

Gloria

Hymnal S-280

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.

Collect of the Day

(This is a prayer appointed for each day that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season in the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the readings for the day.)

Celebrant **The Lord be with you.**

People ***And also with you***

Celebrant **Let us pray.**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading *(please be seated)*

Genesis 28:10-19a

(This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred.)

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

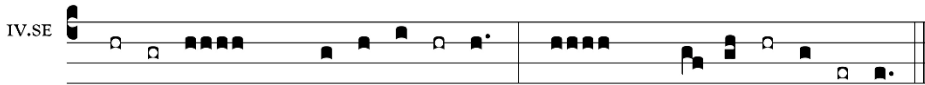
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The Psalm

(The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another.
You are welcome to either join in chanting this psalm or prayerfully listen.)

Psalm 139:1-11,22-23

Domine, probasti



- 1 LORD, YÖU have searched me *out* and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my *thoughts* from a-far.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my *rest-ing-plac-es* *
and are acquaint-*ed* with all my[^]ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word *on* my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it *al-to-geth-er*.
- 4 You press upon me behind *and* be-fore *
and lay your *hand* up-on me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonder-*ful* for me; *
it is so high that I can-*not* at-tain to[^]it.
- 6 Where can I go then *from* your Spir-it? *
where can I *flee* from[^]your pres-ence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, *you* are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, *you are* there al-so.
- 8 If I take the wings *of* the morn-ing *
and dwell in the uttermost *parts* of the sea,
- 9 Even there your *hand* will lead me *
and your *right* hand hold me[^]fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the dark-*ness* will cov-er[^] me, *
and the light a-*round* me turn to[^]night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright *as* the day; *
darkness and light to *you* are both a[^]like.
- 22 Search me out, O *God*, and know my[^]heart; *
try me and *know* my rest-less[^]thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wick-*ed-ness* in me *
and lead me in the way that is *ev-er-last-ing*.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

(This reading is taken from the New Testament, typically from a letter to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.)

Siblings, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*After each reading, the Lector says "The Word of the Lord" and the People respond: **Thanks be to God.***

The Holy Gospel

(The People stand as able for the "Gospel Alleluia" as we prepare our heart, mind, soul, and strength to hear the Gospel [literally "Good News"] of God, as revealed in the life, teaching, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.)

Alleluia. Alleluia. O clap your hands together, all ye peoples:

O sing unto God with the voice of melody. Alleluia.

All remain standing for the procession and proclamation of the Holy Gospel.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of

teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.
Let anyone with ears listen!"

At the end of the Gospel reading, the Celebrant and people say the following responsory:

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Rev. Jennifer N. Grimelli

(The homily or sermon follows the Gospel because it is directly grounded in Holy Scripture. It illuminates the readings and helps us relate them to our daily life.)

Nicene Creed

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(The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" [I believe]. Creeds reflect basic Christian beliefs over time & around the world.)

The people stand, facing the altar and saying

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

Form III

(We gather together our prayers and thanksgivings for the Church, our nation, the world, the concerns of our own faith community, our immediate parish community of Old Ellicott City, and all who have died.)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Celebrant 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 Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The ministers and people share the peace of Christ as a sign of reconciliation and with the hope of continuing this work in the world.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Presentation Hymn

God, my King, thy might confessing
(STUTT GART)

Hymnal 414

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

Hymnal S-120

(In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. This is essentially one long prayer with four parts. Each part corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread & wine as a sacrament of his Body and Blood. We begin this prayer with the "Sursum corda," Latin for "Lift up your hearts.")

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for the Celebrant, followed by the People. The second staff is for the Celebrant, followed by the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant, followed by the People. The fourth staff is for the People.

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and'. The second staff continues with 'might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff continues with 'san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fourth staff concludes with 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' and ends with a double bar line. Triplet markings (a '3' over a bracket) are present above the notes for 'heaven and earth' and 'san - na' in the third staff, and above the first three notes of the fourth staff.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

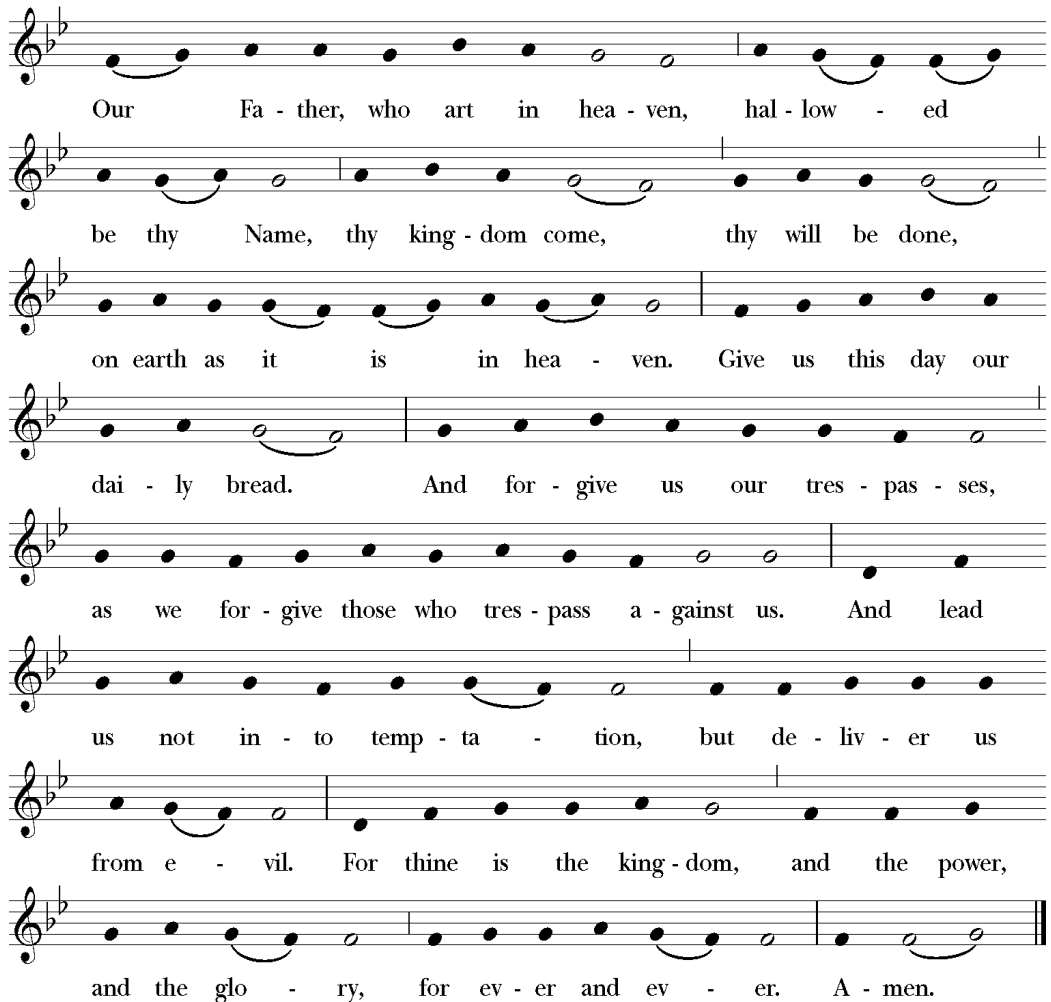
Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal S-119

(Right before the breaking of the bread, we pray what Jesus taught his disciples to pray; linking this prayer for "daily bread" with the receiving of the bread in communion and as a meal of God's kingdom on earth, as in heaven.)



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-163

The Celebrant breaks the bread in silence.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

In the Episcopal Church, the normative practice is that Holy Communion is offered to all baptized persons. At St. Peter's, we welcome everyone to the Lord's Table, just as Jesus did. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are invited to come forward. Bread and wine are offered; you may receive either or both. **Gluten-free bread is available upon request** – please inform a minister before the service or as you come forward. If you prefer not to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer you a blessing. If you have mobility concerns and are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you in your seat. **All are welcome at the Lord's Table.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation.

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.

Communion

*In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion:
bow down thine ear to me; make haste to deliver me.*

Communion Hymn

O love, how deep, how broad, how high
(DEUS TUORUM MILITUM)

Hymnal 448

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

The Celebrant says

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

If thou but trust to God to guide thee
(WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT)

Hymnal 635

Dismissal

Celebrant

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the pow - er of the Spi - rit.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Gigue

Jean d'Anglebert

Parish Prayer List

The Church: Sean, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Carrie, our Bishop; Jennifer, our Interim Rector; Denise, our Deacon; Vestry and Officers: Bill Rodney (Senior Warden), John Francis (Junior Warden), Katie Shaw (Registrar), Doug Pryor (Treasurer), Sara Radcliffe, Kimberly Jones, Joshua Bombino, Mary Milano, Jonnie Widener, Nicole Busch.

Recent Needs: Jimmy and Hannah Parsells, Donald Weston.

(Names remain on the Recent Needs Prayer List for 30 days unless notified otherwise.)

Ongoing Needs: Rose Powell, Rita Buckingham, Walt Geffert, Charles Pryor and family, Chelsea Langston and family, Lori Cox, Raymond Elmore, Andrew Baker, John Jordan, Bob Williams, Earl Markowicz, Sue & Steve Hartlaub, Morris Powell, Diane Fadely, Traci Martz.

(Names remain on the Ongoing Needs Prayer List for 90 days unless notified otherwise.)

Homebound Members: Irene & Walter Closson, Sylvia Ellison, Brenda Sabino, + Rodney Michel.

Rest of the Soul: Albert A. Kassakatis.

(Names remain on the Rest of the Soul Prayer List for 30 days unless notified otherwise.)

Would you like to add someone to the prayer list or have an announcement featured here? Please submit names/announcements to the church office by email: parish.admin@stpetersec.org BY TUESDAY NIGHT.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Mother Jennifer has time to meet, talk, plan, and pray with you. Book an appointment by scanning the QR code, or call 443-203-8561



Parish Announcements

Outreach ministry: Normally meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month after coffee hour. All are invited to help serve our neighbors. The next outreach meeting is **August 16th**.

Outreach Action dates:

7/19 Little Pantry Monitor- Katie Shaw
7/22 Little Pantry Monitor- Sharon Sachs
7/24 Little Pantry Monitor- Kate Oursler
7/26 Little Pantry Monitor- Katie Shaw
7/29 Little Pantry Monitor- Sharon Sachs
7/31 Little Pantry Monitor- Sharon Sachs

Generations Sunday: Serving, worshipping, and leading together. **The 4th Sunday** of every month.

Garden & Grounds: Thanks to all those who have helped maintain our rain garden. Many hands make light work! See John Francis or Patti Shaffer if you're able to help us keep stormwater runoff from the bay!

Parents & Teachers: Children's Information gathering Sunday **July 26th @ 11:45 AM**

Noonday Prayer & Study: Every **Tuesday** Join Jennifer + at **noon** in St. Luke's chapel or on zoom. If you want the zoom link, email the Parish Admin, Catrina, parish.admin@stpetersec.org

Upcoming Services

Sunday, July 26, 2026 (Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

9:45 AM Eucharist

Generations Sunday

Coffee Hour to Follow in St. Joseph's Hall

Sunday, August 2, 2026 (Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

9:45 AM Eucharist

Incense-free service

Coffee Hour to Follow in St. Joseph's Hall



July Events



July 5th - Prayers for our Nation



July 12th - Parish Forum



July 26th - Healing Prayer



**July 26th - Children's Ministry
and Parent/Teacher Gathering**



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We would love to connect with you! Whether it is your first time here or you simply need to update your information, scan the QR code or fill out the connection card in the pew. We look forward to getting to know you!

LOOSE-PLATE OFFERINGS given in the plate that are not designated will go to support the following **1st Sunday—Discretionary Fund, 2nd Sunday—Outreach Fund, 3rd-5th Sundays—General Operating**

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SERVING THIS WEEK			
Altar Guild	Stan Brown	Acolyte	Bill Rodney
Bell Ringer	Katherine Schnorrenberg	Flower Guild	Katherine Schnorrenberg
Lector/Intercessor	Mary Milano	Livestream/ AV	Kennette Mitchell
Celebrant/ Preacher	The Rev. Jennifer N. Grimelli	Flag Guild	Doug Pryor
Usher	Patti Shaffer	Tellers	Diana Pon, Sharon Sachs



St. Peter's is the historic parish church for Old Ellicott City, seeking the Real Presence of Christ through sacramental worship, genuine spiritual community, and justice-oriented service.