

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 2, 2021 ~ 9:00 am and 11:00 am



WELCOME!

Greetings! We are delighted that you have joined us for our worship service, and so very thankful to be together in-person or virtually! Whether you are a member, a frequent visitor, or are visiting St. Peter's for the first time, we feel blessed by your presence.

We invite your questions regarding our ministries and life in the Episcopal Church. Please know that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion during our worship. Father Jim will guide us through Communion.

Thank you for helping us help you stay safe by following the guidelines on the back of this bulletin.

We are so glad you could be with us this morning and hope you will join us again.

The Worship Bulletin Artwork is by Carol Frappier. See bulletin page 6 for details.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 2, 2021 ~ 9:00 am & 11:00 am

The Greeting

(BCP Page 355)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Processional: In Christ There Is No East Nor West

(Hymn #525)



1. In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North, but
2. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what e'er your race may be! Who
3. In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North, all

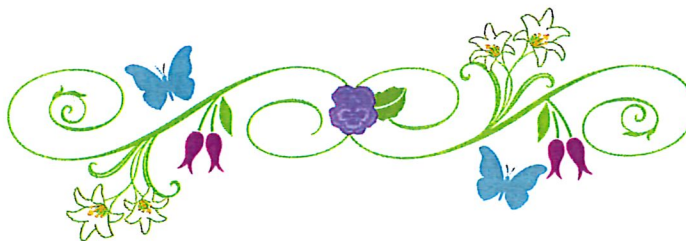


1. one great fel - low - ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
2. serves my Fa - ther as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
3. Christ - ly souls are one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Celebrant says

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 ~ S 280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
- might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord
God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our
prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day: Fifth Sunday of Easter

(BCP Page 225)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

THE LESSONS *(You may be seated)*

THE FIRST READING: Acts 8:23-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

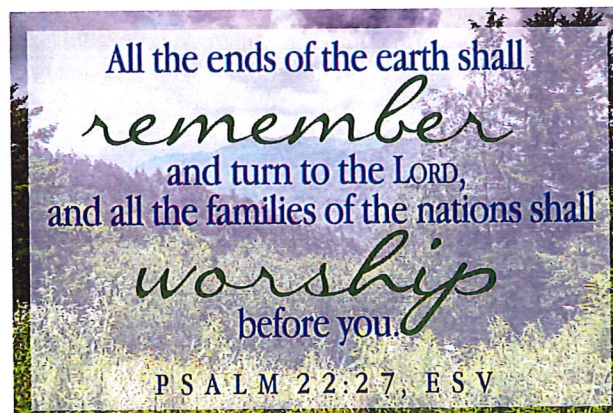
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*



PSALM 22:24-30

(BCP Pages 611-612)

Read in alternately by half verse.

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the LORD; *

he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that he has done.

THE SECOND READING: I John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL HYMN: Descend, O Spirit, Purging Flame

(Hymn #297)



1. De - scend, O Spi - rit, purg - ing flame, brand us this day with Je - sus' Name! Con -
2. For - bid us not this sec - ond birth; grant un - to us the great - er worth! En -



- 1. firm our faith, con - sume our doubt; sign us as Christ's, with - in, with - out.
- 2. list us in your ser - vice, Lord; bap - tize all na - tions with your Word.

Christ is Risen!
HE is Risen Indeed

Throughout the season of Easter, the beautiful artwork
of Carol Frappier will grace the cover of our Sunday
Worship Bulletins.

This week is The Fifth Station:
*"The Risen Lord is Recognized in the Breaking
of the Bread"*

The Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

The congregation stands as are able.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise be to you, O Christ.*





All stand as are able.

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CREED

(BCP Page 358)

*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 ~ Form III

(BCP Pages 387)

The Leader and People pray responsively (You may sit or kneel as are able)

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;
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.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give the departed eternal rest;
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.

Silence

The Collect at the Prayers

(BCP Page 395)

The Celebrant says

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you": Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*



Confession of Sin

(BCP Page 360)

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

The Celebrant says

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

(BCP Page 360)

All stand as are able.

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

The Celebrant and People will greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

You may be seated as the Altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

Offertory Anthem: The Light of Christ

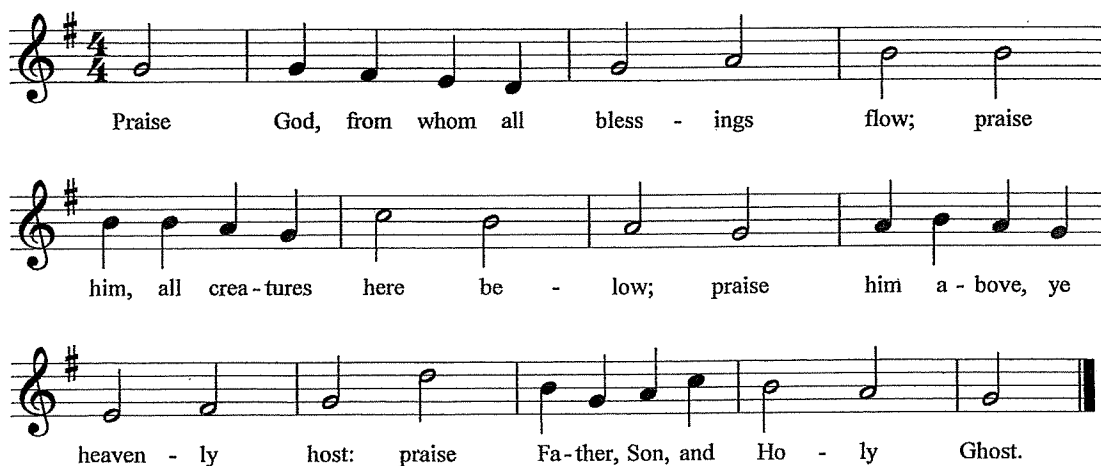
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Doxology

Praise to God

(Hymn #380)

Please stand as are able



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer D (People remain standing.) (BCP Pages 372-376)

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 him thanks and praise.*

The Celebrant says

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power and might, hea - ven and earth are full,
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
- est. 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.

Please sit or kneel as you are able.

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

*We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ, Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who minister in your Church.
Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.
Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with Peter and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

(C-114)

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

*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.

The Breaking of the Bread

(BCP Page 337)

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

As you remain seated please listen for instructions for receiving communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS ~ Choir

HYMN: Broken For Me

(Hymn #C-159)

HYMN: God Has Called You

(Hymn #C-155)

Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

(BCP Page 365)

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

A Blessing for Easter

(The Book of Occasional Services, Page 26)

The Celebrant says


May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

Recessional: Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song


(Hymn #513)



1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2. To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the branch - es of the
3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



1. flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
2. Vine, to the Church in faith as - sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
3. prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



1. might: come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
2. sign: come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
-3. pare: come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Thank you to all who helped and participated
in our services this morning.*



Lay Readers:

9:00 am ~ JD Debler & Julie Pina

11:00 am ~ Carol Frappier

Vestry Person of the Day: John Warren

Greeters:

9:00 am ~ John Warren

11:00 am ~ Susan & Harry Craig

Director of Music Ministry: Meredith Carter

Musical Assistance: Alan Berkebile

The Ladies of the Altar Guild

St. Peter's COVID-19 Safety Guidelines are still in place!

PLEASE

*Wear a mask
Stay 6 feet apart
Sanitize hands and
Use common sense*



We invite one and all to join Father Jim as he leads us on a Journey in Faith

This 8-week class is for you if:

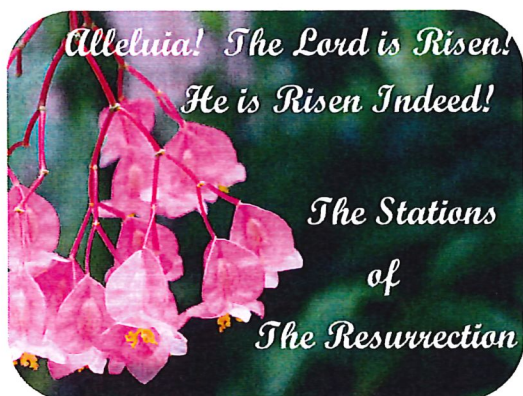
You're new to the church and would like to learn about the Episcopal faith.

You're a member of the church and would like to renew and deepen your faith and knowledge.

The class will meet on Thursday mornings at 10:30am. If you have missed a class, you are welcome to the next on the May 6th! Social Distancing protocols are in place. Please let us know your interest in attending, although reservations are NOT required.

If this time is not convenient for you, we would like to know as the formation of another class is a possibility.

Using "An Outline of the Faith" from The Book of Common Prayer, let's learn from one another.



This Faith Formation Study is continuing Monday, May 3rd at 5:00 pm in person at St. Peter's or by ZOOM.

We will be celebrating & studying the life & ministry of Jesus after the Resurrection. This new Study Group will be led by Carol Frappier and Ruth Douglas.

If interested, please contact the church office and let us know so we can make sure you receive the information needed!



*Flowers at the Altar today
have been given in the glory
of God in honor and
celebration of
Family and Loved Ones
by
Lee & Norma Williams*



Happy Birthday to Diana Severino-Saxon on May 2nd; Patricia Olenick on May 4th; Kimber Clark and Joey Westlake on May 5th; and Steve Clarkson & Tommy Allen on May 7th.
Happy Anniversary to Joey & Bret Westlake on May 5th.



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