

# ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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## The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day + 12 April 2020

**Mission Statement:** *We are an inclusive, forward-looking Episcopal parish that seeks to grow in Christ through worship, education and fellowship, serves Christ by ministering to local and global communities and shares Christ in following His command to "Love one another as I have loved you."* **Vision Statement:** *Our vision at St. Peter's is to be an inclusive, vibrant Christian community honoring our Episcopal heritage by achieving excellence in worship, mission, education and fellowship.*

Alleluia. Christ is risen. **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

Glory to God **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray. Collect of the Day **O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### + We Listen To The Word Of God +

First Reading – Isaiah 25:6–9 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. *silence*  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.
- <sup>2</sup> Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- <sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.
- <sup>15</sup> There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:
- <sup>16</sup> "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- <sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the Lord.
- <sup>18</sup> The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.
- <sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- <sup>20</sup> "This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."
- <sup>21</sup> I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- <sup>22</sup> The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

- <sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup> On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading – Colossians 3:1–4      Since you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. *silence* The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel - John 20:1-18      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' " Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

[following the reading]      The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon      Fr. Sam

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.**

**+ Prayers of the People +**

For the Church universal, give her strength and forbearance as she navigates new and non-traditional ways to be the Gospel and to be present to those in our communities. In your mercy; **Lord hear our prayer.**

Help all of us understand that our buildings are not the church, but the foundation which grounds us and from whence we are sent to minister. In your mercy; **Lord hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the world, especially countries hardest hit by COVID-19, that may seek out and find the resources to help their countries deal with the pandemic in healthy and life sustaining ways. In your mercy; **Lord hear our prayer.**

For the president and the leaders of our country, that they may find the strength to lead with compassion and empathy for all our citizens, regardless of; disability, age, ethnicity, socio-economic standing, whom they love or where they live. In your mercy; **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who have contracted the COVID virus, those in isolation/quarantine, for their families and for those that live in a state of anxiety and fear because of it. In your mercy; **Lord hear our prayer.**

For the people on the front lines: police, firefighters, EMT's, doctors, nurses, and all hospital staff that are putting themselves at risk to minister to the sick in ways that they have never imagined; and for those seeking a cure. In your mercy; **Lord hear our prayer.**

For the people that are usually forgotten but that are sustaining us now; grocery store clerks, truckers, farmers and laborers, that are being challenged to meet the needs of a society filled with fear, angst and a tendency towards hoarding. In your mercy; **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for the children who are displaced by no school, for the parents that are trying to cope, for those that are taking care of their younger siblings and trying to school themselves. For the teachers that are having to teach in ways for which they were never trained. In your mercy; **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who live alone, and who are now particularly isolated without contact from others, give them a sense of your presence in their lives, so that they never feel that you are not with them. In your mercy; **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those that are finding their close quarters smaller than they realized and for those households where tensions may be running high. In your mercy; **Lord hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who find themselves unemployed and those who have lost their financial security; and those who have had their jobs put on hold. In your mercy; **Lord hear our prayer.**

For all who are sick or dying from other reasons and who may be being forgotten. In your mercy; **Lord hear our prayer.**

For all that we now name, either silently or aloud: ... (a period of silence) .....in your mercy. **Lord hear our prayer.**

For all that have died from the spread of this virus, may they find themselves in a place of light and peace, freed from the bonds of this earthy life, and may their families find consolation knowing their loved ones are wrapped in your embrace. In your mercy; **Lord hear our prayer.** *Silence [The celebrant adds a concluding collect]*

Confession and Absolution Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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 The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

During the current emergency situation it is as important as ever for parishioners to maintain their pledge contributions, if that is feasible. We all know that jobs and incomes may be impacted by this situation, so the request is to sustain giving if you can. In order to make that as easy as possible, St. Peter's has an online system called Realm to enable direct giving to suit your needs, either one-time payments or ongoing scheduled payments. If you would like to register to use the Realm system please send an email to Vestry accounting warden Frank Rothenberger at [franklin.rothenberger@gmail.com](mailto:franklin.rothenberger@gmail.com). Pledges may also continue to be mailed to the church office.

**+ We Share Holy Communion +**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him 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.

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: Sanctus **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Fraction Anthem **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Let us Pray. **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

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.

The Communion of the People

*Celebrant and people together, in place of the Post-Communion Prayer*

Let us pray. **Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.**

The Blessing

**Intercessions This Week - Please pray: Intercessions This Week - Please pray:** • For those who are sick, or in any other adversity, especially Joan Grunwell, Amy Foerster, Hortense Marshall, Annie Umbrell, Candace Sim, Ben Howse, Bill Sullens, Peter Fifer, Joe Vargo, Eva Wykoff, Kathleen McCarthy, Jason Thomas, Nancy Wenger, Vernet Spence-Brown, Fran Stengel, Bill Lawler, Amanda, Cory, Phoebe, Gary, Jeanine, Karen, Maria, Marian, Katie, Sandi, Trish, Shawn, Joey, Robert, Katey, Lenora., Dawn, Bev, John and Sue. • For the men and women who are serving in our armed forces. • For those with whom we give thanks: Trey Foerster, Rebecca Martz, Amy Atlee, Adam Schaefer, Desiree Hatton, Amy Foerster. Erica Logar and Hannah Druckenmiller, who celebrate a birthday this week; Ron and Georgette Druckenmiller who celebrate a wedding anniversary this week. • For all who have died especially James K. Overstreet.

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