



ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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The Third Sunday of Easter - 1 May 2022

WELCOME to St. Peter's Church. We are glad you are here! The clergy and laity welcome all joining us for worship this morning in the Name of Christ. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to the clergy and sign our guest book and give us a chance to get to know you. Please, join us in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. Come forward to the communion rail, stand or kneel to receive the bread in your hand. If you wish to receive only a blessing, cross your hands over your heart and the Priest will bless you.

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.

+ 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist follows this Order of Service with the exception of music +
[Silence for prayer and preparation] [* indicates all standing - + indicates all kneeling - **indicates all sitting]

Our Guest Organist this morning is Fred Astmann

+ We Gather In God's Presence +

Prelude *Voluntary in C Major* Purcell

*Hymn **460** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* Hyfrydol

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 **S280** *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, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

+ We Listen To The Word Of God +

[all readings may be found on the insert] [please be seated]

First Reading - **Acts 9:1-6

**Psalm 30 [read at 8:00, sung at 10:00]

Second Reading – **Revelation 5:11-14

*Hymn **343** *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless* St. Agnes

*The Gospel - **John 21:1-19** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.
[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. Amen.

+ Prayers of the People + *[kneeling]*

+ Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; for this gathering; for all ministers, especially Sam our Rector; David, our retired priest, Joseph, our Deacon, and for all people; **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, remembering Joseph, the President of our nation, Antonio, the Secretary General of the UN, Tom, the Governor of our Commonwealth and the men and women who are serving in our armed forces. Pray for all those who struggle for freedom and justice around the world; **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake. Pray for our Clinic and outreach ministries in their work in our neighborhood. Pray for our mission work through Cristosal Foundation in Central America. Pray for those in any need or trouble. **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; remembering **John, Pat, Peter, Joan, Vernet, Lane, Anna, Joyce, Karen, Georgette, Joseph, Leah, Mary, Dolores, John, Diana, Melissa, Peggy, Carol, Dawn, Stephanie, Sandi, Shawn, Ben, Cathy and Jenn.** **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest especially Wendy Colby, Frank Blanche and John Gracely. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. I ask your thanksgiving for Lenora Thornton, Sean Magee, Clara Boone, Michael Yake and Jared Adams who celebrate birthdays this week; Thomas and Mariel Weiss, Kim Guiser and Asha George-Guiser, Henry Young and Andrea Archer who celebrate a wedding anniversary this week. **Grant that they may continue to experience your love and guidance in the years to come.**

[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 *[All stand facing center aisle]* *[please be seated following the peace]*

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

Offertory

What Wondrous Love

Hustad

Hymn 380 vs. 3

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.

+ We Share Holy Communion +

***The Great Thanksgiving** *[The people remain standing.]*

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 **S128 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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: **S135 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. **S146 AMEN.**

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

Lord's Prayer **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 **S154 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

+The Communion of the People

Hymn **417** *This is the feast of victory for our God*

Festival Canticle

Hymn **341** *For the bread which you have broken*

Omni die

+Post Communion Prayer Let us pray. **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+ God Sends Us To Love and Serve Each Other +

+The Blessing

**Announcements

*Hymn **383** *Fairest Lord Jesus*
Elizabeth

St.

*Dismissal

Postlude *Joyful, Joyful we Adore Thee*

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Ladies' Lunch - The May gathering for the Ladies' Lunch will be **Tuesday, May 3, 2022** at 12:30 at O'Grady's in Phoenixville. If you can join us, please just come along at this time. It is a wonderful opportunity for some lovely fellowship with our Ladies.

Construction at St. Peter's -- during the week of May 9 construction of the new ADA ramp will begin and will require 3 - 4 weeks to complete. The ADA ramp is one of our milestone Capital Campaign projects that will allow much easier access to the church office area from the church parking lot. Please stay clear of construction equipment and we may lose use of a few parking spots for a short period.

Intercessions This Week - Please pray: • **For** those who are sick, or in any other adversity, John Burkhardt, Pat Howse, Peter Fifer, Joan Grunwell, Vernet Spence-Brown, Lane Schultz, Anna Sullivan, Joyce Paster, Karen Greene, Georgette Druckenmiller, Joseph Ndungu, Leah Githua, Mary Gibbons, Dolores Queen, John Coupe IV, Diana Novi, Melissa Boukalik, Peggy Green, Carol Russell, Dawn Rhoads, Stephanie Green, Sandi Spadt, Shawn, Ben, Cathy and Jenn. • **For** the men and women who are serving in our armed forces. • **For** those with whom we give thanks Lenora Thornton, Sean Magee, Clara Boone, Michael Yake and Jared Adams who celebrate birthdays this week; Thomas and Mariel Weiss, Kim Guiser and Asha George-Guiser, Henry Young and Andrea Archer who celebrate a wedding anniversary this week. • **For** all who have died especially Wendy Colby [*Karen Greene's sister*], Frank Blanche and John Gracely.

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All this time Saul was breathing down the necks of the Master's disciples, out for the kill. He went to the Chief Priest and got arrest warrants to take to the meeting places in Damascus so that if he found anyone there belonging to the Way, whether men or women, he could arrest them and bring them to Jerusalem. He set off. When he got to the outskirts of Damascus, he was suddenly dazed by a blinding flash of light. As he fell to the ground, he heard a voice: "Saul, Saul, why are you out to get me?" He said, "Who are you, Master?" "I am Jesus, the One you're hunting down. I want you to get up and enter the city. In the city you'll be told what to do next

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 30



- 1 I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me | up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over | me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I cried out to | you, *
and you restored me to | health.
- 3 You brought me up, O Lord, from the | dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the | grave.
- 4 Sing to the Lord, you servants of | his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his | holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an | eye, *
his favor for a | lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the | night, *
but joy comes in the | morning.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be dis | turbed. *
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the | mountains."
- 8 Then you hid your | face, *
and I was filled with | fear.
- 9 I cried to you, O | Lord; *
I pleaded with the Lord, | saying,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the | Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your | faithfulness?"
- 11 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy up | on me; *
O Lord, be my | helper."
- 12 You have turned my wailing into | dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with | joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you without | ceasing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for | ever.

Revelation 5:11–14

I looked again. I heard a company of Angels around the Throne, the Animals, and the Elders—ten thousand times ten thousand their number, thousand after thousand after thousand in full song: The slain Lamb is worthy! Take the power, the wealth, the wisdom, the strength! Take the honor, the glory, the blessing! Then I heard every creature in Heaven and earth, in underworld and sea, join in, all voices in all places, singing: To the One on the Throne! To the Lamb! The blessing, the honor, the glory, the strength, For age after age after age. The Four Animals called out, "Oh, Yes!" The Elders fell to their knees and worshiped.

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John 21:1–19

After this, Jesus appeared again to the disciples, this time at the Tiberias Sea (the Sea of Galilee). This is how he did it: Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed "Twin"), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the brothers Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. Simon Peter announced, "I'm going fishing." The rest of them replied, "We're going with you." They went out and got in the boat. They caught nothing that night. When the sun came up, Jesus was standing on the beach, but they didn't recognize him. Jesus spoke to them: "Good morning! Did you catch anything for breakfast?" They answered, "No." He said, "Throw the net off the right side of the boat and see what happens." They did what he said. All of a sudden there were so many fish in it, they weren't strong enough to pull it in. Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Master!" When Simon Peter realized that it was the Master, he threw on some clothes, for he was stripped for work, and dove into the sea. The other disciples came in by boat for they weren't far from land, a hundred yards or so, pulling along the net full of fish. When they got out of the boat, they saw a fire laid, with fish and bread cooking on it. Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish you've just caught." Simon Peter joined them and pulled the net to shore—153 big fish! And even with all those fish, the net didn't rip. Jesus said, "Breakfast is ready." Not one of the disciples dared ask, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Master. Jesus then took the bread and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus had shown himself alive to the disciples since being raised from the dead. After breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Master, you know I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." He then asked a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" "Yes, Master, you know I love you." Jesus said, "Shepherd my sheep." Then he said it a third time: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was upset that he asked for the third time, "Do you love me?" so he answered, "Master, you know everything there is to know. You've got to know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. I'm telling you the very truth now: When you were young you dressed yourself and went wherever you wished, but when you get old you'll have to stretch out your hands while someone else dresses you and takes you where you don't want to go." He said this to hint at the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. And then he commanded, "Follow me."