Sunday, August 17, 2025 **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost** 9:00 AM RITE II



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www.spchelena.org 406.442.5175 info@spchelena.org to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

THE LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it:

he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,

judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured:

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns:

SERVING TODAY

Officiating: The Very Rev. Stephen Brehe

Preaching: The Rev. Kendra Wilde

Cheryl McKenty Pianist: Lay Readers: Kira Phillips

Jackie Brehe

LEM: Lizzie Carlson-Thompson

Ushers: Marsha Baumeister

Cathy Morris

EV: Jennie Ekwortzel

Maggie Stockwell

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE OPENING HYMN 1982 Hymnal 688 "A mighty fortress is our God"

THE WORD OF GOD

THE SALUTATION **BCP 355** Please stand, as you are able.

THE GLORIA Gather Hymnal 199

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you And also with you Let us pray

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;

righteousness, but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

THE RESPONSE PSALM 80:1-2, 8-18 Let us read together

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

THE EPISTLE Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson. Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA Gather Hymnal 203
Please stand, as you are able

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The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL Luke 12:49-56

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Kendra Wilde.

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BCP 358

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation; For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble:

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Marty, our Bishop, for Kendra, our Interim Rector, and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For Jennie and Maggie, as they bring communion to those who are unable to join us in worship in person and for all of our Eucharistic Visitors as they serve you.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE BCP 360

Please stand, as you are able.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Young people and others come to the chancel steps to hear a message from The Rev. Kendra Wilde

THE PRAYER FOR A NEW DEAN

Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Peter's Cathedral. Be with us and lead us as we seek the next Dean for our church. Enlighten with your grace the Search Committee. We ask for discernment, wisdom, and guidance. We pray for whom you guide to our parish, that they hear your calling and join our congregation swiftly, with joy in their hearts. We pray for the life of our parish, that we may joyfully continue to be strengthened in our mission to "Love God and Our Neighbor and Make Disciples for Christ." Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES BCP 830

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace

which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The ushers bring the offering to the altar during the singing of the Offertory hymn.

Please stand, as you are able.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN 1982 Hymnal 707 "Take my life, and let it be"

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

THE SANCTUS Gather Hymnal 239

THE CONSECRATIONBCP 362

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD BCP 364

THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

#1 Gather Hymnal 594 "As the grains of wheat"

#2 1982 Hymnal 693 "Just as I am"

#3 Gather Hymnal 572 "Baptized in Water"

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN 1982 Hymnal 423 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

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