

September 13 & 14, 2025
Proper 19
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.

Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Tom Stone

Sanctuary Candles are given by Kerith Creo in honor & in memory of Phillip Creo

<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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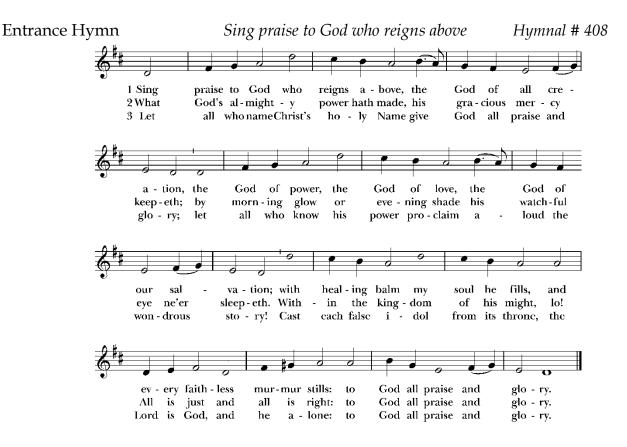
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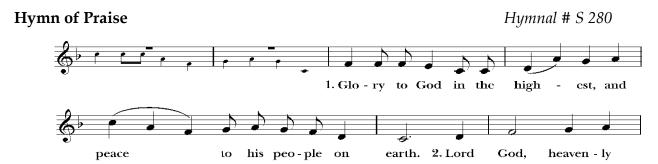
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Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

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 19 (BCP 233)

Celebrant: O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that

your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ 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 Jeremiah

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

¹¹ At that time it will be said concerning this people and Jerusalem:

The conduct of My poor people is like a searing wind from the bare heights of the desert.

It will not serve to winnow or to fan.

¹² A full blast from them comes against Me:

Now I in turn will bring charges against them.

²² For my people are foolish, they give Me no heed;

They are foolish children, they are not intelligent.

They are clever at doing wrong, but unable to do right.

²³ I look at the earth, it is unformed and void;

At the skies, and their light is gone.

²⁴ I look at the mountains; they are quaking;

And all the hills are rocking.

²⁵ I look: no man is left, and all the birds of the sky have fled.

²⁶ I look: the farm land is desert, and all its town are in ruin -

Because of the LORD, because of his blazing anger.

²⁷ For thus said the LORD:

The whole land shall be desolate, but I will not make an end of it.

²⁸ For this the earth mourns and the skies are dark above –

Because I have spoken, I have planned,

And I will not relent or turn back from it.

Here ends this reading of God's Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

OT Lector: Let us pray select verses of Psalm 14 responsively by half-verse.

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *

All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

² The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *

to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

Everyone has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; *

there is none who does good; no, not one.

- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers * who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?
- See how they tremble with fear, *
 because God is in the company of the righteous.
- Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, * but the Lord is their refuge.
- Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! * when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

NT Lector: This reading is from the first letter to Timothy 1:12-17

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Here ends this reading of God's Word.

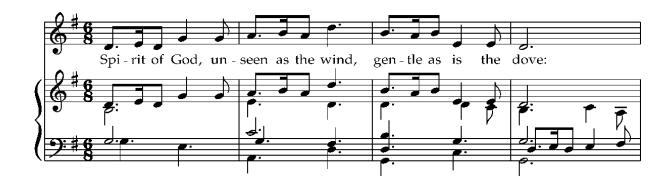
All: Thanks be to God.

You are invited to stand

Gospel Acclamation:

Spirit of God, Unseen as the Wind

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<u>Celebrant</u>: The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke Luke 15:1-10

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ So Jesus told them this parable:

⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

A God who says (and does) the most outlandish things!

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

Drawn from this Season of Creation

Celebrant	Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being.
Litanist	For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:
People	Merciful God, give us wisdom, courage, and commitment, that we may faithfully tend your creation.
Litanist	For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:
People	Merciful God, give us wisdom, courage, and commitment, that we may faithfully tend your creation.
Litanist	For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:
People	Merciful God, give us wisdom, courage, and commitment, that we may faithfully tend your creation.
Litanist	For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:
People	Merciful God, give us wisdom, courage, and commitment, that we may faithfully tend your creation.
Litanist	For the creatures of the earth whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:
People	Merciful God, give us wisdom, courage, and commitment, that we may faithfully tend your creation.

Litanist For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

People Merciful God, give us wisdom, courage, and commitment, that we may faithfully tend your creation.

Litanist For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need, especially all those on our Parish Prayer List, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

People Merciful God, give us wisdom, courage, and commitment, that we may faithfully tend your creation.

Litanist We entrust to you, our Creator, those who have died recently, especially Kirk Larson, Deacon Carolsue, Patricia D'Ercole and Don Acque. We pray also for those who grieve, and for ourselves, that we may know how to support them in faith and hope. That we may bring your peace and comfort to those who mourn, we pray:

People Merciful God, give us wisdom, courage, and commitment, that we may faithfully tend your creation.

Litanist For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

People Merciful God, give us wisdom, courage, and commitment, that we may faithfully tend your creation.

Litanist For our Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, for Bishop Sally French, and for all lay and ordained leaders within your church, that they may inspire your people to better steward your creation, we pray:

People Merciful God, give us wisdom, courage, and commitment, that we may faithfully tend your creation.

The priest will invite other petitions here

Celebrant Gracious God: Grant that all your people may grow in faithfulness to the self-sacrificing spirit of Christ Jesus, through actions of respect for all your creation and through wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Confession of Sin

from Season of Creation for Episcopal Parishes

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbor and the created order.

All God of compassion, have mercy upon us.

Heal our relationship with all creation.

Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of your created world And our lack of care for creatures who share the earth with us.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for any harm we have done

And for any good we have failed to do

Fill us with your Spirit,

that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Priest 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**.

Celebrant The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

All Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

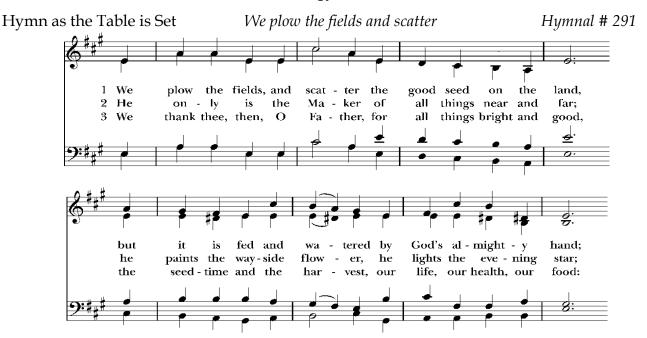
Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

All And also with you.

Let us exchange greetings of peace.

You are invited to sit

The Liturgy of the Table





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 will pray Eucharistic Prayer A during the Season of Creation. (BCP page 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.

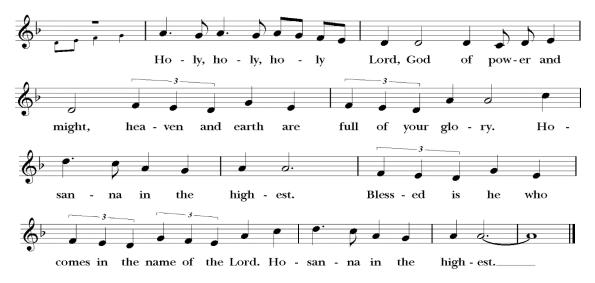
All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:

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The Celebrant continues:

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.



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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.

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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.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

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.

You are invited to sit 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. 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.

<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.

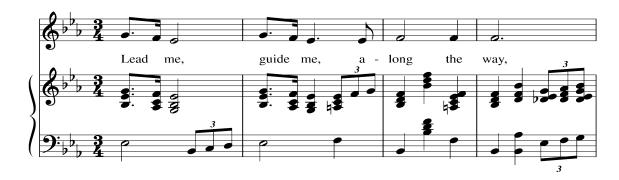
If you wish to consume the host and then sip from the chalice, leave the altar rail after you consume the bread or host and move to the Eucharistic Minister with the silver sipping chalice at the left side of the altar rail.

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

Post-Communion Hymn

Lead me, guide me along the way

WLP # 756







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Celebrant: Let us pray together the post-communion prayer for the Season of Creation

All: Almighty and ever living God,

You are the source of all that is.

We thank you for nourishing us

With the most precious Body and Blood

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,

the bread and wine of your kingdom.

With joy we now thank you also for your love,

Made known to us in the beauty and majesty of your creation.

And now, O Creator God, as you send us out

to do the work you have given us to do,

plant within us true reverence for all your creation.

Make us generous and wise stewards of the creation you have entrusted to us.

And 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: 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 transform all of us into faithful stewards of Creation;

May you rejoice that you are made in God's image;

May that understanding deepen within you

a commitment to kindness, to justice, and to equity for all God's creatures. May the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

be upon you, and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Sending Hymn: O Zion haste, they mission high fulfilling Hymnal # 539

(music is on page 18)

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 your presence in our midst today.

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

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