August 16 & 17, 2025 Proper 15 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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Please join us in the Parish Hall for a time of fellowship after the service

You are invited to stand Entrance Hymn

Entrance Rite



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

Hymnal # S-280



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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

The Collect for Proper 15 (BCP 232)

Celebrant: Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and

also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved

A song of my lover about his vineyard.

My beloved had a vineyard on a fruitful hill.

He broke the ground, cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines.

He built a watchtower inside it,

He even hewed a wine press in it, For he hoped it would yield grapes.

Instead, it yielded wild grapes.

"Now, then, dwellers of Jerusalem and citizenry of Judah,

You be the judges Between Me and My vineyard:

What more could have been done for My vineyard that I failed to do in it?

Why, when I hoped it would yield grapes did it yield wild grapes?

"Now I am going to tell you what I will do to My vineyard:

I will remove its hedge, that it may be ravaged;

I will break down its wall, that it may be trampled.

And I will make it a desolation;

It shall not be pruned or hoed,

And it shall be overgrown with briers and thistles.

And I will command the clouds to drop no rain on it."

For the vineyard of the LORD of Hosts is the House of Israel,

And the seedlings he lovingly tended are the citizens of Judah.

And [God] hoped for justice,

But behold, injustice;

For equity,

But behold, iniquity!

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 80 responsively by half-verse.

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us.
- You have brought a vine out of Egypt; * you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; *

it took root and filled the land.

- The mountains were covered by its shadow * and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea * and its branches to the River.
- Why have you broken down its wall, *
 so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, * and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *

preserve what your right hand has planted.

- They burn it with fire like rubbish; *

 at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, * the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- And so will we never turn away from you; *
 give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- ¹⁸ Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

<u>NT Lector</u>: A reading is from the letter to the Hebrews *Hebrews* 11:23-12:2

²³ It was by faith that, when Moses was born, he was hidden for three months by his parents. They saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's orders. ²⁴ It was by faith that Moses, when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ preferring to suffer hardship along with God's people than to enjoy the short-term pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He reckoned that reproach suffered for the Messiah was worth more than all the treasures of Egypt. He was looking ahead to the reward.

²⁷ It was by faith that Moses left Egypt, without fear of Pharaoh's anger. He kept the invisible One always before his eyes. ²⁸ It was by faith that he kept the Passover and the sprinkling, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn would not touch them. ²⁹ It was by faith that the people passed through the Red Sea as if they were on dry ground, while the Egyptians, when they tried to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰ It was by faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ It was by faith that the prostitute Rahab was not destroyed along with those who did not obey; she had received the spies in peace.

³² What more can I say, then? I have run out of time to tell you about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets. ³³ It was through faith that they overcame kingdoms, put justice into practice, received promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were strong where they had been weak, became powerful in battle, and sent foreign armies packing. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might receive a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others again experienced painful derision and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, ill-treated. ³⁸ The world was not worthy of them! They wandered in deserts and mountains, in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ All these were commended for their faith, but they did not receive what was promised. ⁴⁰ God was providing something better, so that they would not be made perfect without our doing so as well. ^{12.1} What about us, then? We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses all around us! What we must do is this: we must push aside each heavy weight, and the sin that clings to us so closely. Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. ^{12.2} We must look to Jesus. He is the one who carved out the path for faith, and he is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, Because he knew that joy was spread out and waiting for him, he endured the cross, making light of its shame, and now he has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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!

<u>Celebrant</u>: The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke Luke 12:49-56

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ

[Jesus continued,] 49 "I came to throw fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism with which I must be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed!"

"51 Do you think I have come to give peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52 From now on families there will be five in one family, two against three and three against two; 53 father against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother-in-law against daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴ Jesus also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and rain falls. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and that happens. ⁵⁶ You imposters! You know how to interpret what the earth and the sky are telling you; why can't you interpret the present time?"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Open your eyes! See as God sees!

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:

Marilyn, Mark, Michaela, Carole McAllister, Maura Whang McClung, Bill

McGrath, Carolyn Mack, Rob Malara, the Malone Family, Althea Martie, the

Meade Family, Mary Meyers, Edna Monroe, Michelle Morningstar, Jill Morton,

Carolyn N., Laura Newinski, Lana Nuccio, Aaron O., Jacob, Diane & Lily

Peskin, Angie Pocsi, Linda & Norman Pugliese, Kathy Steppacher, and Nova

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 CarolSue

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.

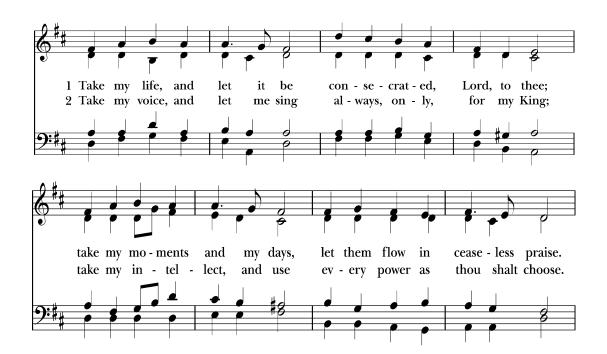
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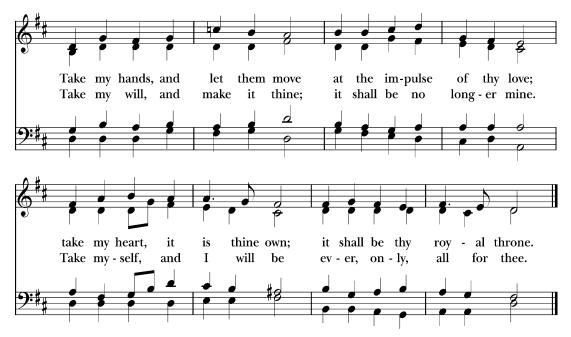
The Liturgy of the Table

Hymn as the Table is Set

Take My Life

Hymnal # 707





Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: Hollingside, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

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:

Hymnal S-129 Sanctus Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, and earth are full of your glo - ry. Но hea - ven the high - est. Bless - ed who na in he san

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

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."

high - est.

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, 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, 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.

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

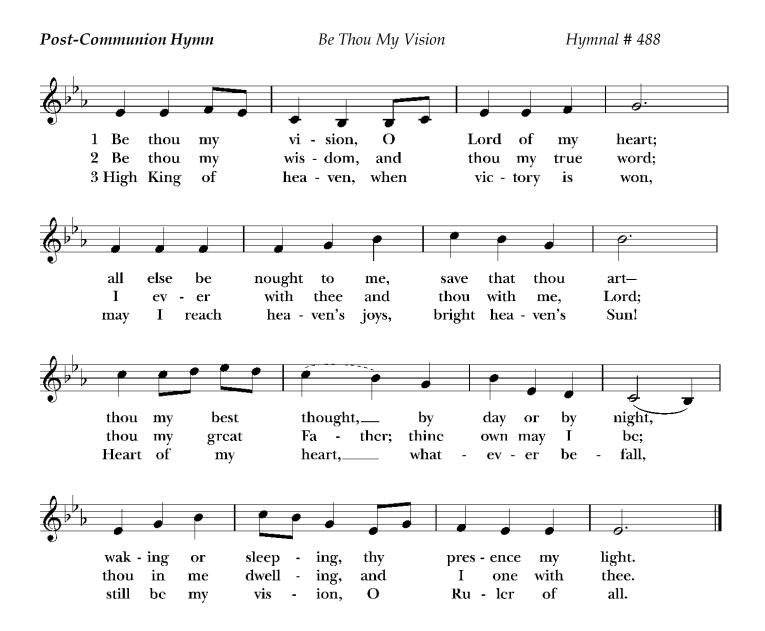
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

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.



Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor II. Hull (1860-1935), alt. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). By permission of Oxford University Press.

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.

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.

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: Barbara 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: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Hymnal - # 657

Music 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!



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).