

# Prince of Peace Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Bethlehem

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The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 22  
Sunday, October 5, 2008  
8:00 am\* & 10:00 am

Welcome to Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, we are glad you have chosen to worship with us. Here are a few items to assist you with the service. You will find most of our service printed in this *Service Leaflet*, the people's responses are in bold print. The *Red Book of Common Prayer* and *Blue Hymnal* are in the pew rack; our supplemental Hymnal, *Lift Every Voice & Sing* (LEVAS or LEV) is on the pew. The Post Communion Hymn "*Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace*" is also located in the pew rack, we sing verses 1, 2, refrain & 3 following the distribution of Communion. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Prince of Peace. Please speak to an usher if have any further questions or need assistance.

\* There is no service music at the 8:00 service.

# Service of Morning Prayer

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude: *The Lost Chord*.....Arthur Sullivan

## The Word of God

Opening Hymn: *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Hymnal 427

### The Opening Sentences

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Confession of Sin & Absolution (*Please kneel as you are able*)

*The Officiant says to the people* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

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 Leader alone stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

### The Invitatory and Psalter (**All stand**)

*Leader* Lord, open our lips.

*People* *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Venite *Psalms 95:1-7 (Please Stand)*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Psalm 19 *Caeli enarrant*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over  
me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

The Lessons *(Please be Seated)*

First Reading: *Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20*

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Canticle 17 The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis* *Luke 2:29-32* *(Please remain seated)*

Lord, you now have set your servant free \*  
to go in peace as you have promised;  
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \*  
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:  
A Light to enlighten the nations, \*  
and the glory of your people Israel.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading: *Matthew 21:33-46 (Please remain seated)*

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?'

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed *(All Standing)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers *(Please kneel as you are able)*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

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 Suffrages (B) *(Please kneel as you are able)*  
V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your Name for ever.  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

*The Collect of the Day*

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Grace*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer for the Election of a New Minister*

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace *(Please Stand)*

*The Leader 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.*

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace verses 1,2,refrain,3 (Please be seated)*

The Prayers of the People *(Please kneel as you are able)*

All who are weary and heavy burdened, come let us offer prayers to our God and Father.

For this holy gathering and for the people of God in every place. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all nations, peoples, tribes, and families. *Lord, have mercy.*

For mercy, peace, and justice in the world, and for our armed forces everywhere. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, the poor and the oppressed, prisoners and their families. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the dying and the dead. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all those captive to sin. *Lord, have mercy.*

For ourselves, our families, our companions, and all those we love. For all of those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially Therese, Heather, James, Jack, Henry, Sarah, Shane, Sandy, Jackie, George, Patti, Debbie, Hennie, Becky, Brian and with special intention for SPF Sean Cappellini-Boyle serving in Iraq. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those you'd like to name at this time either silently or aloud.

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord.*

Lord of heaven and earth, hear the prayers we offer today, teach us the secrets of your heart, and give us rest from our trials; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving *(Please kneel as you are able)*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom *(Remain Kneeling)*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

*Leader:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

*Leader:* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn: *Now thank we all our God* Hymnal 397

Postlude: *Now Thank We All Our God*.....Sigfried Karg-Elart

# Ministers

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| Leader               | Christine Sutton                             |
| Organist             | Bernard Gardzalla                            |
| Reader               | Barbara Wentz                                |
| Acolytes             | TBA  |
| Ushers / Oblationers | Terry Martin, George Yatsko                  |
| Altar Guild          | Sandy Sheehan, Megan Palmer, Grace Goeringer |
| Vestry Counter       | George Yatsko                                |