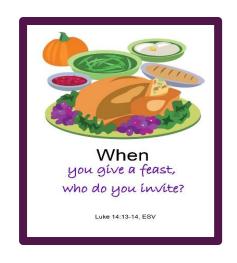
August 30 & 31, 2025 Proper 17 St. Peter's-at-the Light Episcopal Church Barnegat Light

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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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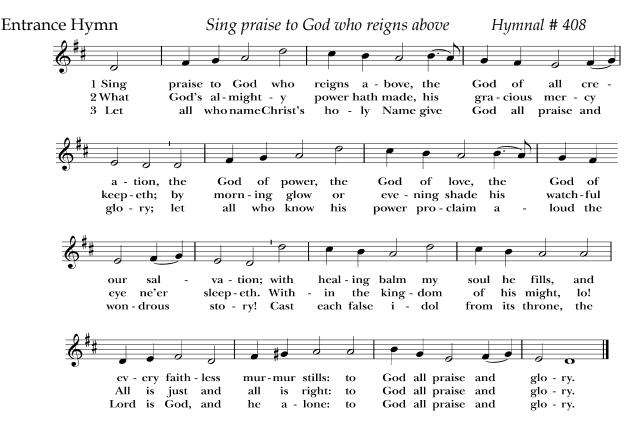
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Entrance Rite



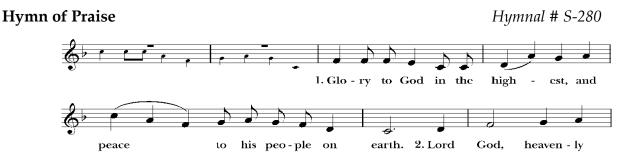
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Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

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 17 (BCP 233)

Celebrant: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Jeremiah *Jeremiah 2:1-13*

¹The word of GOD came to me, saying,

Go proclaim to Jerusalem: "Thus said GOD:

² I accounted to your favor

The devotion of your youth,

Your love as a bride —

How you followed Me in the wilderness,

In a land not sown.

³ Israel was holy to GOD,

The first fruits of God's harvest.

All who ate of it were held guilty;

Disaster befell them" – declares GOD.

⁴ Now, Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob,

Every clan of the house of Israel!

⁵ Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your fathers find in Me

That they abandoned Me

And went after delusion and were deluded?

⁶ They never asked themselves "Where is the Lord,

who brought us up from the land of Egypt,

who led us through the wilderness,

a land of deserts and pits,

a land of drought and darkness,

a land no one had traversed,

where no human being had dwelt?"

 $^7\mathrm{I}$ brought you to this country of farm land

To enjoy its fruit and its bounty;

But when you entered you defiled My land,

You made My possession abhorrent.

 $^8\,\mbox{The priests}$ never asked themselves, "Where is the Lord?"

The guardians of the Teachings ignored Me;

the rulers rebelled against Me,

and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do no good.

⁹ Oh, I will go on accusing you – declares the Lord –

and I will accuse your children's children!

¹⁰ Just cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look,

send to Kedar and observe carefully;

see if anything like this has ever happened:

¹¹ Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods?

But My people has exchanged its glory for something that does no good.

¹² Be appalled, O heavens, at this;

be horrified, be utterly dazed! - says the Lord;

¹³ For My people have done a two-fold wrong:

They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living water,

and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that cannot even hold water.

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 81 responsively by half-verse.

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

- Sing with joy to God our strength *and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
 "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."
- And yet my people did not hear my voice, * and Israel would not obey me.
- So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
 to follow their own devices.
- Oh, that my people would listen to me! *

that Israel would walk in my ways!

¹⁴ I should soon subdue their enemies *

and turn my hand against their foes.

- Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, * and their punishment would last for ever.
- But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat * and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

NT Lector: This reading is from the letter to the Hebrews Hele

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let the family continue to care for one another. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³

Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them. When you consider those who are facing difficulties, remember that you too live in a frail body.

⁴ Let marriage be honored by all and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will be our judge.

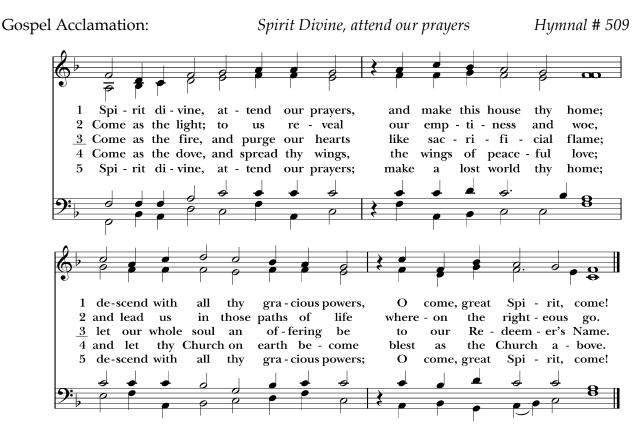
⁵ Keep your life free from the love of money and be content with what you have. The Lord himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you. Look carefully at how their lives came to complete fruition and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Our part, then, is this: to bring, through him, a continual sacrifice of praise to God – that is, mouths that confess his name and do so fruitfully. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Here ends this reading of God's Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

You are invited to stand



Words: Andrew Reed (1787-1862). Music: Nun danket all und bringet Ehr, melody att. Johann Cruger (1598-1662).

<u>Celebrant</u>: The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke Luke 14:1, 7-14

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ

¹One sabbath, Jesus went to a meal in the house of a leading Pharisees. They were keeping a close eye on him.

⁷ Jesus noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, and he told them this parable.

⁸ "When someone invites you to a wedding feast," he said, "do not go and sit down at the best seat. If you do, some other guest more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹ The host who invited both of you will come to you and say, 'Please move down for this guest,' and you will start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ Instead, when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place. Then, when your host comes, he may say to you, 'My friend, move up higher! " Then your fellow guests will show you respect. ¹¹ Those who exalt themselves will be humbled, you see, and those who humble themselves will be honored."

¹² Jesus then turned to his host. "When you give a luncheon or a dinner," he said, "do not invite your family or your friends or your relatives, or your rich neighbors. They might ask you back again and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ God will bless you because they have no way to repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Look into your heart ... See there what you truly treasure

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.

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, Deacon Sally Maurer, and Patricia D'Ercole. Draw them into the fullness of your light and love, and comfort the Cummings, the Maurer, 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

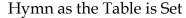
always, as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

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

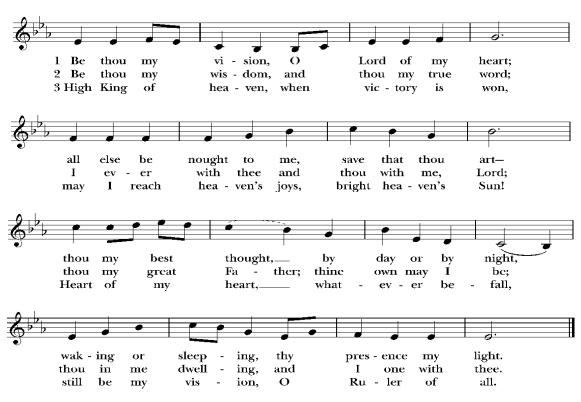
You are invited to sit

The Liturgy of the Table



Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Hymnal # 488



Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. 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.

You are invited to stand

We pray Eucharistic Prayer D today. It begins on page 372 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.

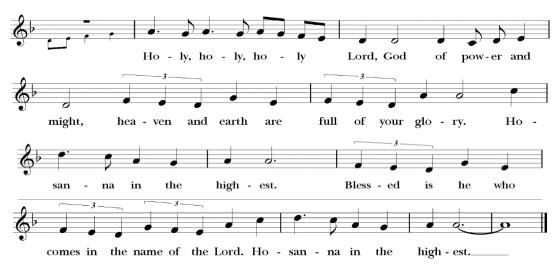
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds:

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus Hymnal S-129



The Celebrant continues:

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power.

Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love.

You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator,

we might rule and serve all your creatures.

When our disobedience took us far from you,

you did not abandon us to the power of death.

In your mercy you came to our help,

so that in seeking you we might find you.

Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much

that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior.

Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

he lived as one of us, yet without sin.

To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation;

to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy.

To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead,
proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand,
awaiting his coming in glory;
and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread, and this cup,
we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church,

redeemed by the blood of your Christ.

Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ,

and those whose faith is known to you alone;

bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with Mary, the mother of Jesus, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past.

We praise you in union with them

and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen

Hymnal # S-146



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.

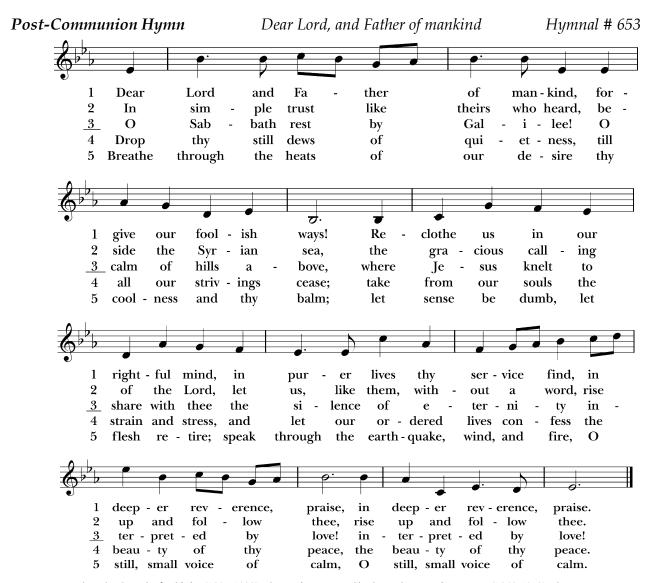
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those
Who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the 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.

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. <u>If you wish to receive only a blessing</u>, cross your arms over your chest.

If you prefer a wafer to 00a 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: Susan and Maribeth,

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.

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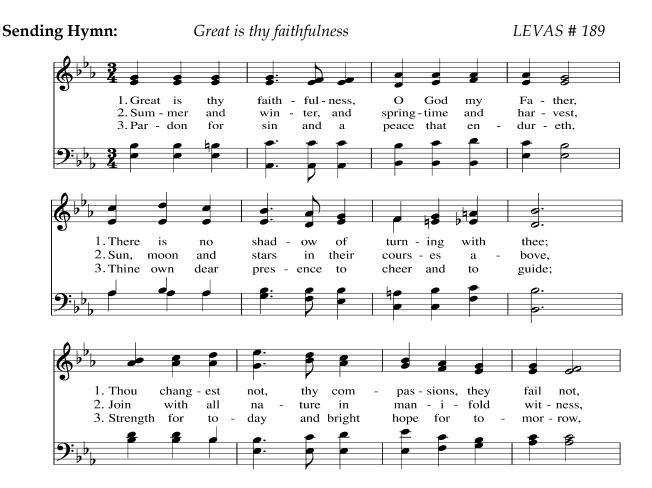
Please stand for the final blessings of this service

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

Jesus fill you with peace; and may God's Spirit fill you with

wisdom and compassion today and always.

All: Amen.





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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.