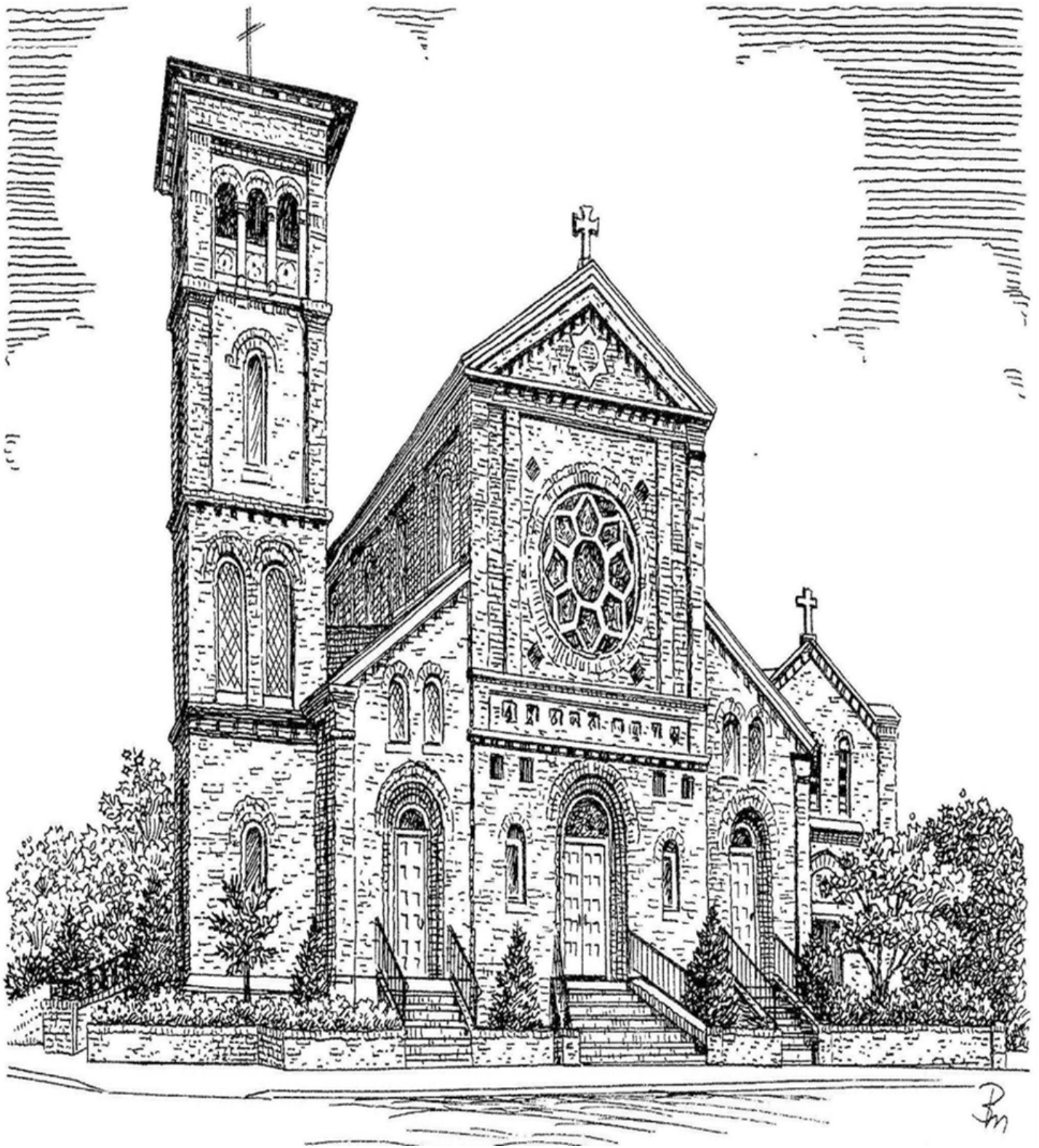




The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026 - 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

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*

Richard Strattan *Guest Organist*

Annie Nichols *Crucifer/Acolyte*

David Churchman & Doug Johnson *Ushers*

Peter Scott *Sunday Vestry Person*

Susan Cabral, Jimmy Hill & Annie Nichols *Altar Guild*

The Ven. Laura Harbaugh *Deacon*

Penelope Michua-Brooks *Cantor*

Fay Jones-Elller *Lector*

Steve Willey *Camera Operator*

**The Flowers on the High Altar are dedicated to The Greater Glory of God
and In Memory of Joseph S. & Margaret Rose Tomczak
and Irvin D. & Patricia Lois Williams given by Stan & Lynn Tomczak**

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 Richard "Doc" Chaffinch given by The Chaffinch Family**

**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 *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* (St. Denio)
(H 423) (Vs. 1 – 3)

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

GLORIA (BCP p. 356)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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. *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 ev-

ermore faithfully serve all your people, both near and far; this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 86:11-17

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD,
and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

¹²I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.

¹³For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

¹⁴The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.

¹⁵But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and

will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

All stand.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

²⁴Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ” ³⁶Then he left

the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

<i>Gospeller</i>	The Gospel of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</i>

THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - FORM IV (BCP p. 359)

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

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ORGAN MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY (H 380) (V. 3)

OFFERTORY HYMN *Come, ye thankful people, come*
(St. George's, Windsor) (H 290)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP P. 336)

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 *I am the bread of life (I Am the Bread of Life) (H 335)*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

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

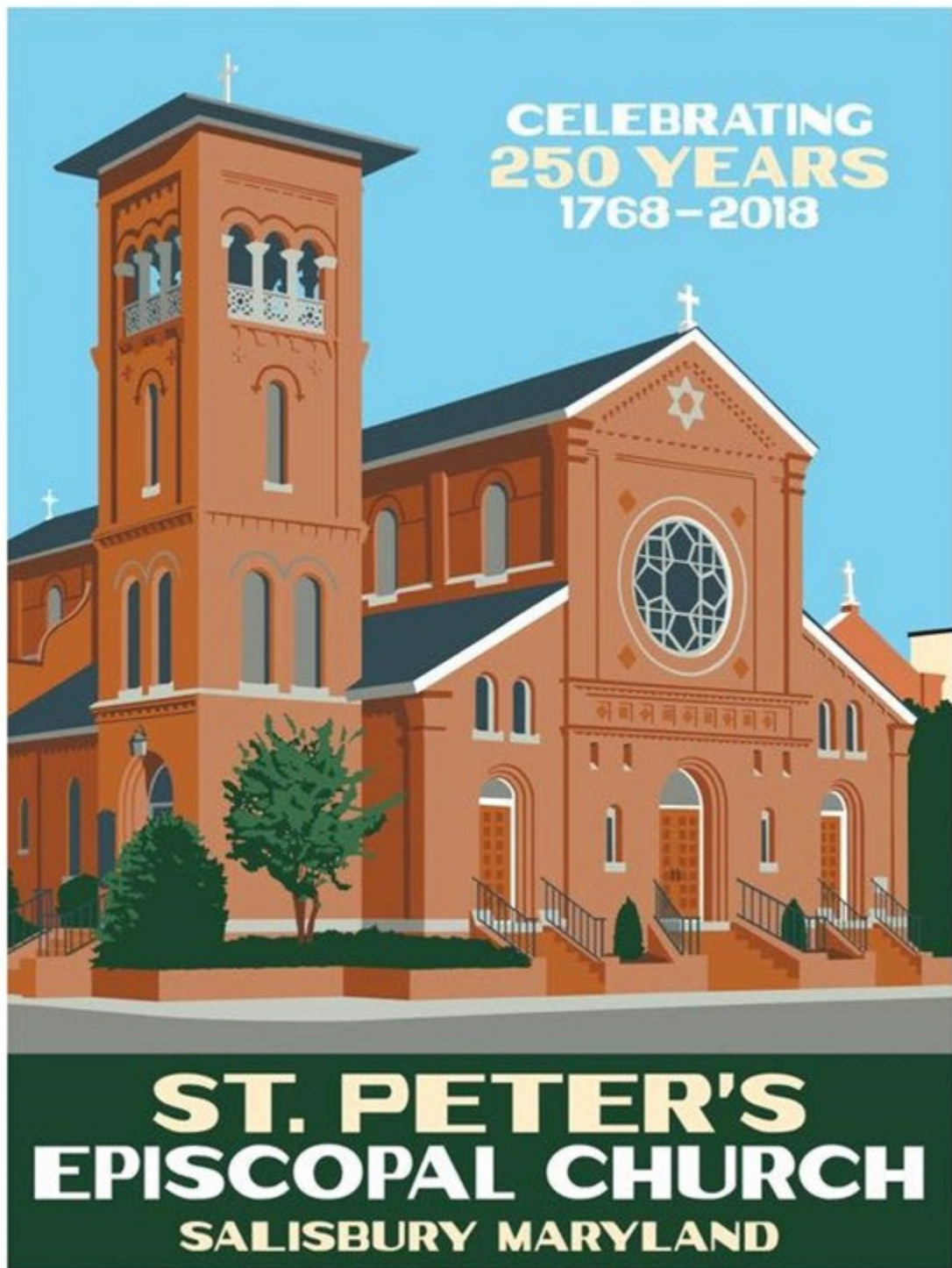
DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

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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