July 19 & 20, 2025
Proper 11
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

Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing

Hymnal # 686



Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: Nettleton, melody from A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

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 11 (BCP 231)

Celebrant: Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we

ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

for ever.

All: Amen.

Please Sit as you are able The Liturgy of the Word

OT Lector: The first reading is from the book of the prophet Amos Amos 8:1-12

¹ This is what the Lord God showed me−a basket of summer fruit. ² He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me, the end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. ³ The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," says the Lord God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!"

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵ saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." ⁷The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. ⁸ Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? ⁹On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. ¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.

 11 The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. 12 They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Here ends this reading of God's Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

OT Lector: In response to this reading, let us pray *Psalm 52* responsively by half-verse.

- You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness * against the godly all day long?
- You plot ruin;
 your tongue is like a sharpened razor, *
 O worker of deception.
- You love evil more than good *

 and lying more than speaking the truth.
- You love all words that hurt, *O you deceitful tongue.
- Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, *

 topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,
 and root you out of the land of the living!
- The righteous shall see and tremble, * and they shall laugh at him, saying,
- "This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, * but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness."
- But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; *
 I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
- I will give you thanks for what you have done * and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

<u>NT Lector</u>: A reading is the letter to the Christians in Colossae *Colossians* 1:15 - 28

¹⁵ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

¹⁶ For in him all things were created, in the heavens and here on earth.

Things we can see and things we cannot – thrones and lordships and rulers and powers – All things were created through him and for him.

 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸ He is the beginning of it all,

Firstborn from the realms of the dead, so that in all things he might be the head.

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile all to himself,

Making peace through the blood of his cross.

Through him – yes, things on the earth and all things in the heavens.

²¹ And there was a time when you also were excluded! You were estranged and hostile in your thinking, and engaged in sinful behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you in the body of his flesh, through death, in order to bring you into his presence holy, blameless, and irreproachable.

²³ This assumes, of course, that you continue securely in the faith – by which I mean established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard. This gospel, after all, has been announced in all creation under heaven! And this is the gospel of which I, Paul became a servant.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings, which are for your benefit! And I am steadily completing, in my own flesh, what is lacking in Jesus' afflictions for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵ I became the church's servant according to the terms laid down by God when he gave me my responsibility on your behalf, to make the word of God fully known.

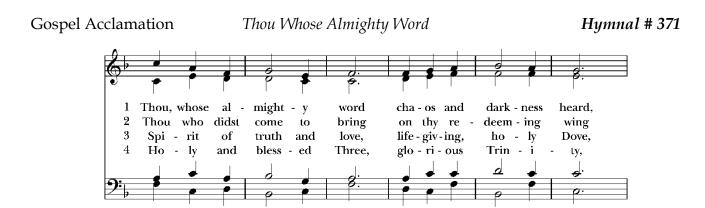
²⁶ This word declares the mystery that was hidden from past ages and generations, but has now been revealed to God's holy people. ²⁷ God chose to make known to his holy people, out there among the nations, the rich glory of this mystery. And this is the key: Jesus, living within you as the hope of glory!

²⁸ It is Jesus whom we proclaim! We are instructing everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone whole and mature in Jesus the Savior.

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* 10:38-42

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ

³⁸ Now as they went on their journey, Jesus came into a village. There was a woman there named Martha who welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the master's feet and listened to his teaching.

⁴⁰ But Martha was frantic with all the work in the kitchen. Coming to where they were, Martha said "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to give me a hand!"

 41 But Jesus answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are fretting and fussing about so many things. 42 Only one thing matters. Mary has chosen the best part, and it is not going to be taken away from her."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Choosing the one thing that matters

Please stand

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 our prayers as we raise before you 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, Marilyn, Mark, Michaela, Jacqui Lees, Carole

McAllister, 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, Jacob and

Diane Peskin, Angie Pocsi and Linda & Norman Pugliese. 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

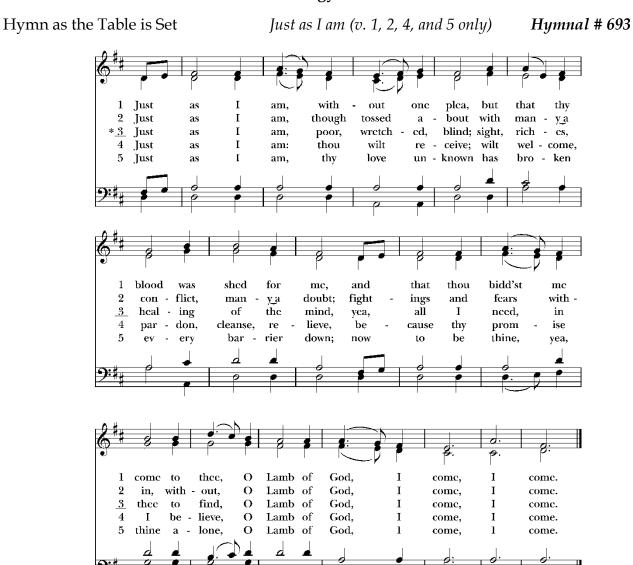
Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept our heartfelt petitions; look upon us with compassion and grant that our lives and our world may proclaim glory and praise to you always, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

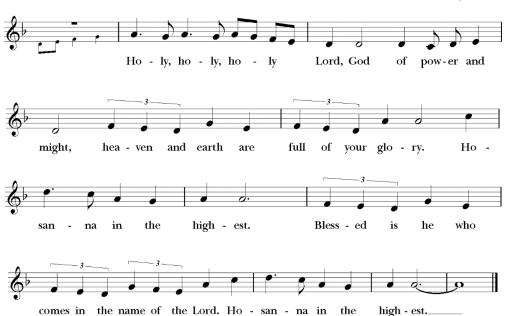
All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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 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-129



You may stand or kneel as you prefer during the Eucharistic Prayer

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, hallowed be your Name.

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

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.

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.

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

<u>If you need a gluten free host</u>, 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.

<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.



Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915). Music: William II. Doane (1832-1915).

Celebrant: Let us pray together the post-communion prayer (*BCP 366*)

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 Laura,

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

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.

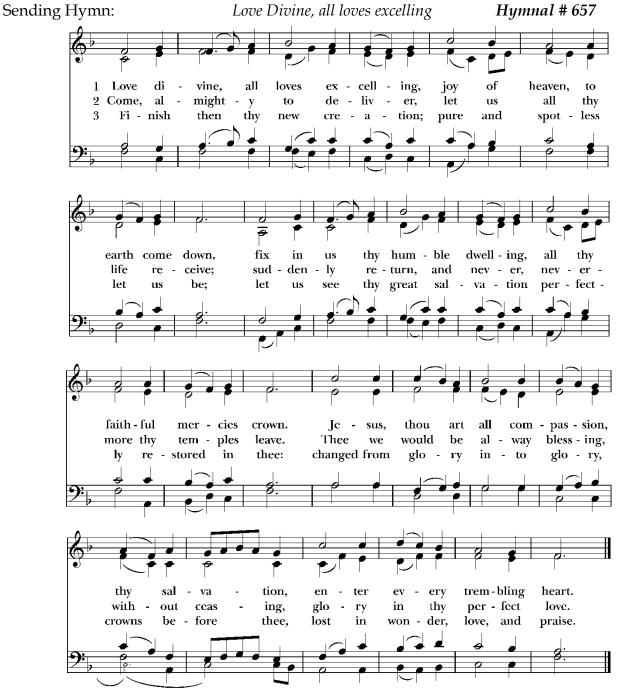
All: Amen.

Sending Hymn: Love Divine, all loves excelling Hymnal # 657

The music for the sending hymn is on the next page.

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

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



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

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

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