



ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter - 15 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.

+ We Gather In God's Presence +

+ 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]

Prelude

*Hymn 304 *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

Land of Rest

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 **Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

+ We Listen To The Word Of God +

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

First Reading – **Acts 11:1-18

**Psalm 148 [read at 8:00, sung at 10:00]

Second Reading – **Revelation 21:1-6

*Hymn 373 *Praise the Lord! Ye heaven adore him*

Daniels Tune

*The Gospel - **John 13:31-35** 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 The Rev. Joseph Dietz

*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.

+ We Ask God To Listen To Our Prayers + *[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, Joyce, Karen, Georgette, Joseph, Leah, Mary, John, Diana, Melissa, Peggy, Carol, Dawn, Stephanie, Sandi, Charles, Danielle, Shawn, Ben, Cathy and Jenn.** **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest, remembering Anna Sullivan. **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 Amy Brodar and Clem Young who celebrate birthdays 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.**

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

Offertory *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Lobe den Herren

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 487	<i>Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life</i>	The Call
	Hymn 603	<i>When Christ was lifted from the earth</i>	St. Botolph

+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 **529** *In Christ there is no East or West* McKee

*Dismissal

Postlude

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, Joyce Paster, Karen Greene, Georgette Druckenmiller, Joseph Ndungu, Leah Githua, Mary Gibbons, John Coupe IV, Diana Novi, Melissa Boukalik, Peggy Green, Carol Russell, Dawn Rhoads, Stephanie Green, Sandi Spadt, Charles Kemmerer, Danielle Jouenne, Shawn, Ben, Cathy and Jenn. • For the men and women who are serving in our armed forces. • For those with whom we give thanks especially Amy Brodar and Clem Young who celebrate birthdays this week. • For all who have died especially Anna Sullivan.

Day By Day [Forward] The May/June/July issue is available in the Narthex and the table inside the handicapped entrance.

Environmental Ministry Community Event - Come Hear the "The Latest Splash of Environmental News in Phoenixville" on **May 22, 2022 after the 10:00 AM Service**: Did you know that the borough of Phoenixville has engaged SoMax Bioenergy to convert its wastewater treatment plant into North America's first hydrothermal carbonization plant? During this presentation and "green" coffee hour, SoMax CDO, Dan Spracklin will tell us about this amazing, award-winning waste-water recovery project slated to render Phoenixville's wastewater treatment plant not only carbon-neutral but also revenue-generating!

A Note from the Parish Secretary – The 1st quarter Giving Statements did not show pledge balances and I have been unable to make any changes to the 2022 pledge set up in REALM – Please contact the parish office Tuesday-Friday 8:00 am. to 11 am and I can tell you your pledge balances. - *Judy*

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Acts 11:1–18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

Psalm 148



- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the | heavens; *
praise him in the | heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of | his; *
praise him, all his | host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and | moon; *
praise him, all you shining | stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of | heavens, *
and you waters above the | heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the | Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were cre | ated.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and | ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass a | way.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the | earth, *
you sea-monsters and all | deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and | fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his | will;
- 9 Mountains and all | hills, *
fruit trees and all | cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all | cattle, *
creeping things and winged | birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all | peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the | world;
- 12 Young men and | maidens, *
old and young to | gether.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the | Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and | heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal | servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Halle | lujah!

Revelation 21:1–6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

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

John 13:31–35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”