Guide us in our ministries, that we may fully commit ourselves and our community to the one thing that matters. Gracious

Lord,

All: Fill your church with your light and your love.

Litanist: Almighty God, form all communities of faith, that we may truly be places of

welcome, support, and courageous response to the needs of your people

everywhere. Gracious Lord,

All: Lead us by your light and your love.

Litanist: O God of Might, touch the hearts of the leaders of all nations, that they may turn

to you for guidance in addressing the needs of the vulnerable and weak. Mighty

Lord,

All: Lead us by your light and your love.

Litanist: O God of Mercy, protect all peoples from forces of harm, and form in us an ever-

deepening gratitude for both your mercy and your justice. God of Mercy,

All: Lead us by your light and your love.

Litanist:

O God-who-is-Love, alleviate the concerns of all those on our parish prayer list, represented today by these names,

Deacon Carolsue Cummings, Al Arthur, Kellianne Connoly, Cynthia Cooper, Patricia D'Ercole, Jacqui Lees, Eugene R., Allacen & Craig Rathbun, Ken Reid, Jr., Trey & Kelly Rhodes, Daniel Richard, Frank Richard, Kay Roberts, Tomm Robinson, Diana and Pascual Rodriguez, Judy Rosenberg, Carol Schmitt, Derek Shinn, Bob & Cynthia Shull, Charlie James Smith, Joseph Smith, the Friends & Family of Mark Smith, Susi T., the Tsirikos Family, Candy Turner, Cameron Valez, Kathy Van Hoof, Jan Viviani, Brett Walker, Terry Watkins, Terry Wessell, Linda White, Mary & Bob Wilding, Rita & Ken Woodfield, Steve Zarrillo and Al Zofchak,

To you, O God-who-is-Love, we pray:

All: Lead them by your light and your love.

Litanist:

O God of our stories, you have made yourself known to this community through those who have spent time in our midst. We pray today for those who are no longer able to regularly spend time with us here. We remember them today, especially Althea Martie, Mary Allan, Peggy Caffrey, Pam Hastings, Adele Mount, Kay Roberts, Paul Roediger, Lois Stiles, and Cynthia & Bob Shull. Lift their spirits this day and remind them that they are never forgotten here. O God who gathers us together,

All: Fill each of these today with your comfort, strength, and peace.

Litanist: O God of all Life, draw into your steadfast and enduring love all who have died

and comfort all who grieve this day. O God of all Life,

All: Lead us by your light and your love.

The priest will invite other petitions here

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept our heartfelt petitions; look upon us with compassion

and grant that our lives and our world may proclaim glory and praise to you

always, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Priest: Let us offer each other a greeting of peace.

Please Sit as you are able

The Liturgy of the Table



Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871). Music: Woodworth, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868).

Please stand as you are able

We pray Eucharistic Prayer B today. It is found on page 367 in the BCP

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

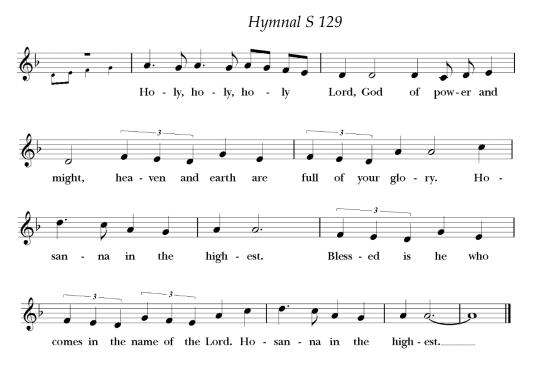
All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise!

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:





Celebrant:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All: We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory.

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;

presenting to you, from your creation, this bread, and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

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

Our Father in heaven, Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name. hallowed be thy Name.

Your kingdom come, Thy kingdom come, your will be done, Thy will be done,

on earth as in heaven. On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Give us this day our daily bread,

Forgive us our sins and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those As we forgive those

who sin against us. Who trespass against us.

Save us from the time of trial, And lead us not into temptation,

and deliver us from evil. But deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, For Thine is the kingdom,

and the glory are yours, and the power, and the glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

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

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. <u>If you wish to receive only a blessing</u>, 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.

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

<u>If you wish to receive communion bread and dip it in the consecrated wine</u>, 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.

<u>If you wish to consume the host and then sip from the chalice</u>, 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.

Post-Communion Hymn Lord, who at thy first Eucharist

Tune: *Unde et memores*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Text: William H. Turton, 1859-1938



Celebrant: Let us pray together the post-communion prayer

To him to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

Be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

The Eucharistic Visitors will now come forward to be blessed and sent by our community.

The priest will offer a prayer of blessing for this ministry.

The community will then commission the Eucharistic Visitors to bring the Communion Bread and Wine to the homebound and their families by these words:

All: Debbie and Tom,

We now send you forth
as representatives of this community,
to bear these holy gifts,
the Sacrament of the body and blood,
the presence of Jesus.
We desire that those to whom you go
may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
We who are here and those to whom you go,
are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Announcements

Please stand for the final blessings of this service

<u>Priest</u>: May God's Blessing be with you; May the Risen and Ascended

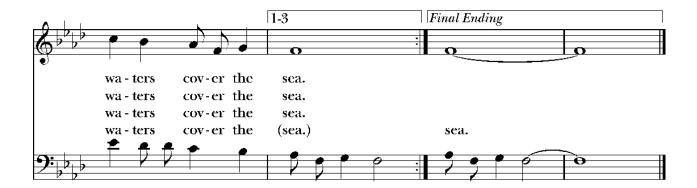
Christ's peace be with you and may the Spirit's outpouring fill you

with wisdom and compassion today and always.

All: Amen.

Sending Hymn: God is working his purpose out Hymnal # 534





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

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

Please join us in the parish hall for a few minutes of fellowship after the service.

Thank you for worshiping with us today!