

Independence Day
July 5, 2026 - 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

Welcome to St. Peter's Church

We are glad you are joining us today.

Please, join us following the service for coffee & fellowship in the Parish House.

Children are always welcome at St. Peter's. Worship bags for ages five and above are available at the rear of the church as you enter. A staffed nursery is available for children under 5 years old.

MINISTERS FOR THIS SERVICE

All God's People, including:

The Rev. Greg Harbaugh *Celebrant*

Alex McCoy *Tenor*

Dan Blakeney *Eucharistic Minister*

Steve Willey *Camera Operator*

Betsy Hanulak, Debbie Oakley & Debra Souza *Altar Guild*

Lauma Akmene *Music Director & Organist*

Ella Fenoglietto *Crucifer/Acolyte*

Lucy Scott *Lector*

Gil Allen *Sunday Vestry Person*

The Flowers on the High Altar are dedicated to The Greater Glory of God and In Thanksgiving for the United States of America given by Gil & Ann Allen

The Flowers on the Family Altar are dedicated to The Greater Glory of God

The Sanctuary Light on the High Altar is lit this week for The Greater Glory of God and In Memory of Departed Loved Ones given by Susan Cabral

The Sanctuary Light on the Family Altar is lit this week for The Greater Glory of God and In Memory of Sarah Garrabrant Hughes given by Her Family

LEARN MORE ABOUT ST. PETERS: Please, scan or use link below for information about St. Peter's Church, including the history of the church, staff & Vestry, service times, ministries, church calendar & much more. <https://stpeterschurch.net>



PASTORAL CARE: Please, make Pastor Greg Harbaugh aware of those who are ill or in need of a visit. For Pastoral emergencies call 814.777.6289. To add or remove names from the Parish Prayer list send an email to cathyp@stpeterschurch.net.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *God of our fathers, whose almighty hand*
(*National Hymn*) (H 718)

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

DIOCESAN COLLECT

Gracious God, through the movement of your Holy Spirit, strengthen us here at St. Peter's and in the Diocese of Easton as an inviting and welcoming people; receive our worship, nurture our life in Christ that we may evermore faithfully serve all your people, both near and far; this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 10:17-21

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

¹⁷The LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, ¹⁸who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. ¹⁹You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. ²⁰You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 145

¹I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

²Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

⁴One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.

⁵I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

⁶They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

⁹The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

¹⁰All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

¹¹They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;

¹²That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

¹⁴The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

¹⁵The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁶The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁷You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

¹⁸The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.

¹⁹The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

²⁰He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.

²¹The LORD preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.

²²My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:8-16

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has

foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

All stand.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:43-48

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, ⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you

doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - FORM IV (BCP p. 388)

CONCLUDING COLLECT (BCP P. 394-395)

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

The ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

To make your offering electronically, please scan the QR code.



MUSIC AT OFFERTORY “Ye People, Rend Your Hearts” and “If With All Your Hearts” from *Elijah* by Felix Mendelssohn

OFFERTORY HYMN *O beautiful for spacious skies (Materna) (H 719)*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP P. 361)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept

THE FRACTION (BCP 364)

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You may receive a blessing at the Communion Rail if you are not baptized. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

The customary posture for receiving communion is to kneel at the rail and place one hand over the other for the bread. You may, of course, stand to receive communion. Consume the bread. The minister holding the chalice will then present the chalice to you. Please, guide the chalice to your lips. If you prefer you may dip the wafer into the wine.

Gluten-Free Communion Wafers are available. Let the Clergy know if you would like a gluten-free wafer when you receive Holy Communion at the communion rail.

ORGAN MUSIC AT COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

O day of peace that dimly shines (Jerusalem) (H 597)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

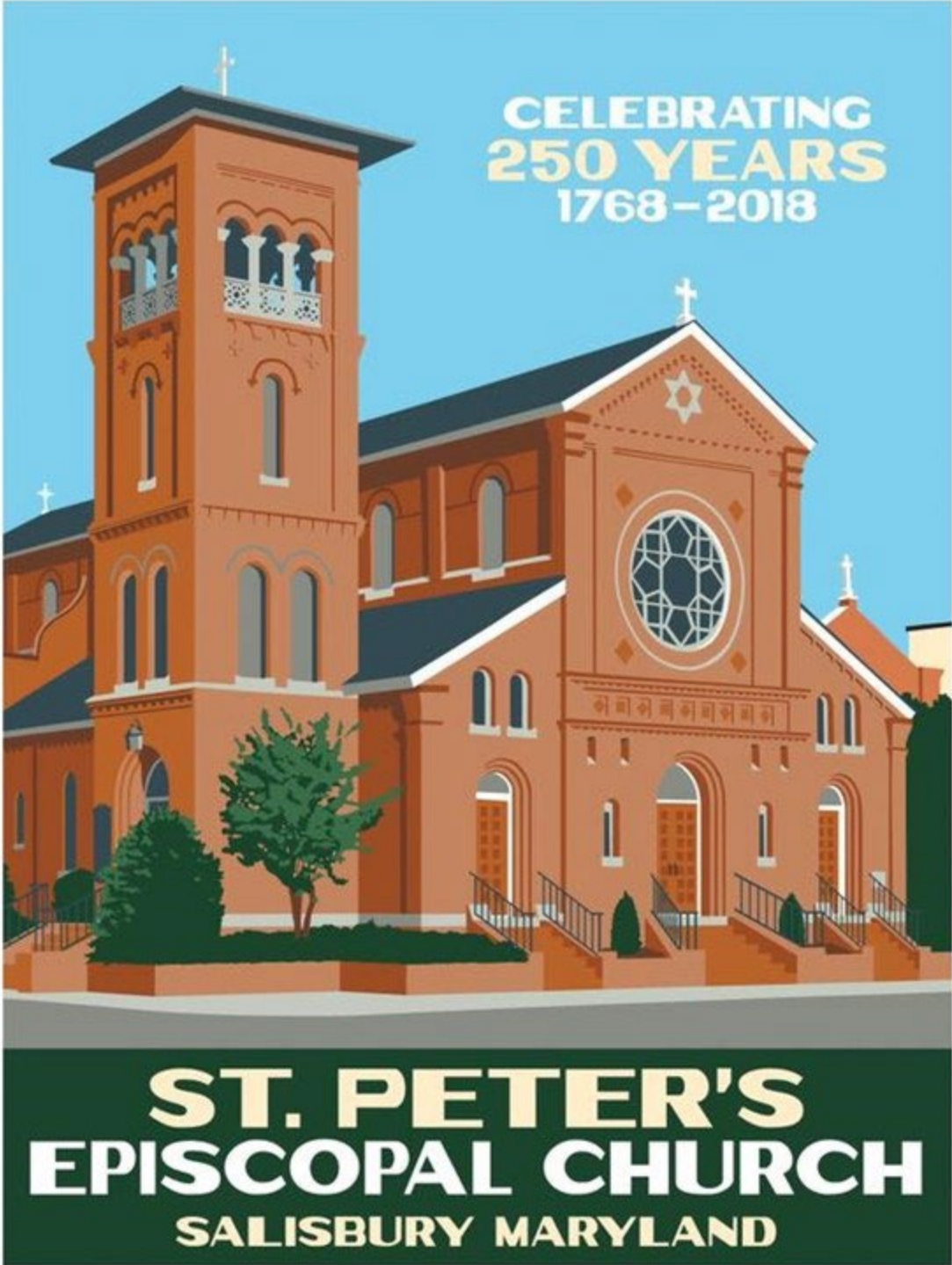
DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

POSTLUDE

The ministers then process to the south door of the church for coffee & fellowship in the Parlor. Thank you for being part of our congregation this morning.

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