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Proper 14
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.*

*Sanctuary Candles are given by Chris O'Rourke
in loving memory of Bertha & Harvey Bishop*

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

Unison or harmony



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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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.

Hymn of Praise

Joyful, Joyful, we adore Thee

Hymnal # 376

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro-ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach— us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

(*The Collect for Proper 14, (BCP 232)*)

Celebrant: Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

You are invited to sit

The Liturgy of the Word

OT Lector: This reading is from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

¹ The prophecies of Isaiah son of Amoz, who prophesied concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the Lord, you chieftains of Sodom!

Give ear to our God's instruction, you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹ "What need have I of your sacrifices?" says the LORD.

"I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

¹² When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more!

¹³ Bringing offerings is futile; incense is offensive to me.

New moon and sabbath, proclaiming of solemnities,
Assemblies with iniquity, I cannot abide.

¹⁴ Your new moon and fixed seasons fill me with loathing.

They have become a burden to me, I cannot endure them.

¹⁵ When you lift up your hands, I will turn my eyes away from you;
your hands are stained with wrongdoing. "

¹⁶ "Wash yourselves clean. Put your evil doings away from my sight.

Cease to do evil, ¹⁷ learn to do good. Devote yourselves to justice.

Aid the wronged. Uphold the rights of the orphan. Defend the cause of the widow."

¹⁸ "Come now, let us reach an understanding," says the LORD.

"Though your sins are like crimson, they can turn white as snow.

Though they are red like dyed wood, they can become like fleece."

¹⁹ If, then, you agree and give heed, you shall eat the good things of the earth.

²⁰ but if you refuse and disobey, you will be devoured by the sword –
for it was the LORD who spoke.

Here ends this reading of God's Word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

OT Lector: In response to this reading, let us pray select verses of Psalm 50 responsively by half-verse. *Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24*

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
**before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.**
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, *
**those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice.”**
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
“O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God.”

NT Lector : A reading is from the letter to the Hebrews *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

¹ What then is faith? It is what gives assurance to our hopes. It is what gives us conviction about things we can't see. ² It is that for which men and women of old, our ancestors, received approval. ³ It is by faith that we understand that the worlds were formed by God's word, that the visible world was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. Abraham set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ It was by faith that he stayed in the promised land as stranger, living in tents as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ He looked forward, you see, to the city that has foundations, the city whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹ It was by faith that Sarah herself, who was barren, received the ability to conceive a child even when long past the usual age — because she considered that God, who had promised, was trustworthy. ¹² Thus it came about that from one man, and this a man as good as dead, there was born a family as many as the stars of heaven in number, as uncountable as the grains of sand on the seashore.

¹³ All these people died in faith. They had not received the promise, but they had seen it from far off and had greeted it. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners in the land. ¹⁴ People who speak in this way make it clear that they are looking for a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had plenty of opportunity to return to it. ¹⁶ But as it was, they were longing for a better place, a heavenly one. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God. Indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Here ends this reading of God's Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

You are invited to stand

Gospel Acclamation:

Seek Ye First

Hymnal # 711

*Copyright restricts including the score of this music here, but we expect the music is familiar to most.
Should you want to see the music, you will find it as # 711 in the Blue Hymnal found in the pew.*

Stanza 1:

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And his righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, Alleluia!
Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia!
Allelu, Alleluia!

Stanza 2:

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
Seek and ye shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened to you;
Allelu, Alleluia!
Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia!
Allelu, Alleluia!

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ

³¹ Jesus said, "Search for God's kingdom! Then all the rest will be given you as well. ³² Do not be afraid, little flock. Your Father is delighted to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, a treasure in heaven that lasts forever, where the thief does not come near and the moth does not destroy. ³⁴ Yes, where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

³⁵ "Make sure you are dressed and ready with your lamps lit," said Jesus. ³⁶ You need to be like people waiting for their master when he comes back from the wedding-feast, so that when he comes and knocks they will be able to open the door for him at once. ³⁷ A blessing on the servants whom the master finds awake when he comes! I am telling you the truth: he will put on an apron and sit them down and come and wait on them. ³⁸ A blessing on them if he comes in the second watch of the night, or ever the third, and finds them like that!

³⁹ "But you should know this: if the owner of the house had known what time the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the son of man is coming at a time you do not expect."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Open your hands! Receive the gift God holds before you!

You are invited to stand

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: Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, we pray that God will pour the Spirit upon us so that we may become faithful witnesses to God-who-is-Love. In faith, O God,
- All: We seek your grace.**
- Litanist: We pray for the church and for those who lead it, especially Presiding Bishop Sean and Bishop Sally. Remove from us the desire for things the world treasures and clothe us with your loving-kindness. In faith, O God,
- All: We seek your grace.**
- Litanist: We pray for ourselves and for all your children. We know how easy it is to value the things that are not consistent with your determination that all should

have the fullness of life. Show us the vanity of our ways and turn our hearts to seek the common good. In faith, O God,

All: We seek your grace.

Litanist: We pray for this community, that we may open our hearts to embrace with genuine concern those whose lives and needs we do not understand. Transform our hearts that we might be instruments that mark the world with your mercy and tenderness. In faith, O God,

All: We seek your grace.

Litanist: We pray for loved ones and those whose needs are known to us. Remember all your beloved children who are struggling and suffering this day. With confidence, we entrust to you all those on our parish prayer list, represented today by these names:

Anna D., Sue D'Elia, Sonja & Thomas Detjen, the Elkin Family, Becky Faulkner, Marina Ferrer, CJ Franco, Sharon Frommann, Diane Garrenger, Bill Giberson, Kathryn Gilbert, Beth Gilbert-Pagán, Judith Harvey, Arthur Hixson, Gwen Hodavance, Larry Hofer, Jeremy, Linda Kelly, Joan Kennedy, Detlef Klein, Dr. Herb Kunkle, Jr., Maegan Louise, Kathy Laskody, Jaimi Law, Jacqueline Lees, Emberlyn LeRiche and Lily

Take them in your arms and heal them. In faith, O God,

All: We seek your grace.

Litanist: We pray now for all those who have died, especially our Deacon Carol Sue Cummings and Patricia D'Ercole. Draw them into the fullness of your light and love, and comfort the Cummings and the D'Ercole families, and all those who grieve this day. In faith, O God,

All: We seek your grace.

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.*

You are invited to sit

The Liturgy of the Table

Hymn as the Table is Set

We plow the fields and scatter

Hymnal # 291

1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;
3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;
he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:

he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;
the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.
but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

Refrain
All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;



Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815); tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878), alt. Music: *Wir Pflugen*, Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747-1800).

You are invited to stand

*We pray Eucharistic Prayer C today. It begins on **page 369** in the BCP*

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: 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.

All: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: 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.

All: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

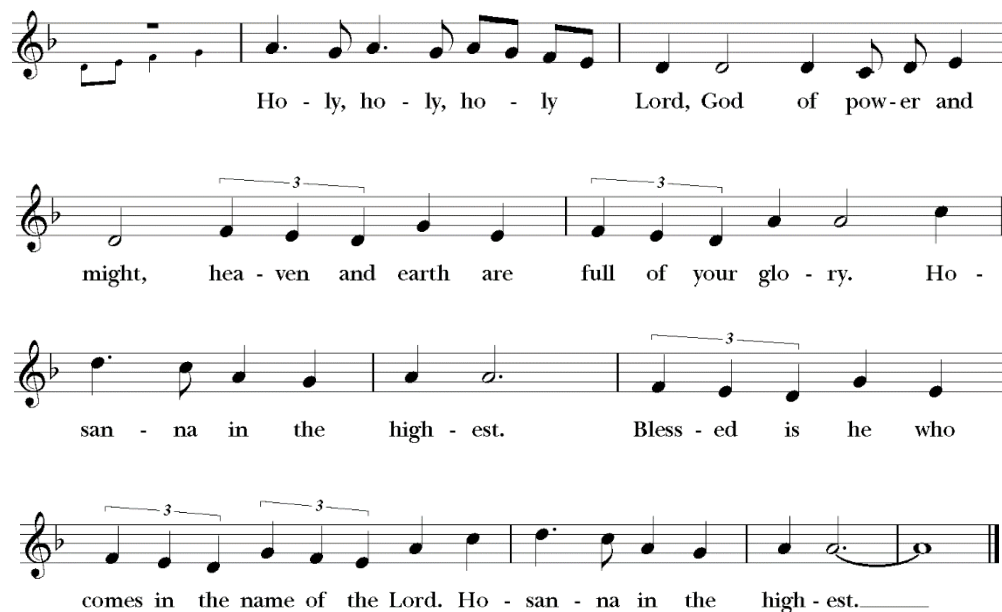
Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

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

Celebrant: 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:

Sanctus

Hymnal S 129



Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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,

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

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham and Sarah and Hagar, God of Isaac and Rebecca, and God of Jacob and Rachel and Leah; 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.

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

Celebrant: 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

Hymnal # S-146



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You are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language that comes from your heart.

Celebrant: 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.

Please be seated as we prepare to distribute Communion.

This is the Lord's Table. All are welcome here.

Reflective organ music will be played during the distribution of communion.

The Post-Communion hymn will be omitted today

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.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the post-communion prayer

**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.**

Please see the separate bulletin for the Blessing of the New School Year.

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 wisdom and compassion today and always.

All: Amen.

Sending Hymn:

Lead Me, Guide Me

WLP - 756

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

For if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

Fine

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and power to
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, be my
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

help me o - ver my weak - est hour; Help me
 aid when sa - tan and sin op - press; I am
 blind with - out thy light to see; Lord, just

through the dark - ness thy face to see,
 put - ting all my trust in thee.
 al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

D.C.
 Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
 Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
 Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

Words: Doris M. Akers (1922-1995). Music: Doris M. Akers (1922-1995); arr. Richard Smallwood.

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

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