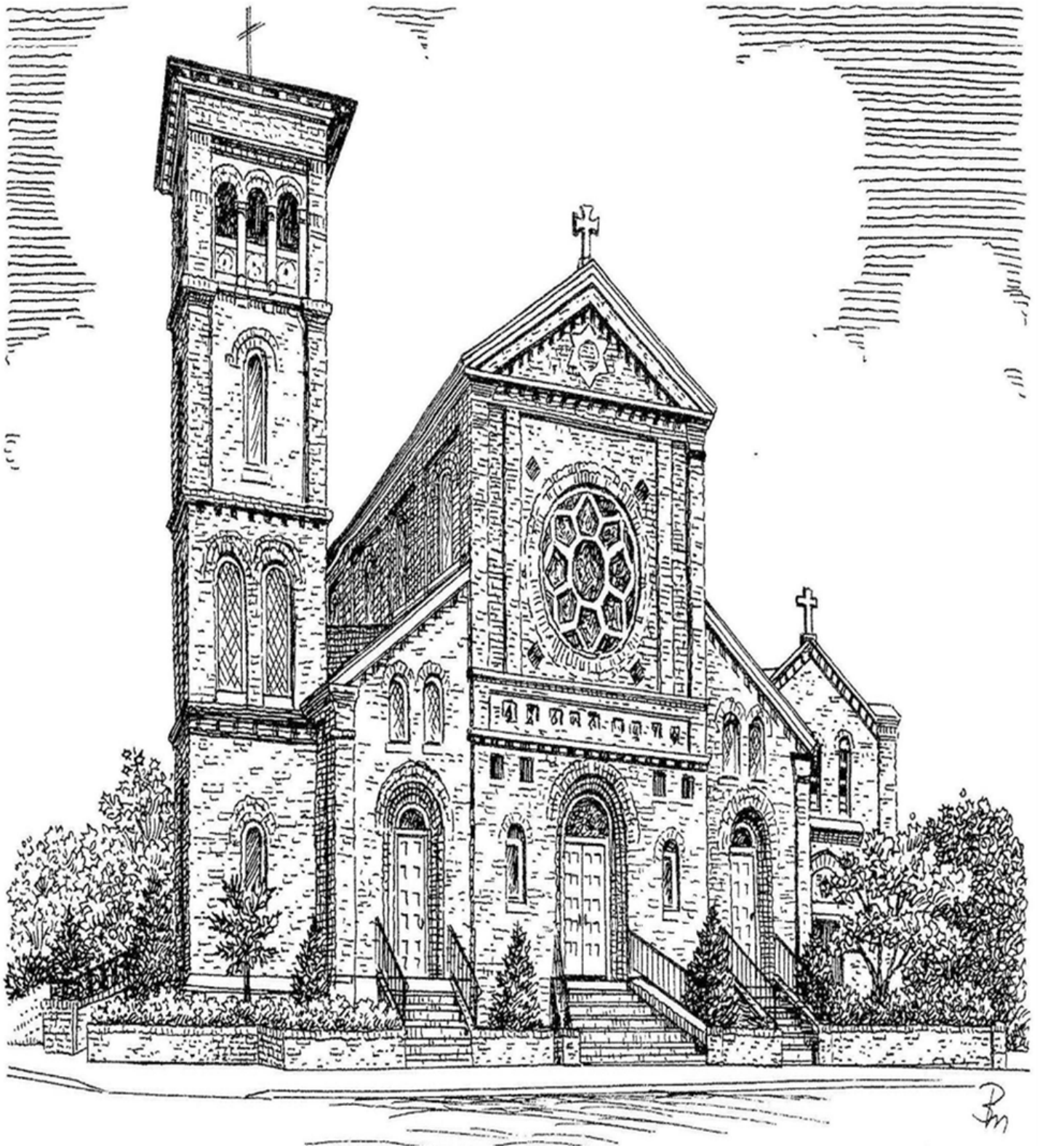




The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026 - 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

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 Very Rev. David Michaud	<i>Celebrant</i>	The Ven. Laura Harbaugh	<i>Deacon</i>
Lauma Akmene	<i>Music Director & Organist</i>	James Andrew	<i>Cantor</i>
Annie Nichols	<i>Acolyte/Crucifer</i>	Richard Culver	<i>Lector</i>
Ernie & Bravard Cornbrooks	<i>Ushers</i>		<i>Camera Operator</i>
Bravard Cornbrooks	<i>Sunday Vestry Person</i>		
Kathy Fahey, Linda Smith & Cheryl Steczak	<i>Altar Guild</i>		

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

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 Samuel Jenkins given by Amanda & Carolyn Jenkins**

**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**

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PASTORAL CARE: Please, make Fr. David Michaud aware of those who are ill or in need of a visit. For Pastoral emergencies call 410.422.7053. To add or remove names from the Parish Prayer list send an email to cathyp@stpeterschurch.net.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All creatures of our God and King*
(*Lasst uns erfreuen*) (H 400)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

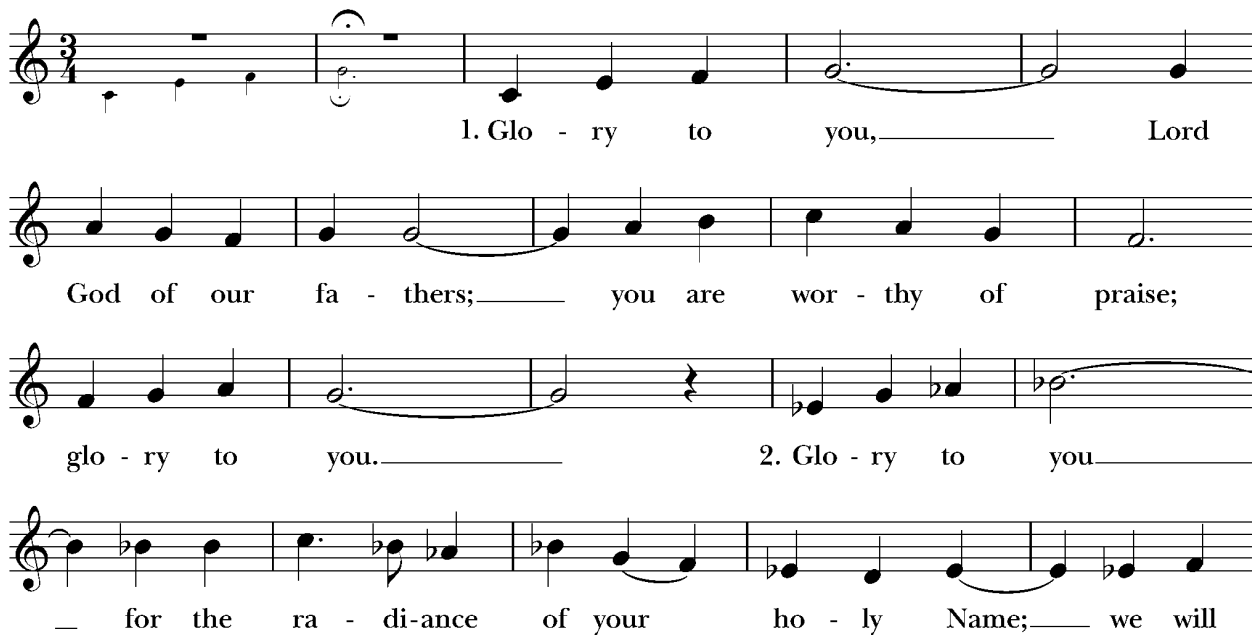
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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. *Amen.*

GLORIA S 236 *A Song of Praise (Canticle 13)* (Rutter)



1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord

God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____

— for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will

praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, be -

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of

depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to

heaven, 6. Glo - ry to you, you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you Glo-ry to you! high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through 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 evermore faithfully serve all your people, both near and far; this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, "As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 119:33-40

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

³⁵Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

³⁶Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

³⁷Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

³⁹Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

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

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your

neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

SEQUENCE HYMN 'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
(Simple Gifts) (H 554) (2x)

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever

you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

THE SERMON

THE 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.

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHRISTIC MINSTER

The congregation being seated, the Officiant stands in full view of the people. The candidates stand facing the Officiant.

The Officiant says these or similar words

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they are called.

The Officiant asks the sponsor or sponsors

Are these persons you are to present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their

duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of his Church?

Sponsor I believe they are.

The Officiant then says these or similar words

You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Candidate I will.

Officiant Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Candidate I will.

Those Who Administer the Sacrament

Sponsor I present to you these persons who have been chosen and licensed to administer the sacrament in this congregation.

Antiphon

**The cup of blessing which we bless is a sharing in the Blood of Christ.
The bread which we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ.**

V. As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup:

R. You proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

Grant, Almighty God, that those who minister the Bread of Life and cup of blessing may live in love and holiness according to your commandment, and at the last come to the joy of your heavenly feast with all your saints in light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you [N.] to administer the sacrament in this Parish.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – FORM IV (BCP P. 388)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

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.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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ORGAN MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY HYMN *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee (Hymn to Joy) (H 376)*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him 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 S 130 *Holy, holy, holy (Schubert/Proulx)*

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in a key of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly half and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and'. The second system covers 'might,' followed by 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,'. There are long horizontal lines under 'might,' and 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly' indicating sustained notes or breath marks.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

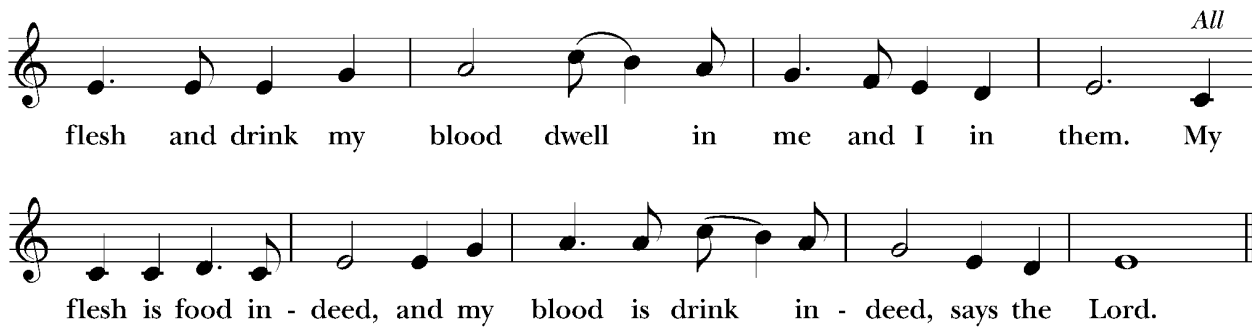
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept

FRACTION ANTHEM S 169 *My flesh is food indeed (Urwin)*

The musical notation is written on two staves. The first staff is labeled 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the melody for the first line of the anthem. The second staff is divided into two parts: the first part is labeled '1 All' and the second part is labeled '2 Cantor or Choir'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my



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.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

COMMUNION HYMN *"Forgive our sins as we forgive" (Detroit) (H 674)*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Singing songs of expectation (Tony Botel)*
(H 527)

BLESSING

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

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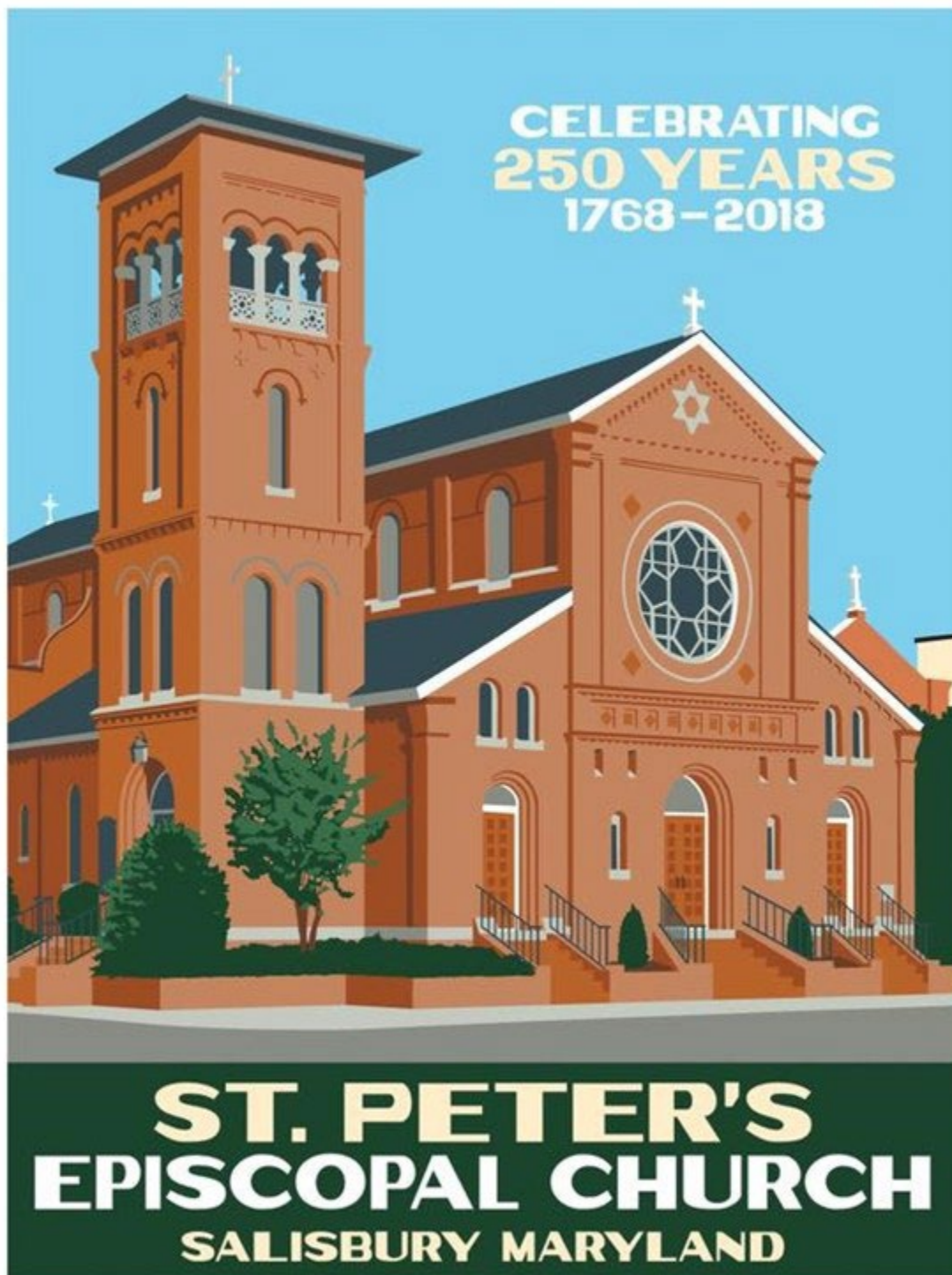
Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

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

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