

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Holy Eucharist Rite II
May 14, 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
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Processional: Come, We That Love The Lord

(Hymn #392)



1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join
2. Let those re - fuse to sing that nev - er knew our God; but
3. The heirs of grace have found glo - ry be - gun be - low; ce -
4. Then let our song a - bound and let our tears be dry; we're



1. in a song with sweet ac - cord and thus sur-round the throne. Ho-
2. chil - dren of the heaven - ly King may speak their joys a - broad. Ho-
3. les - tial fruits on earth - ly ground from faith and hope may grow. Ho-
4. march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground to fair - er worlds on high. Ho-



- 1. san - na, ho - san - na! Re - joice, give thanks and sing.
- 2. san - na, ho - san - na! Re - joice, give thanks and sing.
- 3. san - na, ho - san - na! Re - joice, give thanks and sing.
- 4. san - na, ho - san - na! Re - joice, give thanks and sing.

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: 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: A Reading From Acts of the Apostle 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him— though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

PSALM 66:7-18

(BCP Pages 674-675)

We will read alternately by whole verse.

Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

*Who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip.*

For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

*You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.*

You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

Continued on the next page.

*I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows,
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.*

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.

*Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for me.*

I called out to him with my mouth,
and his praise was on my tongue.

*If I had found evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;*

But in truth God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

*Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his love from me.*

THE SECOND READING: A Reading From the First Letter of Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

THE GOSPEL *Please stand as are able.*

GOSPEL HYMN: God Be In My Head

(Hymn #694)

God be in my head, and in my un - der - stand - ing;

God be in mine eyes, and in my look - ing;

God be in my mouth, and in my speak - ing;

God be in my heart, and in my think - ing;

God be at mine end, and at my de - part - ing.

The Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21

The congregation continues to stand as are able.

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

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: Oh, The Sweetness Of Your Love

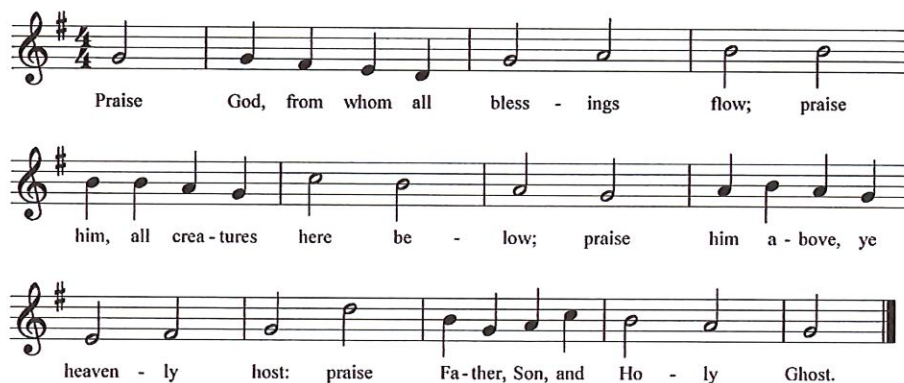
(S.H. Stayner)

Please stand as are able

Doxology

Praise to God

(Hymn #380)



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

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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: Fear Not, For I Have Redeemed You

(See Insert)

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 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.




Recessional: All Creatures Of Our God And King

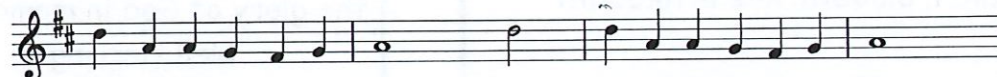
(Hymn #400, vs 1,4,5,7)



1.All crea- tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
4.Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5.All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
7.Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble-



sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright
way, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All
part, O sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All
ness, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise



burn - ing sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
you that pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
God the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - 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 ~ Carrie Arrington and Cecelia Shannon
10:00 am ~ Wendy Laubach and Sherri Collins

Greeters/Ushers:

8:00 am ~ Katherine Hubbard
10:00 am ~ Tony Farmer

Vestry Person of the Day ~ Vallerie Farmer

Director of Music Ministries: Meredith Carter

Musical Assistance: Alan Berkebile

Altar Guild: Margaret Goolsbee, Peggy Friebele, and Sherri Collins

Hospitality Teams

8:00 am ~ June Gregory and Jean Van Eenenaam
10:00 am ~ Audre and JD Debler



Flowers at the Altar this morning have been given to the glory of God in memory of Nell Herring by her children Clark Herring & Cyndi Tucker; John & Lida Herring; and Scott Herring and in celebration of Savanna and Tyler's wedding by her grandmother, Elza LeBrun

Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 14
 HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite I, 8:00am, Rite II, 10:00am

Monday, May 15th
 *Castaways
 8:00 am - 11:00 am ~Pricing & Stocking
 12:30 pm ~ Pricing Clothes

Tuesday, May 16th
 *Castaways
 8:00 am - 11:00 am ~Pricing & Stocking
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm ~ Cashiers & Helpers
 Vestry meets at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, May 17th
 * 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 18th
 *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 19th
 *Castaways
 8:00 am - 11:00 am ~Pricing & Stocking
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm ~ Cashiers & Helpers



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 Nadia Clark 15
 Andrew Gardner 17
 Connie Myers 19

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
 Audre & JD Debler 14
 Norma & Lee Williams 14
 Martha & Alan Berkebile 17
 Pam & Larry Heidt 18
 Gay & Mac Keeble 19
 Cheryl & Ken Karr 20

