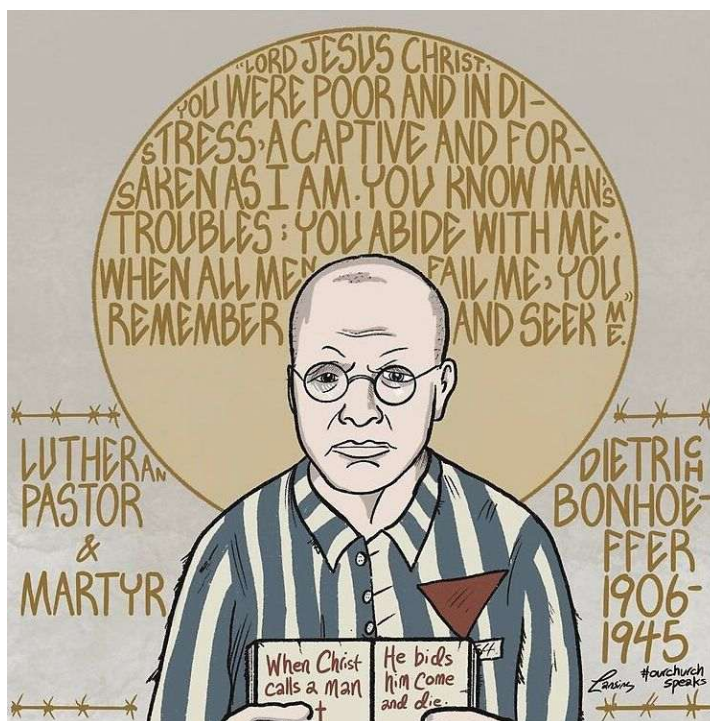


Prince of Peace Episcopal Church

September 14, 2025 10:00 AM
The Fourteenth 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

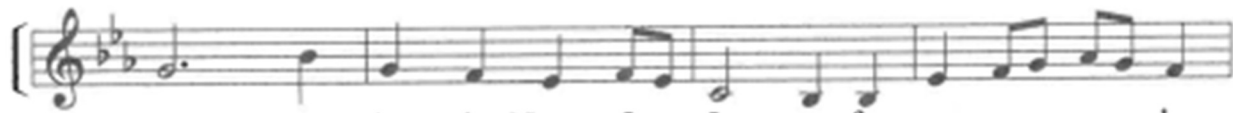
Choir and Bells

Opening Hymn

By all your saints



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, by all your saints at
2 Praise be for ser - vant Die - trich, who suf - fered for the
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor - ship God the



rest your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be
cause; who strove for truth e - ter - nas by hold - ing to God's
Son and sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter - nal Three in



blessed. You rose, our King vic - to - rious, that they might wear the
laws. Christ is the one to fol - low, Christ is our on - ly
One, till all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the



crown and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect - ed from your throne.
guide; we look to him for wis - dom: for us he tru - ly died.
throne as - 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.**

Hymn of Praise

Holy Women, Holy Men



The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Embolden our lives, O Lord, and inspire our faith, that we, following the example of your servant Dietrich Bonhoeffer, might embrace your call with undivided hearts; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson

Judges 7:1-8a

Pew Bible page 222

The Psalm

Psalm 119:89-96

BCP page 770

The Gospel Hymn Come, ye thankful people, come (v. 2,3,4)

Hymnal #290

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Matthew 13:47-53

Pew Bible page 891

The Message

**The Prince's Players
(presenting Dietrich Bonhoeffer)**

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.

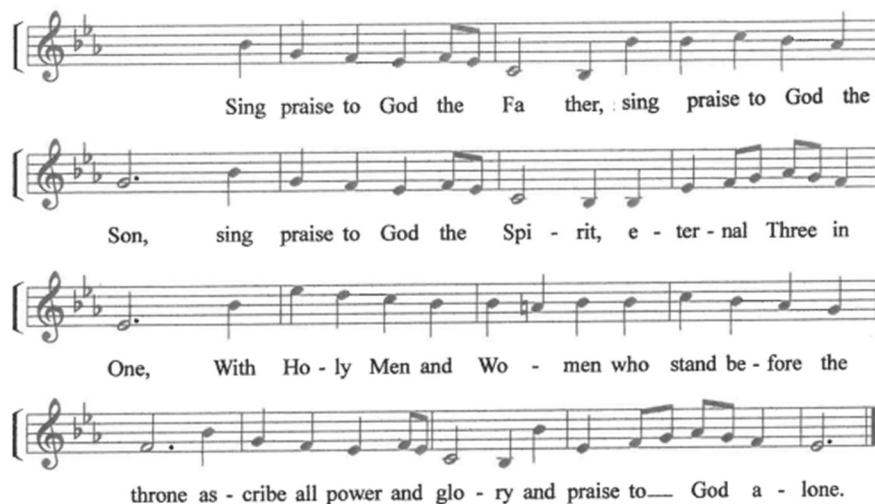
People: And also with you.

Offertory Anthem

By gracious powers
(text by Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

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.**

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.



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

Strengthen for service, Lord

Hymnal #312

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

God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth

Hymnal #598

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 DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

BOOKS:

"Dietrich Bonhoeffer, A Biography" by Eberhard Bethge

"Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Prophet, Matry, Spy" by Eric Metaxas

"Dietrich Bonhoeffer: In the Midst of Wickedness" by Janet and Geoff Benge

"The Cost of Discipleship" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Letters and Papers from Prison" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

MOVIES/VIDEOS

"Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace"

"Bonhoeffer" (2024) by Angel Studios

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATES: It's time to update our Prince of Peace Parish Directory! Please look for the clipboard on the patio **today**, and update your contact information (street address, email address, phone) if any changes are needed. Thank you!

START-UP SUNDAY: Welcome back! Starting today, we return to two services, 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM, each Sunday. Thanks to everyone who helped provide refreshments during the summer months!

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING TEA: Our local chapter invites ALL parish members, male and female, for a Tea social **today**, Sunday, **September 14**, after the **10:00 AM service** in the **Family Center**. Come learn about ways we impact our communities through prayer. Bring your favorite teacup or mug and share with us why this place is special to you. On Sundays, there will be a signup sheet on the patio or RSVP to family@popwh.org

ORIGINS: THE BASICS OF PRAYER: The Youth Group curriculum for the fall and early spring will be *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! **Classes start today, September 14**, and are on the **2nd and 4th Sundays of each month** at 10:00 AM, in the Youth Room.

SAVE THE DATE! 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 **Sunday, September 21**, after the 10:00 AM service in the **Family Center**!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES: THE 2nd AND 3rd COMMANDMENTS

We're continuing our Ten Commandments series, **The Do Nots of Doughnuts!** This Sunday, the kids will learn about the 2nd and 3rd Commandments:

- Worship and serve God alone – not anyone or anything else.
- Use God's name with respect and reverence – never to mock or swear.

Our Bible story will be about Josiah, the Boy King (**2 Kings 22**), who led God's people back to true worship.

To remind us that following God's commands leads to a healthier, happier life, we'll also make "healthy doughnuts." Each week, one of our students takes a turn as the Doughnut Chef. This week, Aveline Wedhas will lead us in decorating bagels (our fake doughnuts) with fun toppings!

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)

*We invite you to be part of this vital ministry! Contact **Alma Fountain** to find out the many ways you can volunteer. We welcome guests to join our Sunday School classes, too – come see what God is doing among our children and families. And please continue to keep them in your prayers as they grow in faith together.*

8 TREASURES QI GONG will begin weekly on the lawn in the church courtyard on **Tuesday, September 16** at 9:00 AM. Our teacher is Lynn LaBate, a Certified Qi Gong and Meditation Instructor. **8 Treasures Qi Gong** is an ancient Chinese healing practice that promotes health, wellness, and longevity. Benefits over time include increased vitality, arthritic pain relief, lower blood pressure, improved circulation, increased body strength, balance, and coordination. Please wear loose clothing, wear supportive shoes, and bring water to class. A suggested donation of \$10 is requested, but not mandatory. Please join us. For further information, see Sue Ferron.

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: On Thursday, **October 9, 2025**, the West Valley Food Pantry will be hosting their **3rd Annual Gala Event: An Evening to End Hunger at the beautiful Westlake Village Inn**. In a year when funding is being cut by the federal government, unemployment is rising, and growing numbers of people in our community are facing food insecurity, this unforgettable evening will raise critical funds to support the nearly 800 families we serve each week to ensure that no one goes away hungry. Be part of this mission and help us continue our 40-year legacy of service. To purchase tickets, please click here: [Pantry Gala 2025](#) or call: **818-346-5554**.

CALENDAR	
Sunday September 14	THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST START-UP SUNDAY! 8 AM and 10 AM Holy Eucharist DOK Tea following 10am service, RFC
Tuesday September 16	8 Treasures Qi Gong 9 AM Church courtyard lawn
Wednesday September 17	Holy Eucharist 8 AM, Chapel, followed by breakfast, RFC
Sunday September 21	THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8 AM and 10 AM Holy Eucharist Vesper Time after 10am in RFC

LOOKING AHEAD	
Saturday September 27	Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 AM Guild Room
Sunday September 28	THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8 AM and 10 AM Holy Eucharist
Saturday October 4	All Parish Fall Retreat 10 AM – 2 PM, RFC
Sunday October 5	THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8 AM and 10 AM Holy Eucharist
Sunday October 12	THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8 AM and 10 AM Holy Eucharist Blood Pressure Screening following 8 AM and 10 AM worship in Church Office
Sunday October 19	THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8 AM and 10 AM Holy Eucharist Ministry Fair following 10 AM worship on the Patio
Saturday October 25	TRUNK OR TREAT! 4-8 PM, Church Parking Lot
Sunday October 26	THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8 AM and 10 AM Holy Eucharist Adult Confirmation Class following 10 AM worship in RFC

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

8am	
USHERS	Aaron Hemmings
CHALICE/LEM	Rosemary Stewart
HEALING PRAYER	Linda Armstrong Connie Bartz

10am	
USHERS	John Mueller Colette Rosario Josh Stanbaugh Stu Finke
LECTORS	Marc Miller
CHALICE BEARERS	Nancy Alspaugh-Jackson Ray Perkins
ALTAR GUILD	Team B: Anna Boghosian, Jesslyn Bothwell, Ann Gillinger, Jennifer Lee- Thorp, Pat Parks
CLERGY PRAYER/ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Nance Crawford David Stifel
FILMING Cameras Director	Ann Weidenbacher Christine Hower
HEALING PRAYER	Marc Miller Ginny Kreuzberger
NURSERY	Neria Arinda
MOTION PICTURE	Nance Crawford David Stifel
WELCOME MINISTRY	Russell Rayburn Nancy Alspaugh-Jackson

Readings, September 21, 2025
(Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost)
1 Samuel 3:1-18
Psalm 42:1-7
Mark 1:35-39

Hymns, September 21, 2025
#232 By all your saints
#590 O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising
#554 'Tis the gift to be simple
#556 Rejoice, ye pure in heart