

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST

MAY 12, 2024 AT 10:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S CHURCH

A warm welcome to all newcomers and visitors! We are delighted that you are here. Everyone is welcome in this community of faith. Please help us get to know you by filling out a welcome card found in the pews or available from an usher. After you fill it out, please give it to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

PRELUDE

'Prière du Christ montant vers son Père' from *L'Ascension*
(‘Prayer of Christ ascending to his Father’)

Olivier Messiaen

‘Father, I have made your name known to mankind... I am now no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.’

Please stand at the ringing of the bell

ENTRANCE HYMN

BLUE HYMNAL N° 481

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant The Lord is here.

People His Spirit is with us.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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 GLORIA

BLUE HYMNAL S278

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 5:9-13

Lector A reading from the first letter of John

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

BLUE HYMNAL N° 495

ALLELUIA

All sing

Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.
All **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them

in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All repeat **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Please be seated

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Bill Allport

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

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, O God. For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Intercessor For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Intercessor For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Intercessor For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor For all who are called to serve as clergy and for all of the St. Peter's ministries
People **For all who serve God in his Church.**
Intercessor We pray for special needs and concerns of this congregation....
(we invite you to add your own petitions either silently or aloud)
Intercessor Hear us, Lord;
People **For your mercy is great**
Intercessor We will exalt you, O God our King;
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**
Intercessor We pray for all who have died including those that we name now... that they may
have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Intercessor God, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People **Who put their trust in you.**
Intercessor Jesus, Risen one, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always.
People **Amen**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: 'God is gone up'

Gerald Finzi

DOXOLOGY (Verse 3)

BLUE HYMNAL N° 380

**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 GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

(BCP, p. 367)

Please stand as you are able

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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 & BENEDICTUS

BLUE HYMNAL S128

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

The Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation...

Therefore, according to his command

Celebrant & People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant continues: 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.....

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.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People **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. 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

AGNUS DEI

BLUE HYMNAL S165

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant 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.

Communion will be distributed either in person at the crossing or at the High Altar. Please sit and wait for an usher to guide you. Gluten free wafers and wine are available; inform the clergy if you need them. If you would like a blessing please cross your hands over your chest. All are welcome to drink from the common Chalice or hand your wafer to the Chalice Bearer for intinction.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

We invite those who are at home to pray the Anima Christi during Communion.

Jesus, may all that is in you flow into me. May your body and blood be my food and drink. May your passion and death be my strength and life. May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross. Let me not run from the love you extend. Hold me safe from the forces of evil. On each of my dyings shed your light and your love. Until with your saints may I praise you forever. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

‘Beati quorum via’

Charles Villiers Stanford

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

***People* Eternal God, 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 Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

BLUE HYMNAL N° 494

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth walking in the light of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

‘Toccata primi toni’ (Op.11)

Einar Trærup Sark

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Thank you for joining us today for worship!*

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Bill Allport

Director of Music: Dr. Anthony Hammond

PRAYERS FOR THE ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY

Alex, Bob, Emily, Meghan, Merri, Nick, Rick, Inez Baker, Alan and Kathy Bowen, Eli Chasid, Mickey Clair, Elizabeth (Betty) Cutler, Peter Darlington, Bruce Dykes, Faith Eckler, Gail Compton Flynn, Jean Galbraith, Emden Gansner, Ann Marie Gutjahr, George Lonsberry, Lawrence P. Miles, Robert and Phyllis Mitchell, Roger Morgan, Alan and Joann Painter, Carmela Palmieri, Howard and Patty Paulman, Shirley Phillips, Missy Puno, The Rt. Rev. Gretchen Rehberg, Maria Rossel, Walter Schierle, Howie Stein, Tina Stewart, The Rev. Anne Thatcher, Frank Thompson, Barbara and Charles Trillich, Claire Walker

ST. PETER'S MINISTRIES

Altar Guild

Choristers

FLOWER DEDICATION

In honor of the 40-day memorial of Loopy Dante. May his memory be eternal.

2024 SAVE THE DATE

May 18th Documentary Screening: The Philadelphia Eleven
May 19th Pentecost International Potluck Lunch
June 2nd 12:00 pm Parish Annual Meeting

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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