

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 9, 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
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 9, 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: Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation (vs 1-3)



1. Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,
2. All that ded-i-cat-ed cit-y, dear-ly loved of God on high,
3. To this tem-ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, to-day;



1. cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious, bind-ing all the church in one;
2. in ex-ul-tant ju-bi-la-tion pours per-per-ual mel-o-dy;
3. with thy wont-ed lov-ing-kind-ness hear thy peo-ple as they pray;



1. ho-ly Zi-on's help for-ev-er, and her con-fi-dence a-lone.
2. God the One in Three a-dor-ing in glad hymns e-ter-nal-ly.
3. and thy full-est ben-e-dic-tion shed with-in its walls al-way.

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: Sixth Sunday of Easter

(BCP Page 225)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS (You may be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 98

(BCP Pages 727-728)

Read alternately by half verse.

Sing to the LORD a new song, *

for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm *

has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, *

with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *

shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *

the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, *

*and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.*

In righteousness shall he judge the world *

and the peoples with equity.

THE SECOND READING: I John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*



GOSPEL HYMN: In Your Mercy, Lord, You Called Me

(Hymn #706)



1. In your mer - cy, Lord, you called me, taught my sin - filled heart and mind,
2. Lord, I did not free - ly choose you till by grace you set me free;
3. Now my heart sets none a - bove you, for your grace a - lone I thirst,



1. else this world had still en - thrall'd me, and to glo - ry kept me blind.
2. for my heart would still re - fuse you had your love not cho - sen me.
3. know - ing well, that if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

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 Sixth Station:
"The Risen Lord Appears to the Community of Disciples"

The Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

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, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise be to you, O Christ.*





All stand as are able.

NICENE
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, #5)

The Celebrant says

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, 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

Fishel

Doxology

Praise to God

(Hymn #380)

Please stand as are able

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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: I Am The Bread Of Life

(Hymn #335)

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 Celebrant says

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son Jesus Christ, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing and strengthen you through the Holy Spirit to serve God's purposes every new day. *Amen.*

Recessional: All Creatures of Our God and King

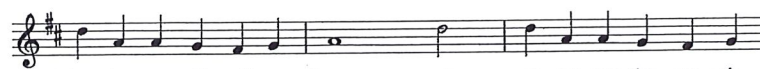
(Hymn #400, vs 1-3))



1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic-es, let us
2. Great rush-ing winds and breez-es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a-
3. Swift flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to



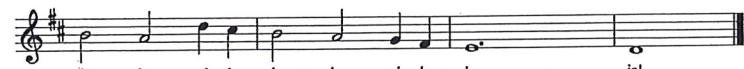
1. sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright
2. loft, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair
3. hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire,



1. burn - ing sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly
2. ris - ing morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a
3. so in - tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and



Refrain
1. gleams, O praise him, O praise him, Al - le-
2. voice,
3. light,



- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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:

8:00 am ~ Butch Adams

9:00 am ~ John Warren & Cecelia Shannon

11:00 am ~ Wendy Lauback

Vestry Person of the Day: Carrie Arrington

Greeters:

8:00 am ~ Elza LeBrun

9:00 am ~ Betty Williams

11:00 am ~ Barbara Appling

Director of Music Ministry: Meredith Carter

Musical Assistance: Alan Berkebile

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**

HAPPY
Mother's Day



Faith
Formation

The Faith Formation Study is on Monday, May 10th at 5:00 pm in person at St. Peter's or by ZOOM. We are celebrating & studying the life & ministry of Jesus after the Resurrection. This Study Group is being 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!



Happy Birthday to Justin Lee on the 9th, Steve Williams on the 11th, & Nadia Clark on the 15th. Happy Anniversary to Joey & Bret Westlake on May 5th. Happy Anniversary to Audre & JD Debler and Norma & Lee Williams on the 14th.



Altar Flowers

Flowers at the Altar today have been given in the glory of God in memory of their mother Nell Herring by her children Scott Herring, John & Lida Herring, & Clark & Cyndi Herring and in celebration of Norma & Lee Williams' 50th Anniversary.



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

This 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 meets on Thursday mornings at 10:30am. If you have missed a class, you are welcome to the next one on May 13th! 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.