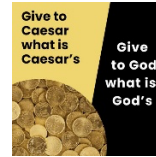
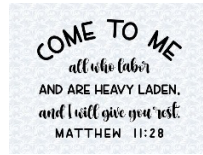


Holy Eucharist
21st SUNDAY after PENTECOST -October 18, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
8110 St. Andrew's Church Road
Louisville, Kentucky 40258



BCP refers to the red Book of Common prayer, found in the red cloth holder in front of you.

Hymnal refers to the Hymnal 1982 (blue book), also found in the cloth holder. Insert refers to handout with scripture readings.

*Bold items are said/ sung by all. Please stand or kneel as you are able where marked with a **

***Opening Hymn: Hymnal #637 "How Firm A Foundation"**

***The Opening Words: BCP p. 355**

Officiant: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Amen

Officiant: 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 in Excelsis Deo Hymnal #S280**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Officiant: Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant: Please be seated for the readings.

Exodus 33:12-23

Reader: A reading from the book of Exodus;

Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 99

Officiant: Let us read together Psalm 99 found in your insert.

**1 The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.**

**2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.**

**3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.**

**4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**

**5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.**

**6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.**

**7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.**

**8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

**9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Reader: A reading from the 1st letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

**We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,
constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and**

labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you,

because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader: **The Word of the Lord**

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***The Gospel Hymn: Hymnal #488 “Be Thou My Vision”**

Matthew 22:15-22

Officiant: **A reading of the gospel according to St. Matthew**

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

(read in Karen first, then English) (Sgaw Karen Language)

၁၅ ပုၤဖၤရံၤရဲၤတဖၣ်ဟးထီၣ်, ဒီးလဲၤကူၣ်ထီၣ်ဖးလီၤသကိးဝဲလၢ

အကဘၣ်ဖီၣ်ယုၣ်ရှုးလၢအတၢ်ကတိၤဒၣ်ဝဲလၢကျဲၣ်လဲၣ်အဂ့ၢ်လီၤ. ၁၆ တၢ်န့ၣ်ဝံၤအလီၤခံ,

အဝဲသ့ၣ်ဆုၤလီၤအပျီၤအဘီၣ်တနီၤ, ဃုာ်ဒီးပုၤအိၣ်လၢဟ့ၤရီၣ်အကရၢပူၤတနီၤ, ဆူယုၣ်ရှုးအအိၣ်လီၤ.

အဝဲသ့ၣ်စံးဘၣ်အီၤ, “သရၣ်ဧၤ, ပသ့ၣ်ညါလၢနမ့ၢ်ပုၤလၢအတဲတၢ်တီတိတဂၤဒီးသိၣ်

လီၤသီလီၤတၢ်မ့ၢ်တၢ်တီဘၣ်ဃးကစၢ်ယွၤအတၢ်ဘၣ်အသး လၢပုၤကညီအဂီၢ်,

ဒီးနတပျံဒီးကွဲမဲာ်ပုၤနီတဂၤဘၣ်. အဂ့ၢ်ဒ်အံၤ ပုၤကညီအလီၤအလၢန့ၣ်, နတဟ်ဒိၣ်လီၤဆီအီၤဘၣ်.
17လၢတၢ်န့ၣ်အဃိ, ပဟ့ၣ်ရိမ့ၤအစီၤပၤဖးဒိၣ်လၢတၢ်ခိတ်သ့ၣ် န့ၣ်, မ့ၢ်တၢ်လၢအထီဒါပတ်သိၣ်တၢ်သီၤ.
တထီဒါလဲၣ်န့ၣ်, စံးဘၣ်တဲဘၣ်ပုၤလၢနတၢ်ဟ်နသးတက့ၢ်.”

18ဘၣ်ဆၣ်, ယုၣ်ရှုးသ့ၣ်ညါစိအဝဲသ့ၣ်အတၢ်ကူၣ်အကူၣ်သီဒီးစံးဘၣ် အဝဲသ့ၣ်,

“ပုၤဟ်မၤအသးသ့ၣ်ၤ, ဘၣ်မနုၤလၢသုဘၣ်သံကွၢ်သံ

ဒီးယၢဒ်သီးသုကဖီၣ်န့ၣ်ယၢလၢယတ်ကတိၤဒ်ယဲန့ၣ်လဲၣ်.

19ဒုးန့ၣ်ယၢလၢစုတဘျီလၢတၢ်ကဟ့ၣ်တၢ်အခါအသွဲအဂီၢ်တက့ၢ်.”

ဒီးအဝဲသ့ၣ်ဟ့ၣ်အီၤလၢစုတဘျီလီၤ. 20ဒီးအဝဲဒ်သံကွၢ်အဝဲသ့ၣ်,

“တၢ်အံၤမ့ၢ်မတၤအခိၣ်အဂီၢ်ဒီးအမံၤလဲၣ်.”

21အဝဲသ့ၣ်စံးဆၢဝဲ, “မ့ၢ်ရိမ့ၤအစီၤပၤဖးဒိၣ်အခိၣ်အဂီၢ်ဒီးအမံၤလီၤ.”

တုၤနုၤတစု, ယုၣ်ရှုးစံးဘၣ်အဝဲသ့ၣ်, “မ့ၢ်ဒ်န့ၣ်ဒီး, တၢ်လၢအဘၣ်ဃးဒီးရိမ့ၤအစီၤပၤဖးဒိၣ်န့ၣ်,

ဟ့ၣ်ရိမ့ၤအစီၤပၤဖးဒိၣ်, ဒီးတၢ်လၢအဘၣ်ဃးဒီးကစၢ်ယွၤန့ၣ်, ဟ့ၣ်ကစၢ်ယွၤတက့ၢ်.”

22တုၤအဝဲသ့ၣ်န့ၣ်ဟူတၢ်အံၤဒီး, ကမၤကမၢ်ပဲဒိၣ်မး, ဒီးဟးထီၣ်ကွၢ်လၢယုၣ်ရှုးအအိၣ်,

ဒီးကုၤကုၤဝဲလီၤ.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Officiant:

The Gospel of the Lord

People:

Praise to you Lord Christ

The Sermon

This sermon is from the Episcopal Church Website and is written by the Rev. Kirk Alan Kubicek, the Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church in Forest Hill, Maryland.

Paul's letter to the church in Thessaloniki is believed to be the first of his surviving letters to be included in the Bible. This makes it the earliest existing example of Christian writing about Jesus and the emerging community of his followers. Evidence in the letter suggests that the Thessalonians have questions for Paul: There are believers who have become non-productive members of the community just waiting for Jesus to return—what should we do? What about those who have returned to worshipping idols? Before addressing these issues, Paul butters the Thessalonians up. He compliments them for their “work of faith, labor of love, and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ”.

Note his emphasis here on “work” and “labor.” Paul knows what we all know: Faith, hope, and love do not come easy. Ongoing hard work is an important component of the life of any faith that is grounded in love for others—all others. We have to work at this. Paul knows there is no time for idlers on the harvest plain, no time for worshipping idols. The idols that lure us today are distractions of all kinds: money, greed, envy, consumerism, hatred of those not like ourselves, and inflexible ideologies. In this letter, Paul reminds the Thessalonians of the reputation they have as hard-working evangelists who have “turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God.” They have persisted in doing the work of God's kingdom despite hardships along the way.

We see a different tactic at play in this morning's gospel lesson. There, we pick up the ongoing narrative of Jesus in Jerusalem, and witness his ongoing confrontations with various authorities. This time he is confronted by the

Pharisees, concerned with keeping Torah faith despite the ongoing Roman occupation and the Herodians who support the ruling family of Palestine, and are seen by others as collaborators with the Roman Empire. Together, they set about to test Jesus in public. It seems a foolproof trap they have laid for him. What could go wrong? Plenty as it turns out! All Jesus has to say is, “Show me the coin used for the tax.”

Now for the important context: This coin, for the Jewish people, is itself a forbidden idol. Such coins were not permitted to be used for offerings at the Temple—thus the reason for the money-changers and currency exchanges in the Temple courtyard.

That the Pharisees and Herodians would produce such a coin on the Temple Mount exposes them as hypocrites. Jesus calls them out as “actors” or “role players,”. Jesus could stop there, but no. After getting *them* to say whose image appears on the coin, he replies, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” The real question is not about taxes. It’s about who you serve.

“Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” The parallel construction of the phrase might seem to suggest that the realms of Caesar and God are of equal significance. But the effect of the phrase is actually the reverse. The realm of Caesar is vastly inferior to the significance of God’s realm. Jesus is saying in effect, ‘We bear God’s image. We belong to God as surely as your coin belongs to Caesar. Who do you actually serve?’ Essentially Jesus seems to say, remember that life does not consist in wealth, possessions, and power, but rather in living according to the will of God.’

Jesus, like Paul after him, has one chief concern: Give to God what is God’s. Their teaching echoes down to us with a strong imperative. This is no time for idle chat. No time for idlers. No time for returning to the worship of idols. There’s no time to worry about Caesar. Nor Herod. No time for posers and schemers. It’s time to continue the work of faith, the labor of love, and the steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Work we must, as if the preservation of the world depends on what we are all doing in this small space we call our life. Because it does matter. The world does depend on what we are doing. Our life is God’s life. And God’s Life is ours. *Amen.*

***Priest:* Let us say the Nicene Creed together, found on page 358 of the BCP**

***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

The reader leads the Prayers of the People

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father, Lord hear our prayer.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Let us pray to the Father, **Lord hear our prayer.**

Strengthen the worldwide Anglican Communion and our Archbishop Sarah; the Episcopal Church and our Presiding Bishop Sean, the Diocese of Kentucky and our Bishop Terry, this parish and our priest Fine and all deacons and lay ministers. Strengthen all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Let us pray to the Father, **Lord hear our prayer.**

Bless and guide Donald our president, Andy our governor, Craig our mayor, and all who work for justice and peace: give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honor one another, and seek the common good. We also pray for all countries at war that the Spirit may lead them to the blessings of peace. Let us pray to the Father. **Lord, Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects all other lives. So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good. Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. Let us pray to the Father. **Lord, Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those who suffer from fear, anxiety, mental illness, addiction, and all who lack food, work or shelter. We pray also for those members of our community in any need or trouble, especially **Shirley, Debbie, Linda, Janet, Eilene, Ah Peh, Donna, John, Kler Htoo, Debbie, Moe Loe, George, Ted, Valentine, Pah Noe, Gay Ku, Fiona, Michael, Terry, Beverly, Moe Moe, Peh Naw, Paw Khu, Tracy, Liz, Heidi, Nancy, Addison, Peggy, Rebecca, Nate, Kathy, Do Do, Yecsy, Josy, Laura, Jennifer and Harry**; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation. Let us pray to the Father. **Lord, Hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, especially our friends, family, and neighbors who have died in years past: **Charles W. Sanders, Steven D. Fowler, Eugene Terman McClure, Leslie Ann Nicholas, Harry Milne, Ed Davis, Betty Calhoun, Teddy Lovitz, Glenn Edward Wizer, Harold Kenton Jeanes, Janet Roberts, Cathy Smothers Ziler, Donald J. Holcomb, Nancy Glenn, Margaret Miller, Ed Rowland, Rev. Dr. Stanley Joe Smith, Bob Stultz, and Alberta Pontius.** We also remember, **Aye Tin**, in whose loving memory the sanctuary candle burns today. According to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. Let us pray to the Father. **Lord, Hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of blessed Peter, Paul, John, Bernadette and all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love. Bless those in isolated and persecuted churches around the world and in refugee camps that people may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter and that the fire of the Holy Spirit may be sent upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection. Let us pray to the Father. **Lord, Hear our prayer.**

Priest adds a concluding Collect

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

The Priest says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor with the confession found on page 360 of the prayerbook.

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**

All Stand. The Priest says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Celebrations & Announcements

***The Offering**

The Priest Says:

Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

***The Offertory Hymn: Hymnal #556 “Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart”**

***The Doxology: Hymnal #380, verse 4**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:*

***Holy Eucharist, Prayer A: BCP p. 361**

The Holy Communion

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 God thanks and praise..**

Then facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues:

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:

Celebrant and People

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 forever. *Amen*

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,

Celebrant: **Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;**

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant: **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.**

Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward for bread and wine; all people are invited to come forward for a blessing.

All are invited to go to the back of the church for a healing blessing after receiving communion.

***The Post-Communion Prayer: BCP p. 365**

Celebrant: **Let us pray the Post-Communion Prayer found on page 365 in the prayerbook**

Celebrant and people:

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

***The Blessing**

The Priest blesses the congregation

***Closing Hymn: Hymnal #688 “A Mighty Fortress”**

***The Dismissal**

Priest: **Go in Peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

