Prince of Peace Episcopal Church August 17, 2025 9am The Tenth 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

Prelude

Organ voluntary

Opening Hymn

Holy God, we praise thy name

Hymnal #366

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.

God our rock and refuge: keep us safe in your care and strengthen us with your grace, that we may pray to you faithfully and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Lesson Jeremiah 23:23-29 Pew Bible page 712

The Psalm Psalm 87 BCP page 711

The Epistle Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2 Pew Bible page 1097

The Gospel Hymn Judge eternal, throned in splendor Hymnal #596

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Luke 12:49-56 Pew Bible page 950

The Sermon The Rev. Brian Tucker+

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: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name

may be united in your truth, live together in your love,

and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations,

in the ways of justice and peace. We pray especially for the people of Gaza and Palestine, that their suffering would cease, their hunger would be fed,

and that the healing of their land would come quickly.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,

that we may use its resources rightly

in the service of others

and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours,

and grant that we may serve Christ in them,

and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;

give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died,

that your will for them may be fulfilled;

and we pray that we may share with all your saints

in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

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.

Daughters of the King Presentation

Cathy Gero Goodbye

Offertory Hymn

Ode to Joy (Beethoven)

Bells

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Priest: The Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you. Priest: Lift up your hearts.

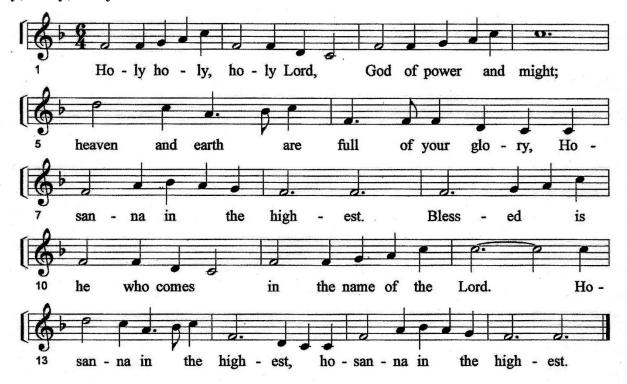
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Southern Harmony Mass



(Kneel as you are able)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray to you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

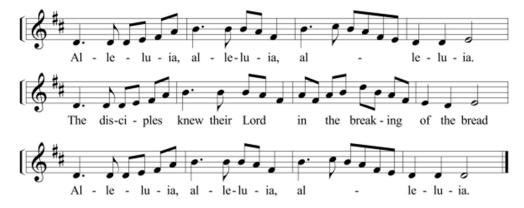
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Fraction Anthem

Southern Harmony Mass



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

Come with us, O blessed Jesus

Bells

Post Communion Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the light

Hymnal #490

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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.

Blessing

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Lift high the cross

Hymnal #473

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

People: Thanks be to God. 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.

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The sanctuary light is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all fathers and father figures - Ken, Chuck, Dave, by Ashley Hawn, Dave Hawn, and Keith Yuery

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The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for Cathy Gero's year of discernment with Prince of Peace

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in thanksgiving for the Prince of Peace
Daughters of the King chapter

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.

DOK SUNDAY: Today, Sunday, August 17 is designated as **DOK Sunday**. Members of our local chapter will take part in the worship service and include a short summary of the many benefits of membership. The goal of Daughters of the King is the spreading of Christ's Kingdom. It is an opportunity to commit to a life plan (Rule of Life) that includes prayer, service, and spreading the Word. Each Daughter determines that commitment individually. We also "scoop up" members of our praying congregation to help us with all church events, such as last year's Day of Reflection and Prayer. We pray weekly for the Clergy, the prayer slips submitted each week, and for our nation.

Our local chapter invites ALL to a Tea on **September 14** for ALL parish members, male and female, to visit and to learn about the ways we can impact our communities through prayer. Mark your calendar!

SUMMER SUNDAYS: Our last special "one service at **9am**" will be on **Sunday**, **September 7**. We'll go back to two services, 8am and 10am, on **Sunday**, **September 14**.

Sunday, August 24 will be our farewell to John Arnold, with food provided by his family. The Sunday School will be serving ice cream on August 31.

If your LAST NAME begins with $\mathbf{Q} - \mathbf{Z}$, please bring your food contribution on **Sunday**, **September 7** (our last Summer Sunday!).

Please bring your food contribution READY TO SERVE (include serving spoon or fork and baked goods pre-cut). Remember to take your serving dish and utensils home. Meantime, please continue to enjoy fellowship, extend a special welcome to guests, and experience tasty snacks each Sunday till then!

NURSERY & PRESCHOOL ROOM REFRESH – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Please join us **Saturday**, **August 23**, starting at **9am**. Meet in the **Guild Room**. We're working on sprucing up our nursery and preschool rooms, and we could use your help! We're looking for volunteers to assist with sorting through toys and books, doing some light cleaning, and helping us create a safe, welcoming space for our little ones.

JOHN ARNOLD FAREWELL Next Sunday, August 24, we say farewell to beloved long-time parishioner John Arnold. John will be moving to Nashville, Tennessee to be with his family, who will be here with us. Please join us after the service next week for a catered lunch as we send John on his way.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: What's in Your Backpack? This week: "The Folder" This Sunday in our What's in Your Backpack? series, our focus school supply is the folder. Just like a folder keeps our papers organized and helps us remember what we've finished, God wants us to keep a "folder" in our hearts – filled with memories of all the good things He has done for us. We remember to trust God when we look back at all the things He has done for us.

In Joshua 24:1–15, Joshua reminds God's people of His faithfulness through the years, encouraging them to trust and follow Him. Our kids will learn that when we "count our blessings" and remember God's past help, our trust in Him grows stronger for the future.

Let's encourage our children to keep their hearts organized with gratitude – because God's track record is perfect!

AUGUST HEALTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER - Recently a large section of the northwest San Fernando Valley was without a clean water supply. People were urged to drink bottled water or disinfect their water before consuming it. Ann Lowe has written a very informative article about what exactly is going on. Copies are available in the Narthex. It's also in this week's *Happenings*!

CALENDAR		
Sunday	THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER	
August 17	PENTECOST	
	DOK SUNDAY	
	9am Holy Eucharist	
	Farewell to Cathy Gero following!	
Wednesday	8am Eucharist and continental	
August 20	breakfast following in RFC	
Saturday	Tai Chi/Qigong	
August 23	9am on the lawn	
	Nursery & Preschool Refresh	
	9am, Guild Room	
Sunday	THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER	
August 24	PENTECOST	
	9am Holy Eucharist	
	with Contemporary Music	
	Farewell to John Arnold following!	
	ECW Meeting	
	10:30am in former Pantry office	
	next to Guild Room	

LOOKING AHEAD		
Saturday	Prayer Shawl Ministry	
August 30	10am, Guild Room	
Sunday	THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER	
August 31	PENTECOST	
	9am Holy Eucharist	
	Ice cream served by Sunday School	
Sunday	THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER	
September 7	PENTECOST	
	LAST SUMMER SUNDAY!	
	9am Holy Eucharist	
Sunday	THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER	
September 14	PENTECOST	
	START-UP SUNDAY!	
	8am and 10am Holy Eucharist	
Saturday	All Parish Fall Retreat	
October 4	10am-2pm, Family Center	

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP		
CELEBRANT	Peace Kwikiriza+	
SERMON	Brian Tucker+	
DEACON	George Packer+	
MUSIC DIR.	Boude Moore	

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USHERS	John Savage
	Roya Muniz
	Stu Finke
	John Mueller
LECTORS	Christine Lehman
	Rosemary Stewart
CHALICE/LEM	Ann Gillinger
	Nancy Alspaugh-Jackson
ACOLYTE	Cathy Gero
ALTAR GUILD	Team A: Holly Hagen,
	Judy Kraner, Lydia Lee-
	Chin, Katie Palmquist,
	Sandi Totter, Pat Workman
CLERGY PRAYER/	Margaret Clarke
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Christine Hower
DOK SPECIAL PRAYER	Donna Houchen
FILMING	
Cameras	Hans Arinda
Director	Chris Kanzira
HEALING PRAYER	Cara Gordon
	Linda Armstrong
NURSERY	Neria Arinda
MOTION PICTURE	Richard Muniz
WELCOME MINISTRY	Russell Rayburn
	Rosemary Stewart
JUBILATE BELLS	Lydia Lee-Chin
	Maurine Perkins
	Matte Wicklin
KINDRED BELLS	Daniel Wirkkala
	Ben Wirkkala

Readings for Next Week, August 24, 2025 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

Hymns for August 24, 2025 Contemporary Worship Service