St. Peter's Episcopal Church



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Collect

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the
judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all
the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors - Terah and his sons
Abraham and Nahor - lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. 3 Then I took your father
Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring
many.
14 "Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods
that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. 15 Now if you are
unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors
served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as
for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."
16 Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, 17
for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house
of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went
and among all the peoples through whom we passed, 18 and the Lord drove out before us all the
peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."
19 But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous
God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. 20 If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign
gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good." 21 And the
people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" 22 Then Joshua said to the people, "You are
witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are
witnesses." 23 He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to
the Lord, the God of Israel." 24 The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him
we will obey." 25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and
ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;

6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so
that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and
rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we
declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the
Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of
command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from
heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught
up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord
forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 25:1-13

1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to
meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their
lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the
bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout,
'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and
trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are
going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better
go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom
came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11
Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I
tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Those Serving Today

Vestry Person of the Day

Bill Davis

Altar Guild

Karen Radabaugh, Mary Mabry, and Bev Baker

Hospitality

Chris and Kim Duckworth

Greeter

Mary Ann Herndon

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Doug Peck

Parish Prayers

Military: Ferrel Noel, Michael Plummer.

Parishioners: Cathy Stuckert, Stacy Eastland, Clair Johnson, Tyler Rankin, Chuck Esterak, Jan Pledger, Richard & Annette Stadelmann, James Bobo, Gil Brown, Joe Al Picone, Merle Picone, Judy Esterak, Bess Manning, Reka Pennington.

Friends of St. Peter's: Melissa Hightower, Marvin & Penny Spreen, Susie Houston, JB Royer, Jeannie Smith, Lynnlee Kocurek, Lincoln Tiemann, Kay Przyborski, Brian Krizan, Mike Harlan, Chet Dorman, Johnny Murphy, Jeff Held.

Altar Flowers

Flowers given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for the ministry of the St. Peter's Vestry.

Parish Announcements

Stewardship 2027 - Practice · Prepare · Plan
Pledge cards are available. Our goal is $400,000. We currently have 47 gifts totaling $257,155, with $142,845 left to go. For more information, contact the church office at 979-836-7248.

Welcome The Rev. Andrew Terry
Andrew serves as the Brazos Valley Area Missioner, helping congregations build relationships and partnerships in their local communities.

Adult Confirmation
Confirmation Sunday: November 29.

YMSL Bags of Blessings - Thanksgiving Food Drive
Drop off at the church: Saturday, November 14, 2026, 9:00 a.m.-noon.

Christmas with Brenham Chorale - Messiah Is Coming
Monday, November 30, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter's. Free-will offering; reception following the concert.

Junior Daughters of the King
Sunday, November 8, noon, Parish Hall Conference Room. Contact Nancy Leaton at (979) 251-0267.

Ladies Lunch
Tuesday, November 10, 11:30 a.m., Angela's Greenside Bar & Grill at the Brenham Country Club, 4107 Hwy 105, Brenham, TX 77833. RSVP by Sunday, November 8.

Book Club
Friday, November 20, 2:00 p.m. Contact Betty Fortner at (979) 203-4516 for details and the book selection.

Collect, Psalm and liturgy: The Book of Common Prayer (1979). Scripture: readings supplied in the parish November 8 service draft.