

# ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY



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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST — RITE TWO

APRIL 18, 2021 — 10:00 AM

*Welcome! We are so glad that you are joining us for worship this morning either in person or online.  
Wherever we are, we worship together. In this leaflet the words to be said by all are **bolded**.*



## **THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH**

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 18:**

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I – Historic Church, please sign up
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II– Via Facebook Live\* or sign up
- 11:00 a.m. Adult Forum– Via Zoom
- 12:30 p.m. Pastoral Care Commission – Via Zoom
- 1:00 p.m. Youth Group at the Fire Pit

### **MONDAY, APRIL 19:**

- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
- 6:00 p.m. Pub Theology – Via Zoom

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 20:**

- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
- 7:15 p.m. Vestry – Via Zoom

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21:**

- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Bible Study – Via Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
- 7:00 p.m. Preschool Dad's Night

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 22:**

- 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group – Via Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 23:**

- 8:00 a.m. Gathering of Men – Via Zoom

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 24:**

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Hike – Pulpit Rock

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 25:**

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I – Historic Church, please sign up
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II– Via Facebook Live or sign up
- 11:00 a.m. Adult Forum - Our Food and Climate Change
- 1:00 p.m. Youth Group Mini Golf at Markies in Phoenixville
- 4:30 p.m. Holy Hike – McKaig Nature Center

\* all services Via Facebook live can also be viewed on YouTube or our website [stpetersgv.org](http://stpetersgv.org)

# THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude** *Elevation from Eucharistic Suite*

Léon Boëllmann (1862–1897)

**Hymn 180** *He is Risen*

*Unser Herrscher*

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
\*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,  
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion  
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the  
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.  
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.  
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

## Easter Acclamation

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Presider* Almighty God,

*People* 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.

## Canticle 13 *A Song of Praise*

Setting: Hymnal S-236, John Rutter (b. 1945)

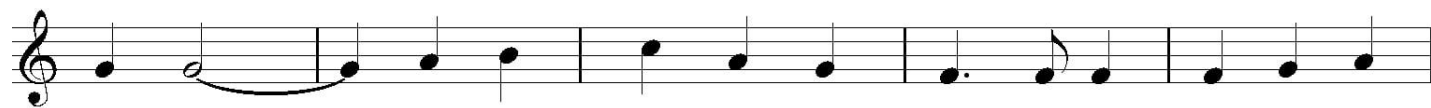
1. Glo - ry to you, Lord  
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;  
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you  
for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will



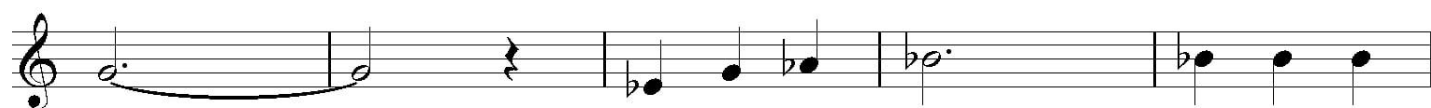
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_



3. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_ in the splen - dor of your



tem - ple; \_\_\_\_\_ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to



you. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -



ween the Cher - u - bim; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and

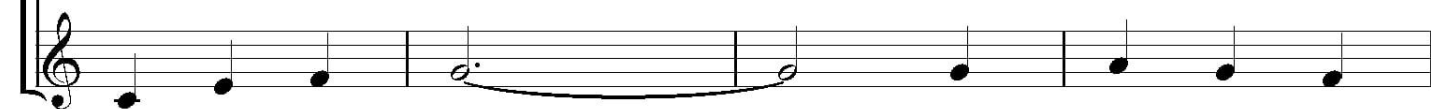


high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

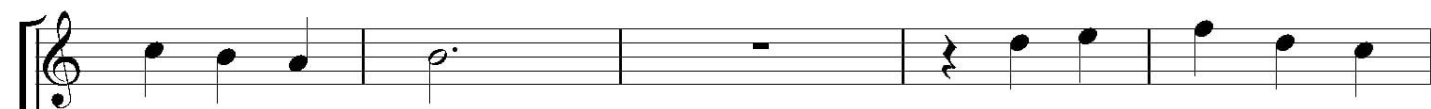
*Descant*



5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be -



5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the



hold - ing the depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of



depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider* O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The First Reading

*Acts 3:12-19*

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the

Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 4** *Cum invocarem*

Based on *Noël nouvelet*, Hymn 204



- 1    Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
      you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
      have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2    "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
      how long will you worship dumb idols  
      and run after false gods?"
- 3    Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
      when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4    Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
      speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5    Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
      and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6    Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
      Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

**[Antiphon]**

**[Antiphon]**

7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

[Antiphon]

## The Epistle

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## Hymn 305 Come, Risen Lord

Rosedale

*Descant*

3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay,  
2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met; thou  
3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one  
4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who

*Ped.*



Church u - nit - ed in com-mun-ion blest; one Name we

let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
 at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:  
 Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest;  
 art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

bear, one Bread of life we break, with all thy

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest in  
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet: faith  
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break, with  
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see; be

saints on earth and saints at rest.

thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.  
 still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.  
 all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.  
 known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

## The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36b–48

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

*Presider* The Gospel of our Savior.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Reverend Mark Nestlehutt

## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Intercessor* Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered the people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ; let us lift our voices and pray.  
Risen Lord:

*People* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings showered upon us: For our lives and for those whom we love; for the beauty of this home that God has created for us; for our families and our friendships. Let us give thanks to the God of Life.

Risen Lord: **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God: For our clergy and our bishops; for the many people who serve the church, and serve the world through the church. For those gathered here in worship and prayer.

Risen Lord: **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the newly baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith and service.

Risen Lord: **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, and that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

Risen Lord: **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle, particularly those on our parish prayer list. Let us pray for those who have died, especially Ruth C. Kane and Carol I. Lemert, for whom our altar memorials have been given; that the hope born of Easter gives them peace, acceptance and renewal, and that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores.

Risen Lord: **Hear our Prayer.**

*Presider* Gracious and loving God, Creator and source of life; hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of eternal life given through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus the Christ; who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, now and always. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Please remain at your place and exchange the Peace with a wave and greeting from where you are. Thank you!*



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*In order to keep everyone safe, only the bread will be distributed.*

*If you are worshipping from home, you may come to the bank barn following the service to receive communion.*

*Individual hosts will be in cups on the altar. You are welcome to stay and pray.*

*For those present in the barn, please wait until the priest has moved on to the next group before removing your mask to consume.*

*If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a no touch blessing.*

### **The Anthem at the Offertory** *To the Lamb on the Throne*

Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

Worthy the Lamb.

Ye Servants of God, your Maker proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name;  
The name all victorious of Jesus extol: His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!” Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

God rules in the height almighty to save; though hid from our sight, His presence we have,  
The great congregation His triumph shall sing, Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Then let us adore and give Him His right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might;  
All honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

“Worthy the Lamb!”

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here, a Proper Preface is said, as appointed.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Presider and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Then the Presider continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy Name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation*

**The Gifts of God for the People of God.**

*As a reminder, please remain at your place, the Presider will come to you with communion.*

*While the Celebrant is distributing communion to those in attendance, the following prayer for spiritual communion will be offered. Those worshipping at home are invited to pray along with the Presider.*

## **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

**In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I**

may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

## The Post-Communion Prayer

*Presider and People*

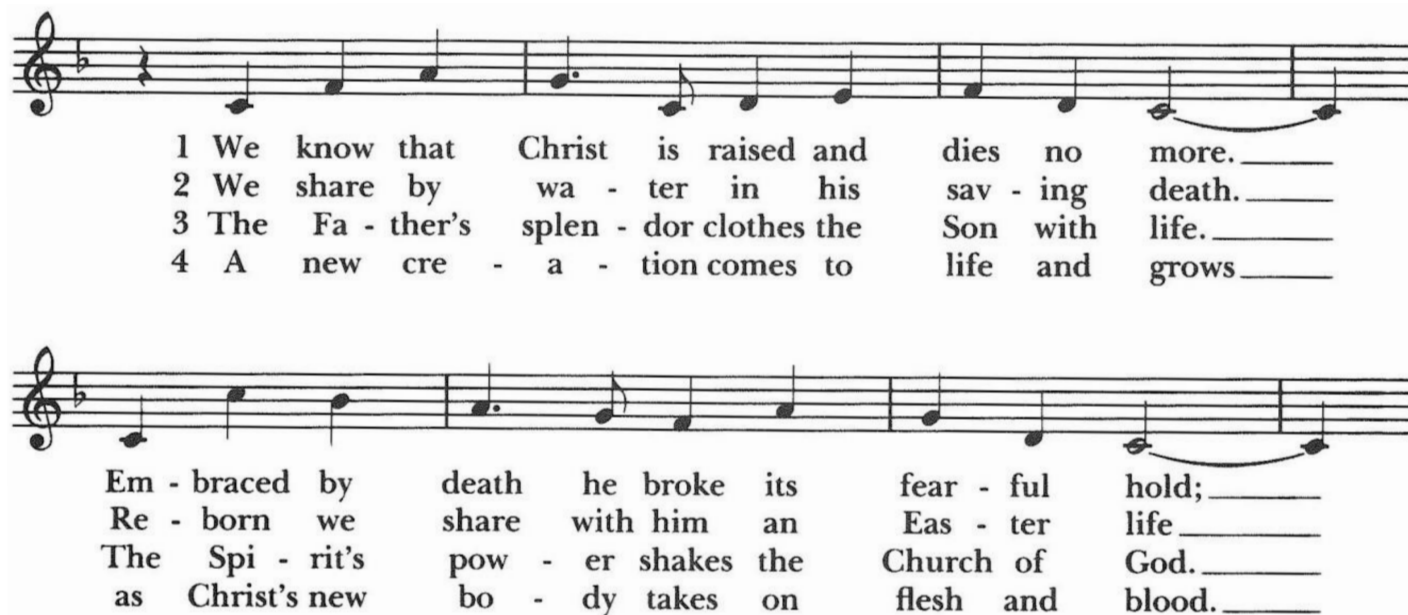
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Hymn 296 *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more*

*Engelberg*




1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows \_\_\_\_\_

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; \_\_\_\_\_  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life \_\_\_\_\_  
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. \_\_\_\_\_




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and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le -  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: \_\_\_\_\_

Final Ending



lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

## The Dismissal

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

**Postlude** *Sortie from Eucharistic Suite*

Léon Boëllmann

*Thank you to Michael Trycieckyj and our choir for skillfully providing music for worship.*

*Thank you to our technical team, Mark Clark and Liam Reid.*

*Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with grace.*

*Our worship and programs are happening in new ways, and we remain a community in which all are welcome!*

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## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

**Altar Guild:** Joanne Ledbetter and Cathy Terlescki

**Flower Guild:** Ginger Dagit and Tammy Kraig

**Reader:** Suzanne Casey

**Usher:** Dave Laurence

## THE VESTRY

**Rector's Warden:** Eileen Klein

**Vestry Warden:** David Graves

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## ST. PETER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IN PERSON WORSHIP** At St. Peter's we have returned to in-person worship on a sign up basis at 8:00 a.m. in the historic church and 10:00 a.m. in the bank barn. All pandemic related procedures are being followed including mask wearing and distancing. You may sign up using this link [St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley Registration Form \(reopen.church\)](#) The 10:00 a.m. service will continue to be live-streamed, as usual. Thank you!

**RECEIVING COMMUNION** One of the clergy will remain in the barn until 12:30 p.m. every Sunday so that after you have finished watching the livestream of the service you may come to receive the consecrated bread. The host will be in an individual cup on the Altar. Come, offer prayer, retrieve your communion and consume. You may spend some more time in prayer if you wish. The doors will remain open, please wear a mask and maintain any physical distancing necessary. Friendly signs will remind you of all Covid protocols.

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** We have added the prayer for Spiritual Communion during the 10:00 a.m. service which will be said during the distribution of communion for those who are only able to be with us through the Livestream of the service. The prayer for Spiritual Communion is an additional way to completely connect the body of Christ together when it is impossible for all of us to join together. If you have questions, please reach out to Abigail ([abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org)) or Chris ([chris@stpetersgv.org](mailto:chris@stpetersgv.org))

**LIVE STREAMING UPDATE** We are keenly aware that many people do not wish to use Facebook to stream our worship services. Thankfully, the software that streams our service can output to more than one place at the same time. We are now sending our livestream to both Facebook and YouTube each week. For those who watch on Facebook, nothing will change. Our website feed will now come from YouTube. You can also go to our YouTube channel directly to see the service. Our YouTube channel is available here: [St. Peter's in the Great Valley - YouTube](#). If you have any problems using the YouTube channel for viewing, please contact Chris at [chris@stpetersgv.org](mailto:chris@stpetersgv.org).

**PUB THEOLOGY** Join us at 6:00pm on Monday, April 19th, We will begin discussing Sexuality and Scripture. Our goal is to have wonderfully deep conversations about various topics. It is a conversation of curiosity. Rarely do we solve the questions, but, we explore and frequently are left with more questions to ponder in our life of faith. This will be a multi-week conversation. The Zoom link will be sent out via Keynotes on the day of.

**HOLY HIKE PULPIT ROCK** After being on hold for a year, our holy hikes resume on Saturday, April 24, with a hike up to Pulpit Rock. At our destination and surrounded by a beautiful view, we will celebrate a simple Eucharist. The 3.8-mile loop trail is located near Hamburg, Pennsylvania, about a ninety-minute drive from St. Peter's. Rated as moderate, this trail, with its 830-foot elevation gain, will be more challenging than our past hikes, which were more like "walks." To learn more about the trail and to preview the hike in photos, visit [www.alltrails.com/trail/us/Pennsylvania/pulpit-rock](http://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/Pennsylvania/pulpit-rock). We will meet at the Pulpit Rock trailhead at 8:30 a.m. to beat the crowds that use this very popular trail. Masks are optional while hiking, but must be used when distancing from others can't be maintained. Please use this link to sign up <https://rsvp.church/r/8OKiZt95> or contact Abigail at [abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org) if you have any questions.

**HOLY HIKE McKAIG NATURE CENTER** For those who wish a more local adventure, our Sunday afternoon holy hike will take place at the McKaig Nature Center in Wayne. We will meet at Robert's Elementary School, 889 Croton Road at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 25 for a gentle walk along trails by bubbling streams and through an old growth forest. We will walk together for at least a mile with the option of adding more distance with additional trails. Eucharist will be celebrated in the area called "The Beach." Masks are optional while walking, but must be used when distancing from others can't be maintained. Please use this link to sign up <https://rsvp.church/r/8OKiZt95> or contact Abigail at [abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org) if you have any questions.

**SUNDAY NEEDS - USHERS AND READERS** We are moving toward expanding our numbers for in-person worship, according to diocesan guidelines. In order to do this we must increase our usher and reader ranks. To volunteer, please contact Sarah Tellefsen. Her contact information is in the parish directory. Thank you!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT** We are grateful for all who have made on-going or one-time donations to support the ministry of St. Peter's. Your kind gifts may be mailed to the parish office or you can give electronically, via our PayPal account. Click [HERE](#) to make a one-time donation. You will also have the opportunity to make these donations recur every month. Again, thank you for your support.

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT** Our nominating committee (retiring vestrypersons Don Cheetham, Doug Jones, Eileen Klein, and Charlotte Tellefsen and at-large members Jenny Disque, Trudi Graves, Shannon Mannon, and Luci Russell) has proposed the following slate to serve as the vestry class of 2024: Philip Cauffman, Kate Mallon-Day, Steve Ockenden, and Luci Russell. You may learn more about these members through their biographies in the April Beacon. The annual parish meeting will take place on May 2 via Zoom following a single 10:00 a.m. service.

**LIVE-STREAMING CREW** Interested in learning something new? We are putting together a team of people to assist with live-streaming on Sunday mornings. This is a pleasant and essential task and training will be joyfully offered. Please contact Abigail at [abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org) if you would like to join the team. Thank you!

**FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE** Thank you for your continued generosity to our food ministry porch donations! For the month of March our donations totaled 283 pounds of needed nourishment for the folks at Alianzas de Phoenixville. Additionally, Alianzas received 12 holiday hams thanks to Doug Jones' supermarket holiday ham program. Thank you to all who participated in this special holiday outpouring of food. For the months of April and May our porch donations will go to CYWA in Coatesville. They especially appreciate canned meats (tuna, chicken, beef), peanut butter, canned natural juice fruits, canned beans, pasta, tomato sauces, hearty soups, healthy cereals. They are so appreciative of all our gifts. Thank you.

**NEEDLEWORK MINISTRY COMFORT AVAILABLE** Do you know someone who is struggling due to illness or grief or could simply use encouragement? The Needlework Ministry has created items to meet those needs. You can request a prayer shawl or lap blanket for someone who is ill in almost any weight or color. If someone has lost hair due to chemo treatments, we have prepared chemo caps too. Or a simple prayer square can be sent. If you wish to support someone in this way, please contact Gail Malcolm. She is listed in the parish directory or you may call the parish office at 610-644-2261 for her contact information.

**PRAYER LISTS** Because our leaflets are now on a public platform each week, they do not include the parish prayer list, however we are happy to share it with you at your request. Please call the church office at 610-644-2261 to arrange to receive one. Thank you.

**ATWATER WALKS** Join Abigail on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for a 45-60 minute walk through the neighborhood adjacent to St. Peter's, weather permitting of course. Limit of 4 people. Please contact Abigail directly if you wish to attend.

**BIBLE STUDY** takes place on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. If you would like to participate, please contact Chris at [chris@stpetersgv.org](mailto:chris@stpetersgv.org) or Abigail at [abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org) for the necessary details.

**PRAYER GROUP** Join us on Thursdays via Zoom. Please contact Chris for the link details at [chris@stpetersgv.org](mailto:chris@stpetersgv.org).

**THE GATHERING OF MEN** Please join Rod Platt every Friday at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom. All men in the parish are invited to this virtual morning gathering. If you would like to join this group, please contact Rod to receive the Zoom link. Rod is listed in the parish directory or you may contact the parish office at 610-644-2261 for his information.

**PLEASE DRIVE GENTLY** One of the blessings of this pandemic time is that we are seeing a large, but safe, number of visitors on our beautiful church grounds. Many of them walk or jog over from Atwater. If you are driving on campus, please be especially careful, particularly at the turn in the exit road. Thank you!

**PLEDGE ENVELOPES** are available in the parish house for those who have requested envelopes. If you are not sure whether or not you have signed up to receive envelopes, please contact Mary Ann Tatum at [maryanntatum5@gmail.com](mailto:maryanntatum5@gmail.com). If you wish to make a pledge, you may do so online at [stpetersgv.org](http://stpetersgv.org) or you may phone the parish office to receive a pledge card. Thank you!