

# Prince of Peace Episcopal Church

September 21, 2025 10:00 AM

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost



**We welcome you to Prince of Peace Episcopal Church!**

*We are blessed that you have chosen this community  
as your place of worship this morning.*

*If you do not have a regular church family,  
we invite you to make Prince of Peace your spiritual home.*

***All are welcome in this place!***

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#### **Mission Statement**

*Prince of Peace Episcopal Church is called to know,  
love and serve Jesus as Savior and Lord, to share  
His healing and transformation with all people.*

**FOR VISITORS:** Consider yourself our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give an offering. We invite you to fill out a Visitor Card, found in the pew rack, and place it in the collection plate. Please join us for coffee on the patio after the service.

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY:** Welcome to children in Nursery, Preschool, and Kindergarten to Grade 5. Lil' Lambs Nursery is open every Sunday at 10am providing loving care for children up to age 3. A children's area is available in the Chapel and activity bags are available for children in the Narthex (church entrance). Sunday School for Children in Preschool meets in the Preschool Room. Kindergarten to Grade 5 meets in Taylor Hall (aka the Upper Hall).

**YOUTH MINISTRY** invites Middle School and High School students to join in fellowship with Christian friends and learn more about God while being in a safe environment.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** All persons who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit are welcome and encouraged to receive Communion. The ushers will direct you. The wafer will be placed in your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available as well. Wine is offered in the common cup. You may receive the wine either by intinction (bread will be dipped in the wine and placed in your mouth) or by drinking from the chalice. If you do not wish to receive communion, we encourage you to come forward for a blessing. Crossing your arms over your chest will indicate that you wish to receive a blessing only. Communion is celebrated weekly: Wednesdays at 8am and Sundays at 8am and 10am.

**PASTORAL CARE:** If you or someone you know has a pastoral need, please contact the church office at (818) 346-6968.

**PRAYER REQUEST** slips (yellow) and Thanksgiving and Praise slips (blue) are in the pew racks. You are invited to place completed cards in the collection plate.

**HEALING MINISTRY** welcomes those seeking healing of body, mind or spirit to come to the Chapel for prayer at the conclusion of the weekly 8am and 10am Sunday services.

*Please turn off all cell phones*

**Call to Worship**

**Holy Women, Holy Men Sing Alleluia**

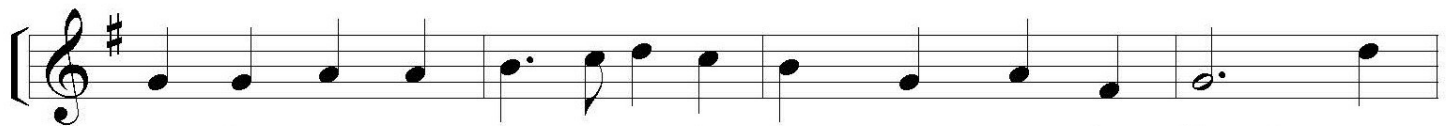
**Choir and Bells**

**Opening Hymn**

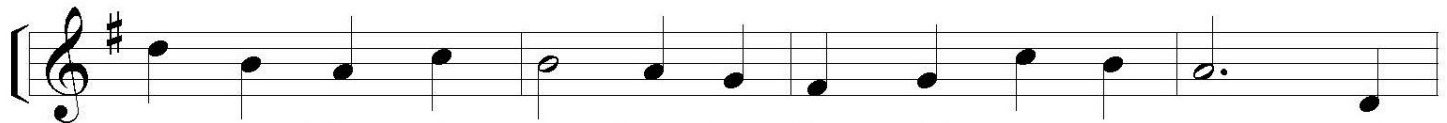
**By all your saints**



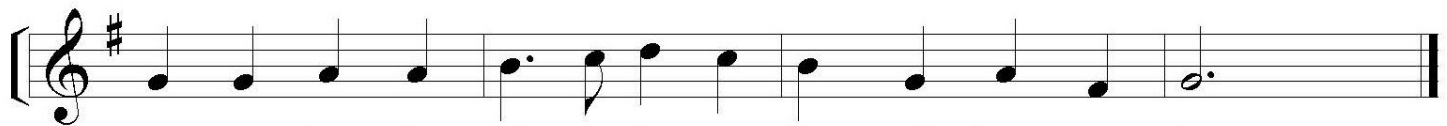
1 By all your saints still striv - ing, by all your saints at rest, your  
2 We praise you for Ter - e - sa who taught a bet - ter way: live  
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther, and wor - ship God the Son, and



Ho - ly Name, O Je - sus for ev - er - more be blessed. You  
sim - ply when the rich - es of the world would lead a - stray. We  
sing to God the Spi - rit, E - ter - nal Three in One, till



rose, our King vic - tor - ious, that they might wear the crown and  
fol - low her ex - am - ple and share her mys - tic love, and  
all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne, as -



ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect - ed from your throne.  
live in joy - ful ser - vice to our dear Lord a - bove.  
cribe all power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

**Priest:** Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People:** **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Priest:** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, by your Holy Spirit you moved Teresa of Avila to manifest to your Church the way of perfection: Grant us, we pray, to be nourished by her excellent teaching, and enkindle within us a keen and unquenchable longing for true holiness; through Jesus Christ, the joy of loving hearts, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The Lesson**

**1 Samuel 3:1-19**

**Pew Bible page 244**

**The Psalm**

**Psalm 42:1-7**

**BCP page 643**

**The Gospel Hymn**

**O Jesus Christ,  
may grateful hymns be rising**

**Hymnal #590**

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

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

**The Gospel**

**Mark 1:35-39**

**Pew Bible page 911**

**The Message**

**The Prince's Players  
(presenting Teresa of Avila)**

## **The Nicene Creed**

**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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

**Leader:** Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

**People:** That we all may be one.

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

**People:** That your Name may be glorified by all people.

**Leader:** We pray for all bishops, priests, deacons and the priesthood of all believers;

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

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

**People:** That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

**People:** That our works may find favor in your sight.

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

**People: That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest;

**People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

**People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*(The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.)*

Priest: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion on us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Confession** *(Kneel, as you are able)*

**People: 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.**

Priest: 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

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Offertory Anthem

Quietly, secretly

Choir

**Doxology** *(As the offerings are brought to the altar, please stand and sing.)*

Sing praise to God the Fa - ther, sing praise to God the

Son, sing praise to God the Spi - rit, e - ter-nal Three in One. With

Ho - ly Men and Wo - men who stand be - fore the throne, as -

cribe all power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

## The Holy Communion

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

**People:** **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.

**People:** **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 stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People:** **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.

**People:** **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:

### Holy, Holy, Holy

### Stephen's Mass



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power, God of might; hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*(Kneel as you are able)*

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,

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

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob, Leah and Rachel; 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.

**People:      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 say,

**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.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

Priest: 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.





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



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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: give us your peace.

*All persons who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit are welcome and encouraged to receive Communion. Those who are not baptized are welcome and encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*By crossing your arms on your shoulders, you indicate you would like a blessing!*

**Communion Music**

**Organ Voluntary**

**Post Communion Hymn**

**'Tis the gift to be simple**

**Hymnal #554**

**Post Communion Prayer**

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**Blessing**

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**

**Rejoice, ye pure in heart**

**Hymnal #556**

**Deacon:** Go in peace rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Postlude**

**Improvisation**

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*Healing Ministry – Those who are seeking healing of body, mind or spirit are invited to come to the Chapel for prayer*

## Worship and Discipleship

Prince of Peace is a unique Christian Community of Faith. If you are searching for a place to explore and express spirituality, we invite you to make Prince of Peace your spiritual home. If you would like to be on our mailing list, please fill out the Visitor/Guest card in the pew rack and place it in the collection plate when it comes by.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT TERESA OF AVILA

### BOOKS:

"The Life of Teresa of Avila" by Teresa of Avila

"The Way of Perfection" by Teresa of Avila

"Interior Castle" by Teresa of Avila

### MOVIES/VIDEOS

"Teresa of Avila" 2015 directed by Jorge Dorado

"Teresa of Avila" 2023 directed by Paula Ortiz

**VESPER TIME WORKSHOP:** Your clergy are hosting a workshop to address the growing need in our parish community for ministry to those who are sick, shut-in, or otherwise at risk of losing connection to their Prince of Peace home. We are calling this workshop: **Vesper Time: Accompanying One Another in the Autumn of Life**. Please plan to join us today, **Sunday, September 21**, after the 10:00 AM service in the **Family Center**!

**ORIGINS: THE BASICS OF PRAYER:** The Youth Group curriculum for the fall and early spring is *Origins: The Basics of Prayer*, a video and discussion series from *24-7 Prayer* that helps young people to learn about and experience prayer: how to pray, why we pray, benefits of prayer, and much more – all in a fun and interactive environment! The next class will be held next **Sunday, September 28**. Classes are on the **2nd and 4th Sundays of each month** at 10:00 AM, in the Youth Room.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES: THE 4th COMMANDMENT

This Sunday, our kids will explore the **4th Commandment: "Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy."** God gives us six days to work, but the Sabbath is set apart for worship and rest.

Through our Bible passages – **Genesis 2:1-3 (God Rested)** and **Luke 13:10-17 (Jesus Heals on the Sabbath)** – we'll discover what it really means to keep the Sabbath holy.

Our Doughnut Chef of the week, **Addy Reasoner**, will lead us in making croissants ("Bent Over Doughnuts") as a reminder of the woman Jesus healed on the Sabbath. While the religious leaders disapproved, Jesus showed mercy, teaching us that God's love is never bound by rules.

**Memory Verse:** *"Never stop reading this Book of the Law. Day and night you must think about what it says. Make sure you do everything written in it. Then things will go well with you. And you will have great success."* – **Joshua 1:8 (NIRV)**

**TRUNK OR TREAT – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 (5:00-7:00 PM):** Get ready to **SHINE the LIGHT of Jesus** in the most fun way! Our parking lot will be full of decorated trunks, candy, games, and laughter – and we want **YOU** to join in the fun!

There are so many ways to be part of this special night:

✨ **Decorate Your Trunk** – Bring your car, dress it up, and hand out treats!

✨ **Welcome Guests** – Greet families, share church tours, and show off our Parish Life.

✨ **Crafts & Games** – Help kids enjoy easy, hands-on activities.

✨ **Donate Treats** – Candy and small toys (no peanuts, please!) are always welcome.

✨ **Be on the Team** – Help us plan and spread the word!

Most importantly – **Invite your neighbors and friends!** We have flyers and postcards ready to share. Let's light up the night with joy, smiles, and the love of Jesus!

**ALL PARISH FALL RETREAT (All Men & Women Are Welcome):** The All Parish Fall Retreat, sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women, will be held on **October 4th**, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM in the Reasoner Family Center. Lunch will be included (\$20.00). Fr. Brian Tucker will speak on the topic "The Still Small Voice – Listening To God In A Noisy World." Transportation\* and childcare will be available if requested (\*volunteers needed). Sign-ups on patio following each Sunday service. Please RSVP to Sandi Totter by **September 28th**.

**PANTRY GALA AND DONATIONS:** On **Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM**, the **West Valley Food Pantry** will be hosting their **3rd Annual Gala Event: An Evening to End Hunger** at the beautiful Westlake Village Inn. We are celebrating our 40th anniversary at Prince of Peace!

**Monetary gifts** are also being accepted, and all net profits will be **matched up to \$50,000** thanks to a generous anonymous donor. This matching will include ticket sales, auction proceeds, sponsorships, and other donations made in the name of the Gala.

To purchase Gala tickets or to make monetary donations, please call the Pantry office at **(818) 346-5554**, or email [pantryadmin@westvalleyfoodpantry.org](mailto:pantryadmin@westvalleyfoodpantry.org).

CALENDAR	
<b>Sunday September 21</b>	<b>THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 8 AM and 10 AM Holy Eucharist <b>Vesper Time</b> after 10am in RFC
<b>Wednesday September 24</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> 8 AM, Chapel, followed by breakfast, RFC
<b>Saturday September 27</b>	<b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b> 10 AM Guild Room
<b>Sunday September 28</b>	<b>THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 8 AM and 10 AM Holy Eucharist

LOOKING AHEAD	
<b>Saturday October 4</b>	<b>All Parish Fall Retreat</b> 10 AM – 2 PM, RFC
<b>Sunday October 5</b>	<b>THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 8 AM and 10 AM Holy Eucharist
<b>Thursday October 9</b>	<b>WEST VALLEY FOOD PANTRY 3RD ANNUAL GALA EVENT</b> 6:00 PM Westlake Village Inn
<b>Saturday October 11</b>	<b>COMMUNITY DINNER</b> 4:30 PM, Taylor Hall (Upper Hall)
<b>Sunday October 12</b>	<b>THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 8 AM and 10 AM Holy Eucharist
<b>Sunday October 19</b>	<b>THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 8 AM and 10 AM Holy Eucharist <b>Ministry Fair</b> following 10 AM worship on the Patio <b>Blood Pressure Screening</b> following 8 AM and 10 AM worship in Church Office
<b>Saturday October 25</b>	<b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b> 10 AM Guild Room <b>TRUNK OR TREAT!</b> 4-8 PM, Church Parking Lot
<b>Sunday October 26</b>	<b>THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b> 8 AM and 10 AM Holy Eucharist <b>Adult Confirmation Class</b> following 10 AM worship in RFC

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP	
CELEBRANT	8am: Onesmus Tayebwa+ 10am: Brian Tucker+
DEACON	George Packer+
MUSIC DIR.	Boude Moore

8am	
USHERS	Loren & Donna Houchen
CHALICE/LEM	David Tong
HEALING PRAYER	Fr. Steve & Dorrie Dean Connie Bartz

10am	
USHERS	Jeff & Elaine Severa Erika Wirkkala Pam Hernandez
LECTOR	Bryant Iriele
CHALICE BEARERS	Stephanie Kren David Tong
ALTAR GUILD	Team C: Margaret Clarke, Diana Kajabago, Mary Laccinole, Etta Litterini, Barbara Pullinger
CLERGY PRAYER/ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Linda Armstrong Gary Palmquist
FILMING Cameras Director	Danny Wirkkala David Wirkkala
HEALING PRAYER	Joyce Prescott Marc Miller Ginny Kreuzberger
NURSERY	Neria Arinda
MOTION PICTURE	George Packer Christine Lehman
WELCOME MINISTRY	Sessanga Jon Katwire

8AM and 10AM	
PRINCE OF PEACE PLAYERS	Bill Prescott Joyce Prescott Marc Miller Ann Gillinger

**Readings, September 28, 2025  
(Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)**

Deuteronomy 24:17-22

Psalm 68:1-10

John 14:15-21

**Hymns, September 28, 2025**

#232 By all your saints

#575 Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

#571 All who love and serve

#654 Day by Day

#609 Where cross the crowded ways of life