

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

10:15 AM

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THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, P. 355

THE WORD OF GOD

Voluntary: Prelude on “Brother James’s Air” Searle Wright

Hymn at the Procession *The Hymnal 1982, #408*
Sing praise to God who reigns above *Mit Renden Zart*

The Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity *The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355*

The Song of Praise *The Hymnal 1982, #421*
All glory be to God on high *Allein Gott*

The Collect of the Day

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory 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.*

The Lessons

The First Lesson: 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, ‘There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have

built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. "Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name -- for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm-- when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84:1-6 (*Said by all*)

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!*
My soul has a desire and longing
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,*
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house!*
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you!*
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley
will find it a place of springs,*
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height,*
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

The Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn at the Sequence

The Hymnal 1982, #440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Liebster Jesu

The Gospel: John 6:56-69

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can ac-

cept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Right Reverend Johncy Itty
The Nicene Creed *p. 358*
The Prayers of the People: Form VI *p. 392*
The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn at the Offering *The Hymnal 1982, #517*
 How lovely is thy dwelling place *Brother James' Air*

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A *p. 361*
 Sanctus (*Holy, holy, holy*) *The Hymnal 1982, S 130*
Deutsche Messe Franz Schubert/Richard Proulx

The Lord's Prayer S 119 *Plainsong*

At the Fraction *The Hymnal 1982, S164*
 Lamb of God Schubert/Proulx

Hymn at the Communion *The Hymnal 1982, #304*
 I come with joy to meet my Lord *Land of Rest*

The Postcommunion Prayer *p. 365*

The Prayer of St. Richard

Lord Jesus Christ, Most Merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
help us this day and everyday to see Thee more clearly,
to follow Thee more nearly, to love Thee more dearly,
for Thy Name's sake. Amen.

The Postcommunion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Gott sei Dank

The Blessing and Dismissal

Voluntary: Giga

Carson Cooman

***We extend a warm welcome** A warm welcome everyone, and especially any visitors who may be worshiping with us today. If you don't already have a church home, please feel welcome to join the St. Peter's Church family.*

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are invited to the table to receive Holy Communion.

— PARISH NOTICES —

THE FOOD PANTRY is especially in need of Pork and Beans. We are now accepting monetary donations for the Food Pantry on the website. Click on the "Donate" button and you will see another button for "Food Pantry."

A SERVICE IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF PARISHIONER GIL DERLE will be celebrated on Saturday, August 29 at 10:30 am. All are invited to attend. *"May his soul and the souls of all faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen."*

HOME COMING SUNDAY WILL BE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20. A Festive Choral Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:15 am concluding with a blessing of the Preschool and Sunday School and the Memorial Brick Walkway followed by a Potluck Brunch.

ST. PETER'S PRESCHOOL IS READY TO KICK OFF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR! Four-year olds begin on September 8th, Three-year olds begin on September 9th, and Two-year olds on September 10th. For more information or details on registration, please contact the Preschool office at 631-665-0051 x. 10.

JOIN US ON “TWITTER!” For up-to-the-minute announcements, reminders of upcoming events, daily devotions, and interesting information, you can now follow us on “Twitter”: @stpetersbaysho1

ACTIVITIES AT ST. PETER’S are beginning to pick up in anticipation of Fall programming! Here are a few items that you might want to put on your calendars in advance:

Thursday, 9/3—Island Symphony Rehearsals begin (9:30 am)

Monday, 9/7—Labor Day, Office Closed

Thursday, 9/10—Parish Choir Rehearsals begin (7:30 pm)

Tuesday, 9/15—Vestry Meeting (7:30 pm)

Sunday, 9/20—”Homecoming Sunday”

Sunday, 10/4—First Concert of the Season:

George England, Classical Guitar (4 pm)

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY 8/23/15

We pray for those seeking healing: Alice, Ann, Ann, Bradley, Brett, Bruce, Bryan, Chris, Daniel, David, Debbie, Ellen, Ellie, Jack, Joy, Kim, LaJune, Leo, Linda, Lisa, Louie, Manuel, Natalie, Nicole, Patrick, Paul, Ryan, Samantha, Sandra, Sarah Grace, Stewart, Tom, and the Reverend Robert J. McCloskey, Jr.;

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Eileen, John, Kyle, and Robert;

We pray for those with special needs: the unemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who have AIDS and those who care for them;

We pray for our companion dioceses of Torit & Ecuador-Central.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. John’s, Park Slope, Brooklyn; St. Luke and St. Matthew, Brooklyn; Immigration Ministries; St. Mark’s, Brooklyn; St. Paul’s, Carroll Street, Brooklyn; St. Mary’s, Brooklyn; The Staff of the Diocese;

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Dioceses of San Diego (USA); San Joaquin (USA); Santiago (Philippines); Sao Paulo (Brazil); Sapele (Brendel, Nigeria); Saskatchewan, and Saskatchewan-Indigenous Ministry (Canada); Saskatoon (Canada).



August 23, 2015—Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (B) Hurricane Katrina Tenth Anniversary

Ten years ago, on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina slammed into the US Gulf Coast as a Category 3 storm. Over 1,800 people lost their lives, and one million were displaced from their homes, some for years following the storm and others permanently.

In the aftermath, Episcopal churches organized food and volunteers, providing pastoral care as well as links to relief and recovery services. Regionally, churches hosted and cared for evacuees, aiding them in finding temporary housing and employment. Long-term program partnerships in Louisiana and Mississippi helped people rebuild their lives and revitalize their neighborhoods through case management, gutting and rebuilding homes and making mortgages accessible and manageable. Hurricane Katrina also marked the beginning of what is now Episcopal Relief & Development's US Disaster Program, which equips and inspires Episcopal congregations to increase their resilience and care for their vulnerable neighbors. Commemorating the tenth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, Episcopal Relief & Development presents its #Katrina10 story series, offering in-depth perspectives from area residents as well as the organization's partners and staff. These stories unfold through the month of August on Episcopal Relief & Development's 75th Anniversary story section: <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/75stories>. Hurricane Katrina transformed The Episcopal Church's understanding of its potential role after emergencies, and it also transformed how congregations view mission, outreach and membership. A new initiative, Called to Transformation, helps congregations identify and utilize their gifts to enhance local ministry and mission. Churches are celebrating these ministries on the Episcopal Asset Map, a searchable online tool that shows the locations and strengths of thousands of Episcopal institutions.

“There is a growing awareness in The Episcopal Church of how an asset-based approach can unlock potential and inspire action, not only in a disaster response context but in responding to everyday challenges and creating thriving communities,” said Katie Mears, Director of Episcopal Relief & Development’s US Disaster Program. “Hurricane Katrina put a spotlight on problems that we continue to struggle with, but it also showed us how to create solutions. I think we honor those whose lives were impacted by Katrina when we build strong, diverse communities that care for those most vulnerable.”



Photo: Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi

Please continue to pray for and support communities affected by disaster, especially on this tenth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. Visit *Called to Transformation* to discover tools for building resilience in your congregation, and share your successes on the Episcopal Asset Map.

#Katrina10 Stories: <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/75stories>
Called to Transformation: <http://www.calledtotransformation.org>
Episcopal Asset Map: <http://www.episcopalassetmap.org>



The Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

Brooklyn Queens Nassau Suffolk

A Farewell Letter from Bishop Chilton Knudsen

My first exposure to Long Island was a project in 6th grade geography class. On a strip of newsprint paper, I sketched this island, from the East River to the eastern forks, and filled it with little gold stars where various towns were located. I practiced the names for the oral presentation of my project: Ronkonkoma. Wyandanch, Patchogue, Islip, Copiague, Massapequa (the teacher gave me a C- for the oral presentation; her alma mater was Hofstra, and her standards were high).

I finally learned how to say "Ronkonkoma" when, at Bishop Provenzano's generous invitation, I arrived in September 2014 to serve as Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Long Island. I've learned ever so much more since that first trip over the Throg's Neck Bridge:

1. This diocese is the most diverse of any region in the Episcopal Church. Los Angeles and Miami and Washington DC don't even come close.
2. I understand now why people want to live in Brooklyn; it's full of life and variety and history.
3. I totally get why people leave their homelands to live in Queens, where every street scene is a small version of the United Nations.
4. Having lived in Maine for 18 years, I thought no other coastal areas could flood me with joy, but beaches and waterfront areas here do that. God is everywhere, inland and coastal.
5. I learned that my heart can stretch to fully embrace struggling ethnic congregations tucked between storefronts AND congregations in the lap of privilege on prosperous shorefronts.
6. I count it as a daily gift of God's grace that all of this diversity co-exists in one diocese, and that our church folk are committed

to living the Gospel, whatever differences there may be.

7. I've learned - yet again - the deep blessing of working with devoted and talented diocesan staff colleagues. Day by day, diocesan staff attends to behind-the-scenes work which may never be known in the larger diocesan community. Particular gratitude is directed to boards and staff of Episcopal Charities and Episcopal Community Services, which have joined to become Episcopal Ministries of Long Island, now poised for a grace-filled future.
8. I have been reminded, during our time together, how much I enjoy the ministry of bishop. I have met with you, worshipped with you, joined with you in confirming and receiving people, and socialized with you. You have been wonderfully hospitable when I have come to your parishes for Visitations. Thank you for treating me so well.

It would be wonderful to stay here in the Diocese of Long Island for another season. But God's claim upon my vocational life takes me to the Diocese of Maryland, where I begin as Assistant Bishop in mid-October. I hope you will pray for me and for the Diocese of Maryland.

You will always be in my thoughts and prayers. Thank you, Diocese of Long Island, It has been a huge blessing to join you in ministry.

With love in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+Chilton F. Kundaen" followed by a long horizontal flourish.

+Chilton

N.B. This and many other newsworthy items may be read on the website of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island: <http://www.dioceselongisland.org/>

— **St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church** —

A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

The Most Reverend Katherine Jefferts Schori, DD	<i>Presiding Bishop</i>
The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano, DD	<i>Diocesan Bishop</i>
The Right Reverend Johncy Itty, DD	<i>Bishop-in-Residence</i>
Mark Engelhardt	<i>Organist and Choirmaster</i>
Sara Merrigan	<i>Preschool Director</i>
Linda Ruggieri	<i>Bookkeeper and Administrator</i>

The Wardens and Vestry of the Parish

Salvatore Basile, Senior Warden
Brian Clark, Junior Warden
Kathleen Malloy, Clerk of the Vestry
Roger Burmeister
William Crawford
Debbie Crawford
Joseph Goncalves
George Justice
Chris LeBron
Clyde Payne
Carl M. Siciliano



Praising God, Serving Neighbor

*We seek to worship the Lord as one loving family
by serving our parish and community
through prayer, music, education, and outreach*