

# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
May 7, 2023 ~ 10:00 am



## WELCOME!

Greetings! We are delighted that you have joined us for our Worship Service this morning and we are thankful to be together.

Whether you are a member, a frequent visitor, or are visiting St. Peter's for the first time, we feel blessed by your presence.

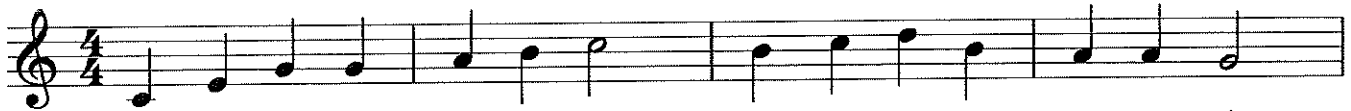
We invite your questions regarding our ministries and life in the Episcopal Church. Please know that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion during our worship. Father Jim will guide us through Communion.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2023 ~ 10:00 am

Processional: On This Day, The First Of Days

(Hymn #47)



1. On this day, the first of days, God the Fa - ther's Name we praise,  
2. On this day the e - ter - nal Son o - ver death his tri - umph won;  
3. Ma - ker, who didst fa - shion me im - age of thy - self to be,  
4. Ho - ly Je - sus, may I be dead and bur - ied here with thee;  
5. Thou, who dost all gifts im - part, shine, blest Spi - rit, in my heart;  
6. God, the bles - sed Three in One, dwell with - in my heart a - lone;



1. who, cre - a-tions's Lord and spring, did the world from dark-ness bring.  
2. on this day the Spi - tit came with his gifts of liv - ing flame.  
3. fill me with thy love di - vine, let my ev - ery thought be thine.  
4. and, by love in - flamed, a - rise un - to thee a sac - ri - fice.  
5. best of gifts, thy - self be - stow; make me burn thy love to know.  
6. thou dost give thy - self to me: help me give my - self to thee.

The Greeting

(BCP Page 355)

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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: A Reading From Acts of the Apostle 7:55-60**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16**

*(BCP Pages 622, 623 )*

*We will read alternately by whole verse.*

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

*Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.*

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

*Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.*

Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me,  
O LORD, O God of truth.

*My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.*

Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
and in your loving-kindness save me.

## THE SECOND READING: A Reading From the First Letter of Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner",

and

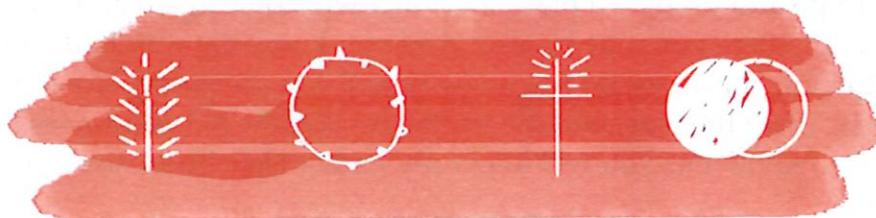
"A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

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

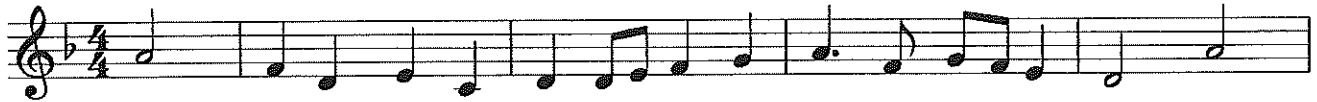


**THE GOSPEL**

*Please stand as are able.*

**GOSPEL HYMN: When Stephen, Full Of Power and Grace**

(Hymn #243)



1. When Ste-phen, full of power and grace, went forth through-out the land, he  
 2. When Ste-phen preached a - gainst the laws and by those laws was tried, he  
 3. When Ste-phen, young and doomed to die, fell crushed be - neath the stones, he  
 4. Let me, O Lord, thy cause de - fend, a knight with - out a sword; no



1. bore no shield be - fore his face, no wea - pon in his hand; but  
 2. had no friend to plead his cause, no spokes - man at his side; but  
 3. had no curse nor venge - ful cry for those who broke his bones; but  
 4. shield I ask, no faith - ful friend, no ven - geance, no re - ward; but



1. on - ly in his heart a flame and on his lips a sword where-  
 2. on - ly in his heart a flame and on his eyes a light where-  
 3. on - ly in his heart a flame and on his lips a prayer that  
 4. on - ly in my heart a flame and in my soul a dream, so



- 1. with he smote and o - ver - came the foe - men of the Lord.  
 - 2. with God's day - break to pro - claim and rend the veils of night.  
 3. God, in sweet for - give-ness' name, should un - der - stand and spare.  
 4. that the stones of earth - ly shame a jew - eled crown may seem.

**The Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14**

*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, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

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## The Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

*Homily*

*The Rev. James W. Friedel*

*All stand as are able.*



*(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.*

**The Prayers of the People, Form VI**

(BCP Page #392)

*The Leader and the People pray responsively. You may kneel or sit as are able.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

We pray for Justin, The Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop,  
David our Diocesan Bishop, Rayford our Diocesan Assisting Bishop, David our Bishop Coadjutor  
Elect, Jim our Rector, and all bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

The people may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*(BCP Page 393)*

*Leader and People*

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*The Celebrant says*

*(BCP Page 360)*

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: Hear Me Now, O Lord

*(Althouse)*

*Please stand as are able*

### Doxology

### Praise to God

*(Hymn #380)*

Musical notation for the Doxology hymn, consisting of three staves of music 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 heaven - ly 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

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blessed 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*



*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.*

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

*People and Celebrant*

## The Lord's Prayer

(C-114)

*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 Celebrant says*

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

*You may remain seated or kneeling while communion is distributed.*



## COMMUNION HYMNS

HYMN: God Has Called You

(See Insert)

HYMN: Take Our Bread

(See Insert)

## Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

### A Blessing for the Easter Season

*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 may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.  
*Amen.*

### 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.*



# Recessional: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Hymn #366, vs 1-4)




1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we  
2. Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3. Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred  
4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit,



1. bow be - fore thee; all on earth thy scep - ter claim,  
- 2. bow are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
3. Name to hal - low; pro - phets swell the loud re - frain,  
4. Three we name thee, while in es - sence on - ly One,



1. all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee; in - fi - nite thy  
2. in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with  
3. and the white robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and, from morn till  
4. un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee; then, a - dor - ing,



1. vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.  
2. sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
3. set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.  
4. bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.

## 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 ~ Carrie Arrington & Sherri Collins

10:00 am ~ Wendy Laubach & Cecelia Shannon

### Greeters/Ushers:

8:00 am ~ Scott Arrington

10:00 am ~ Susan & Harry Craig

Vestry Person of the Day ~ Lee Williams

Director of Music Ministries: Meredith Carter

Musical Assistance: Alan Berkebile

Altar Guild: Sherri Collins; Peggy Friebele, & Johnnie Callam

### Hospitality Team

8:00 am ~ June Gregory & Jean VanEenenaam

10:00 am ~ Susan & Tommy Allen



# Welcome to our CHURCH FAMILY



Altar Flowers

Flowers at the Altar this morning have been given to the glory of God in celebration of Steve's 70th birthday by his wife Charlene Williams

## Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 7

HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite I, 8:00am, Rite II, 10:00am

Monday, May 8th

\*Castaways

8:00 am - 11:00 am ~Pricing & Stocking

9:00 am - 12:30 pm ~ Pricing Clothes

Tuesday, May 9th

\*Castaways

8:00 am - 11:00 am ~Pricing & Stocking

9:00 am - 3:00 pm ~ Cashiers & Helpers

\*Daughters Of The King meet at 5:00 pm

Wednesday, May 10th

\* Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayers Service, 6:00pm followed by A Time For Prayer on Facebook Live at 7:00 pm

\*SING WITH THE CHOIR! Practice is at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, May 11th

\*Sit, relax, knit and visit with our "More Than Knitters" Group at 1:00 pm

\*Join the History Chicks' Group at 2:00 pm

Friday, May 12th

\*Castaways

8:00 am - 11:00 am ~Pricing & Stocking

9:00 am - 3:00 pm ~ Cashiers & Helpers

Saturday, May 13th

Castaways Style Show ~ 11:30 a.m.



## Castaways Style Show and Luncheon

Saturday, May 13th, 11:30 am

Men & women can sign up to be a model or just come enjoy the show!

Bring a favorite dish to share!

There is no charge but donations to Castaways are always appreciated.



*We are so glad you joined us today!*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Steve Clarkson 7

Tommy Allen 7

Robin Hancock 8

Steve Williams 11

Betty Gaines 12