

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
June 6, 2021 – 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*Due to the pandemic, the music in this service **must be sung by a cantor only.**
You are invited to join by silently lifting up the words to God.*

Prelude: Psalm-Prelude Set 2, No. 2

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

*Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.*

– Psalm 139:11

THE WORD OF GOD

Introit *Si iniquitates*

Plainsong, Mode 3

If you, O Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is mercy, O God of Israel. Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. I look for the Lord: my soul waits for him: in his word is my hope.

– Psalm 130

Opening Sentences

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Priest: 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 (*Hymnal S 280; sung by the cantor only*)

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.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

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Lector: A Reading from the First Book of the prophet Samuel (8:4-II, 16-20)

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138

Lector: Let us recite, in unison, Psalm 138.

- 1 **I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.**
- 2 **I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name,
because of your love and faithfulness;**
- 3 **For you have glorified your Name
and your word above all things.**
- 4 **When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.**
- 5 **All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- 6 **They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.**
- 7 **Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar.**
- 8 **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**
- 9 **The Lord will make good his purpose for me;
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn 151: “From deepest woe I cry to thee” (*sung by the cantor only*) *stand*

From deepest woe I cry to thee; Lord, hear me, I implore thee! Bend down thy gracious ear to me; I lay my sins before thee. If thou rememberest every sin, if nought but just reward we win, could we abide thy presence?	Thou grantest pardon through thy love; thy grace alone availeth. Our works could ne'er our guilt remove; yea, e'en the best life faileth. For none may boast themselves of aught, but must confess thy grace hath wrought whate'er in them is worthy.
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And thus my hope is in the Lord,
and not in my own merit;
I rest upon his faithful word
to them of contrite spirit.
That he is merciful and just,
here is my comfort and my trust;
his help I wait with patience.

*Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546);
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.; based on Psalm 130
Music: Aus tiefer Not, melody att. Martin Luther (1483-1546);
harm. Johann Herman Schein (1586-1630), alt.*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 3:20-35
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Reverend Kelly Carlson

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The Nicene Creed

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Lector: Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: **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.**

Prayers of the People

Priest: Through baptism, we have been made alive in Christ Jesus. Let us speak the words of this new life by praying for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: For the Church throughout the world, remembering especially the Anglican Communion and Episcopal Church; Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Deon, our Bishop; that we all might be faithful, willing to serve, constant in grace, and receptive to newness, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For this congregation, Kelly and Shug, our clergy; and our parish staff, that we might be eager to welcome, diligent in prayer, and generous in deed, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For our Confirmands, that they grow in faith and love in Christ's name as their day of confirmation draws near, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For our Vestry and Search Committee, that God's abundant grace gives them hearts and minds to discern and trust God's will for this parish family as they seek to call St. Peter's next Rector, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For our nation, town, and neighborhoods, that we all might be advocates of the lowly, defenders of liberties, and models of justice, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the well-being of all who work and all who seek employment, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all who travel, who seek rest, who visit family and friends, and who enjoy the gifts of creation, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For our families and friends, for our enemies, for those with whom we disagree, and for those who are examples of grace in our lives, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For those who grieve, those in places of care, those in prison, and those who suffer from sickness of body, mind or spirit, especially Paul Hmiel, Trey Kirtian, Jen Schafer, Karmen Selby, Kate Skinner, and Rolla Wetzel, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For those who have died, especially Cynthia Medart, that they may come into the fullness of life, united with God in the communion of the faithful, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: Accept our thanks and praise, O God, for all your gifts so generously given; hear our petitions and intercessions, and guide our thoughts and actions, so that your will may be done and your name glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Yours, O God, is the dominion, the power, and the glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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All: **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 Absolution

Priest: 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

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*We invite you to extend the peace of God to others –
in person, via social media, or simply in your heart.*

Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

*During this time when we cannot safely pass the offertory plates,
please make your offering as you come forward to receive Holy Communion.*

Offertory Anthem

Lili Boulanger (1893–1918)

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem.
Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem
sempiternam. Amen.

*Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them rest.
Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them
eternal rest. Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

Sanctus et Benedictus *(sung by the cantor only)*

Cantor: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: 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:

All: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Priest: 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

While we celebrate the Eucharist with both bread and wine, currently we receive in bread only, which is full participation. Please tell the clergy if you require gluten-free bread.

When an usher invites your pew, please come forward, drop your offering in the offertory plate if you choose, and move to receive communion from Kelly or Shug, observing the floor markers to maintain social distancing.

To receive without physical contact, place one hand on top of the other, palms open. Please consume the host when you have returned to your seat.

Crossing your arms over your chest will let the clergy know you would like to receive a blessing but not the sacrament.

If you are worshipping virtually and unable to physically partake of the sacrament, we invite you to make your spiritual communion by praying the following prayer, adapted from the prayer of St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

**Beloved Jesus,
We believe that you are truly present in the sacrament of the altar.
We long for you in our souls,
to know that we are in you and that you are in us.
Though physically isolated from your altar
and the sacrament of your Body and Blood,
We receive you into our hearts and the depths of our being.
United with you, help us know that our lives are hid
with you, O Christ, in the heart of God. Amen.**

Hymn 320: “Zion, praise thy Savior, singing”

Zion, praise thy Savior, singing
hymns with exultation ringing,
praise thy King and Shepherd true.
Honor Christ, thy voice upraising,
who surpasseth all thy praising;
never canst thou reach his due.

Let the Bread, life-giving, living,
be our theme of glad thanksgiving,
now in truth before thee set;
as of old the Lord provided
when the twelve, divinely guided,
at the holy table met.

What he did, at supper seated,
Christ ordained to be repeated,
his memorial ne'er to cease;
his command for guidance taking,
bread and wine we hallow, making
thus our sacrifice of peace.

Full and clear sing out thy praising,
gracious hymns of joy upraising
in thy heart and soul today;
for today the new oblation
of the new King's revelation
bids us feast in glad array.

Very Bread, good Shepherd, tend us,
Jesus, of thy love befriend us,
Lord, refresh us and defend us,
thine eternal goodness send us
in the land of life to see:

thou, who all things canst and knowest,
who on earth such food bestowest,
grant us, with thy saints, though lowest,
where the heavenly feast thou showest,
fellow-heirs and guests to be.

Words: *att. St. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274);
tr. Hymnal 1940; rev. Hymnal 1982*

Music: *Lauda Sion Salvatorem, plainsong, Mode 7, 12th cent.;
acc. David Hurd (b. 1950)*

Offering of Monetary Gifts

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Priest: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;

People: **Praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Priest: Let us pray.

All: **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

Priest: The peace of God, that passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Procession

Please remain in your pew until an usher invites you to exit through the narthex.

*We hope you can stay for a cup of coffee and to catch up with friends
and fellow worshippers on the front lawn following the service.*

The sung setting of the Eucharist is by Robert Powell (b. 1932).

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by grateful parishioners.

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Presider: The Rev. Kelly Carlson
Cantor: Lindsay Parker-Klimpel
Organ: David Sinden

8:00 A.M.

Lectors: Linda Mortoz
Bud Wilson
Ushers: Randy and Cheryl Meyer
Altar Guild: Connie Lohr
Webcast: Jacquelyn VanWeelden

10:30 A.M.

Crucifer: Mateo Sanchez
Lectors: Bruce Ryder, Wendy Olk
Ushers: Doug Adderton, Bob Butler
Mike Newport, Logan O'Connor
Altar Guild: Wendy Olk

MUSIC NOTES French composer Lili Boulanger (1893–1918) fell ill as a young child, and thereafter lived with a severely weakened immune system. Though her health largely prevented her from pursuing a conventional music education, her musical family supported her study of music through private composition and instrumental performance instruction. Her father, Ernest Boulanger, established himself as a capable composer when he won the coveted Prix de Rome in 1835. Lili's older sister Nadia Boulanger, who later enjoyed a great career as a composer and pedagogue, was unsuccessful in her bid to match her father's achievement in 1909. Afterward, Lili was also determined to compete for the prize, and in 1913 became the first woman to be awarded the Prix de Rome in musical composition. In her few remaining years of life, Lili also enjoyed a publishing contract with Ricordi and finished a number of pieces, including some large-scale psalm settings. Her last composition, *Pie Jesu*, was dictated to her sister Nadia in the final weeks of her life.

English composer Herbert Howells (1892–1983) also dealt with severe ill-health around the time of Lili Boulanger's death, and, for a time, he was not expected to live. While his health prohibited him from continuing as an organist, Howells immersed himself in English music of the past and turned his attention toward composition. Howells's music is a unique synthesis of different styles: early English modality, textures of Ralph Vaughan Williams, and even the impressionistic harmonies of Maurice Ravel. All of Howells's technical ability and intimate knowledge of the organ is put to stunning effect in his revered Psalm-Preludes, tone poems on single verses from the psalms. His second set of Psalm-Preludes was composed in 1938-39 and reflect his mature style.

PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: Paul Hmiel, Jen Schafer, and Rolla Wetzel.

For Family and Friends: Trey Kirtian, Karmen Selby, and Kate Skinner.

For the Faithful Departed: Cynthia Medart

For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces: Zach Greata and Matt Robinson.

For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Tom Bitting, Virginie Brightman, Donna Brookman, Elizabeth Clarke, Dick Colantuono, Kathryn Dewein, Rylin Forde, Patty Hecker, Bill McMahan, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Steven Minton, Missy Moppins, Linda Morotz, Signe Myles, Jeffrey Rixleben, Jane St. John, Greyson Schnoebelen, Carl Schuldt, Colleen Starkloff, Julie Stephenson, Scott Weaver, Richelle Weisbrod, Dick Williams, Joey Wilson, Susie Yoder, and Helen Yount.

TODAY...

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US! – Whether you are worshipping from the nave or from home, we are glad you are with us to offer thanks and praise to God! To attend worship in person, please pre-register online, using the link at specstl.org or in *News from the Rock*. If you are unable to go online, leave us a message at (314) 993-2306 ext 116. Visit our website to learn about worshipping in person during the pandemic.

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL – We will gather on Zoom at 9:30 a.m. for our **final Children’s Chapel until the end of the summer**. You can find the link in Friday’s *News from the Rock*. We hope to be able to return services to Grace Chapel in the fall, but in whatever forum best fits our needs, look for Children’s Chapel to return in late August. We look forward to joyous worship this morning; please join us!

1st SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE – Thank you for bringing groceries today to support the vital work of the Trinity Food Pantry at Trinity Episcopal Church, Central West End. Look for the Pantry’s most-needed items for July in the June 25th edition of *News from the Rock*.

ALTAR FLOWERS – Would you like to donate altar flowers for Sunday worship? To give flowers in memory or honor of loved ones on a Sunday of your choice, with an acknowledgement printed in that morning’s bulletins, go to specstl.org/worship/sunday-flowers/ or call the Church Office at 314-993-2306. Your flower donation will be confirmed after payment is received by the Church Office. Thank you!

THIS WEEK...

WOMAN'S GUILD – Set aside some time for a bit of laughter and to catch up with one another! Join us each Tuesday via Zoom at 2:00 p.m. The link is provided in your weekly Guild email and Friday's *News from the Rock*.

MEN'S BREAKFAST IN THE GARDEN – The Men's Breakfast committee is hosting its first in-person breakfast since February of 2020 **this Tuesday, June 8, at 8:00 a.m.** It will be a great morning to catch up with old friends and meet new ones in the Laird Garden. If you forgot to RSVP, come enjoy a cup of coffee and great conversation. We hope to see you there!

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – Our study of the Book of Deuteronomy continues this Friday at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom. Email Kelly for the link at kcarlson@specstl.org, or find it in Friday's *News from the Rock*. Join us!

PRAYER GROUP – The prayer group is now meeting on Fridays at 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sally Lemkemeier at (314) 614-4321.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – St. Peter's is happy to celebrate with the Rev. Susie Skinner on the 40th anniversary of her ordination to the priesthood. **This Friday, June 11**, we will have a joyous service of Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m., with a reception immediately following in the Laird Garden. Come celebrate with Susie - in worship, in the garden, or both. We are so grateful for Susie's service to St. Peter's, currently as Chaplain to the Search Committee, and wish her many more happy, healthy, and blessed years of ministry ahead! Please register for the 5:30 worship service using the link at specstl.org or in *News from the Rock*.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - Join us for a movie night under the stars **next Sunday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m.** There will be plenty of ice cream, refreshments, and fun before **the movie begins at 8:30 p.m.** Bring your beach blankets, lawn chairs, wagons, etc. and get comfortable as we watch *The Secret Life of Pets* on a big screen on the church lawn. Please **RSVP by June 9** by visiting our website specstl.org. If you have questions or would like to help that evening, please contact Janet Rouse at janetr@specstl.org. All are welcome!

YOUTH SERVICE WEEK – While the Mission Trip wasn't an option this year due to the pandemic, we are excited to offer a service opportunity right here in St. Louis for rising 9th - 12th graders. We will be working with [Gateway Greening](#) and [Forest Park Forever](#) **June 14th to June 18th** from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Expect to get your hands dirty as we help to freshen up different gardens in the area. You do not have to commit to the entire week if you can only attend certain days. If you are interested, please reach out to Annie at aknapp@specstl.org.

WE NEED A FEW MORE SOFTBALL PLAYERS! - Put on your ball cap and join your fellow parishioners for some time on the diamond. The sporting clergy of Trinity CWE and Holy Communion have organized an Episcopal Church Softball Tournament on **Friday, June 18** (evening), **and Saturday, June 19** (morning/afternoon) in Tower Grove Park. Teams will play at least one game on Friday evening and another on Saturday morning. Join St. Peter's team! Or come to cheer (heckle?) from the sidelines. Contact Janet Rouse at janetr@specstl.org for more information. Let's play ball!

THE BISHOP IS COMING! – That's right, the Right Reverend Deon Johnson will be making his first Sunday morning visitation to St. Peter's on June 20. For most of us, this will be our first opportunity to worship with the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Missouri. Please come extend a warm welcome to Bishop Deon at either the 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. worship service (the latter will include a joyful celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation!). When you register for worship, please also let us know if you would like to attend the 9:15 Bishop's Forum, complete with a box breakfast, in the Laird Garden. Bishop Deon is looking forward to answering your questions and getting to know the people of St. Peter's. Coffee hour will follow the 10:30 a.m. service.

GET INVOLVED, STAY CONNECTED...

RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE – Please keep the members of our Vestry and Search Committee in your prayers as they work toward calling a new rector for St. Peter’s Church!

ST. PETER’S YOUNG ADULTS GROUP – The Young Adults of St. Peter’s are more excited than ever to get back into the swing of things! As we look forward to being together again, we welcome anyone who self-identifies as a young adult - from those just starting off in the “real world” to young parents chasing their little ones around. If you or someone you know might enjoy being a part of our small community, please don’t hesitate to make yourself known! Contact Annie Knapp at aknapp@specstl.org or Jacquelyn VanWeelden at jacquelynv@specstl.org to get involved or find out more. We look forward to having you join our group!

MUSIC NEWSLETTER – We are delighted to invite you to subscribe to the new redesigned Music Newsletter at St. Peter’s. This periodic email newsletter will come to you in advance of Choral Evensong, Lessons and Carols, concerts, recitals, and other music events of note. We will also send exclusive recordings and videos to our subscribers. The first issue, coming this summer, will contain the latest information about the resumption of monthly Choral Evensong services and the first announcement of a new offering celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Mander organ at St. Peter’s. Please note that this is a new email list, and if you were signed up for the previous Music Newsletter you will need to sign up again. To sign up, please email David Sinden at dsinden@specstl.org or Jacquelyn VanWeelden at jacquelynv@specstl.org.

ST. PETER’S CHORISTERS – The Director of Music is convening young singers on Tuesdays and Friday afternoons via Zoom. For more information, please email dsinden@specstl.org

ST. PETER’S NEEDS YOU! – We have many opportunities for parishioners to serve on Sunday mornings during worship, sponsor altar flowers on Sundays, assist with parish events, or serve on the Stewardship Committee. Contact Janet Rouse, Director of Stewardship and Parish Life at janetr@specstl.org to learn more and become more involved in the life of our church!

LOG IN TO REALM! Having an active Realm login will help with reserving your spot for upcoming worship services. You can also search the parish directory, check on giving history, and peruse groups to join. If you are having trouble, or have not set up your Realm login yet, contact Jacquelyn at jacquelynv@specstl.org.

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED - Check the parish website www.specstl.org, and while you're there, sign up to receive the weekly *News from the Rock* for the latest about worship services, in-person events, the search process, and more!

ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES – There are numerous books and films on anti-racism to spark good conversation with children of all ages, as well as adults. A list of resources, as well as steps for action are posted to our website. Go to specstl.org/antiracism.