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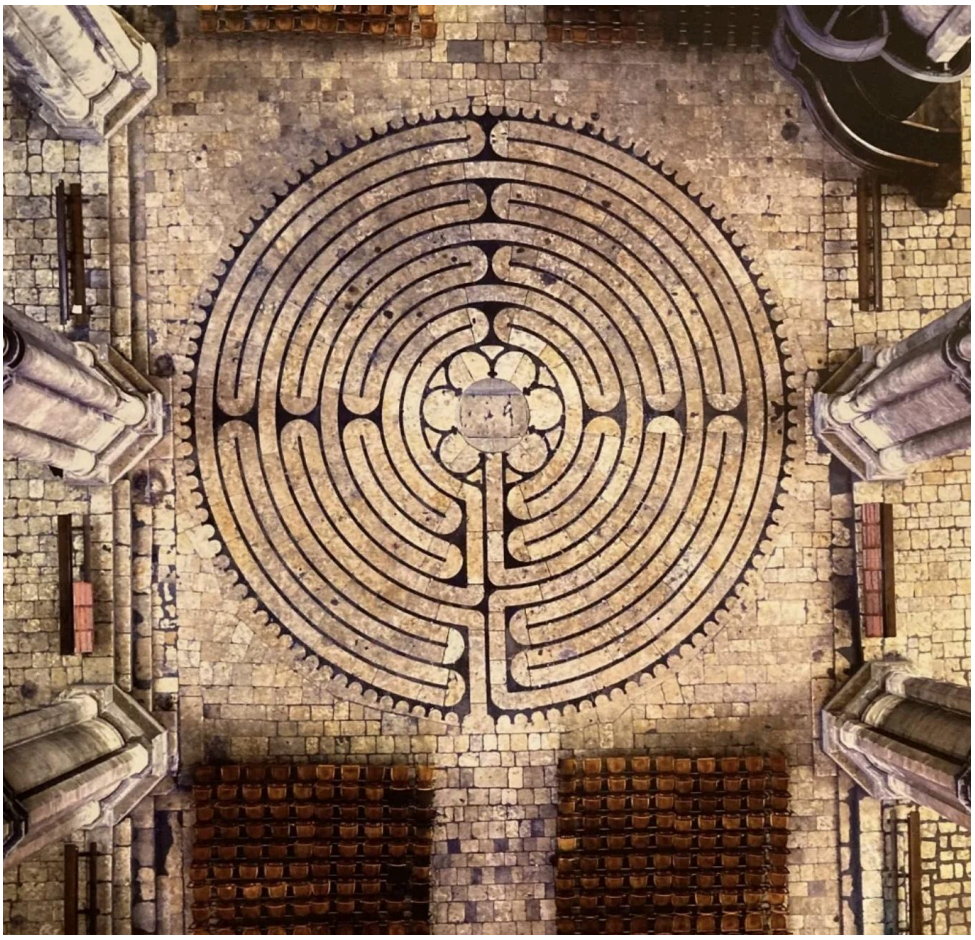

Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist
Summer of Pilgrimage

August 30, 2026

10:00 AM

Note for parents: We love the "joyful noise" of kids and welcome them into our worship! While our Children's Ministry program is on summer break through Labor Day, Nursery Care is still available for children aged 2-6 each Sunday from 9:50 am until announcement time of the worship service.

PRELUDE

Please rise in body or spirit.

OPENING SONG *Lord, I Need You*

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without You, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

(repeat all)

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour, I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You
(repeat)

WORDS/MUSIC: Matt Maher / Daniel Carson / Jesse Pryor Reeves / Kristian Paul Stanfill / Christy L. Nockels

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
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. Alleluia.

Officiant The mercy of the Lord is everlasting.
All **Come let us worship the Lord.**

INVITATORY | Psalm 67: 1–8

O God, be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.
Let your saving ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
For you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

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Please be seated.

PREPARING TO LISTEN

RESPONSIVE PSALM | Psalm 84

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.
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 Sovereign and my God.
Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.
Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
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.
They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will be revealed in Zion.
LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
hearken, O God of Jacob.
Behold our defender, O God;
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
For the LORD God is both sun and shield;
and will give grace and glory.
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.

SCRIPTURE READING | Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise.

GRADUAL SONG *Open Up*

You heard the cry of our hearts
And you came down
Freely you gave us your love
Showing us how

Make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred let me sow love
Where there is darkness let me shine light and

May Your love cause us to open up
Cause us to open up our hearts
May Your light cause us to shine so bright
That we bring hope into the dark

WORDS/MUSIC: The Brilliance

Celebrant +The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL | Luke 1: 26–38

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

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Cause us to open up our hearts
May Your light cause us to shine so bright
That we bring hope into the dark

Please be seated.

REFLECTION

On the Way: Stories of Pilgrimage and Transformation
The Rev. Lisha Epperson

Please rise.

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.
All **And listen to our prayer.**
Officiant Let us pray.

Help us, O God our Savior;
Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
Look upon your congregation;
Give to your people the blessing of peace.
Declare your glory among the nations;
And your wonders among all peoples.
Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
Never forget the lives of your poor.
Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
And your favor to those who are true of heart.
Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

What are you grateful for? Who or what is on your heart to pray for this morning?

God, you are our beginning and you will be our end;
we are made in your image and likeness.
We praise and thank you for this day.
This is the day on which you created light
and saw that it was good.

This is the day in whose early morning light
we discovered the tomb was empty,
and encountered Christ, the world's true light.
This is the day you have made;
we shall rejoice and be glad in it.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace;
where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Eternal God, grant to us this day and every day
such readiness and delight in following Christ,
that whether our lives are short or long
we shall have lived abundantly. **Amen.**

- New Zealand Prayer Book

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Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Please connect with us on our website by using the QR code:

You can give in the offering box near the doors, through our website or by using the QR code:

OFFERTORY *The Blessing*

The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace
(repeat)

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

(repeat all)

May His favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children, and their children
(repeat)

May His presence go before you
And behind you, and beside you
All around you, and within you
He is with you, he is with you

In the morning, in the evening
In your coming, and your going
In your weeping, and rejoicing
He is for you, he is for you
He is for you, he is for you
He is for you, he is for you
He is for you, he is for you

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

WORDS/MUSIC: Cody Carnes, Elevation Worship, and Kari Jobe

TO THE COURTYARD **Bring your bulletin with you!*

HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread…

… Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All **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.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
All **We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**
Celebrant This is the table of Jesus Christ.
It is made ready for those who love God
and who want to love God more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

If you would like to receive communion, hold your palms open when the celebrant comes to you. All wafers are gluten-free. If you prefer a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION SONG *Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my vision, oh Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me lord
Thou my great Maker and I thy true one
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Riches I need not, nor world's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance through all of my days
Thou and thou only though first in my heart
High king of heaven my treasure thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

WORDS: Irish Hymn; tr. Mary E. Byrne; vers. Eleanor H. Hull / MUSIC: SLANE, Irish Melody; harm. David Evan

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Loving God,**
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Pass the peace of Christ to each other and stick around after service for fellowship and refreshments!

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S CHELSEA!

We're so glad that you joined us today! Please sign up for our weekly email newsletter at www.stpeterschelsea.org, follow us on Instagram and Facebook @stpeterschelsea and find out more ways to get connected.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Backpack Blessing and Fall Kickoff BBQ, Sunday, September 13. Bring your backpack to the worship service on Sunday, September 13 for this annual ritual of praying for our students, teachers, and school staff, and commissioning them for the work and joys of learning. And then join us after service for our annual BBQ in St. Peter's Garden as we welcome everyone back from the summer. Please RSVP to rsvp@stpeterschelsea.org. Let us know if you would like to bring a side or dessert to share, or if you would like to help with clean-up after the BBQ.

Neighbors to the Land and Each Other: Wendell Berry's Vision of "Membership," Sunday, September 20, 11:30-12:30 in the Rectory, taught by Stefanie Peters. Burley Coulter, a beloved character in Berry's Port William novels and stories, memorably says: "The way we are, we are members of each other. All of us. Everything. The difference ain't in who is a member and who is not, but in who knows it and who don't." Burley takes to calling the denizens of Port William, those who act as neighbors to each other, the Membership. In Wendell Berry's work "membership" has a broad meaning, nothing less than humans living in harmony and health with all of Creation, with "its soil, its water, its air, and all the families and tribes of the nonhuman creatures that belong to it." What does "membership" therefore require of us? What can Berry's work teach us about being neighbors to our place and to our community?

WEEKLY GATHERINGS:

- **Zoom Prayer,** Weekdays at 8 am. Start the morning with prayer, connection, and peace with the Episcopal Diocese of NY. Visit the Connect page on our website for the link.
- **Food Pantry,** Fridays from 4-6 pm or Saturdays from 9:30-11:30 am. Join us to serve our neighbors in need. Sign up through the link on the food pantry page of our website.

Please visit our website for a full list of our events and weekly gatherings:
www.stpeterschelsea.org/connect

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