



## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 25, 2025 — 10:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST — RITE TWO

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Welcome! It is our wish that you feel at home in this place, and that you experience God's presence in heart, mind, and spirit.*

*In this leaflet the words to be said by all are **bolded**. We anticipate worship with the Voluntary.*

*You are warmly invited to enter into silence to best appreciate the music that is offered.*

**Organ Voluntary** “Elegy” and “Scherzo”

William Walton

**Hymn 199** *Come, ye faithful. raise the strain*

*St. Kevin*

### Opening 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.**

**Hymnal S-278** *Glory to God*

William Mathias

### The Collect of the Day

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* 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.**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 67 *Deus misereatur*

*William Crotch*



- 1 GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us,  
and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;
- 2 That thy way may be known upon earth,  
thy saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise thee, O God;  
yea, let all the peoples praise thee.
- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad;  
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise thee, O God;  
yea, let all the peoples praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase;  
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

7 God shall bless us;  
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

## **The Second Reading**

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 383** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

*St. Elizabeth*

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

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

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

*Presider* The Gospel of our Savior.

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

## The Sermon

The Abigail Crozier 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 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 Morgan Kreek 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 Christ be always with you.

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

## Welcome and Announcements



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*This is the Lord's supper: God's feast for all of God's people. There is always an abundance here and a place for you.  
You are invited and encouraged to feast at God's table. Please let the priest know if you would like a gluten-free wafer.  
If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing.*

### The Offertory Anthem

*I heard the voice of Jesus*

Richard Shephard

*Text may be found at Hymn 392*

### The Doxology

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

*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 on all Sundays as appointed.*

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

**Hymnal S-125 *Sanctus***

Richard Proulx

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

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

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Then the Presider continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Presider continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Peter and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.



## **The Communion Anthem** *Sicut Cervus*

Giovanni Pierluigi-Palestrina

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,  
So longeth my soul after Thee, O God  
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God :  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?  
My tears have been my meat day and night :  
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

*Psalm 42:1-3*

## **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**

**Hymn 405** *All things bright and beautiful*

*Royal Oak*

## **The Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude** *Voluntary on Hyfrydol*

Healey Willan

*Special thanks to Nate Zullinger, our guest organist, for sharing his musical gift with us this morning.*

*Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with grace.  
Please join us for refreshments following the service.*

## **This Week at Saint Peter's Church**

### **SUNDAY, MAY 25:** Summer Schedule

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I – historic church  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II – historic church\*

*Hospitality follows each service*

**MONDAY, MAY 26:** Memorial Day, parish office closed

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 28:**

10:00 a.m. Bible Study – via Zoom  
1 - 6:00p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive - bank barn, lower level

### **THURSDAY, MAY 29:**

10:30 a.m. Praying our Prayer List – via Zoom  
7:15 p.m. Compline –via YouTube and Facebook

### **FRIDAY, MAY 30:**

8:00 a.m. Gathering of Men – via Zoom

### **SATURDAY, MAY 31:**

4:00 – 9:00 p.m. Recital – historic church

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 1:** One Service - First Sunday in the Month

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & baptism – bank barn

*Hospitality follows each service*

\* The asterisk indicates which service will be live streamed each week.

## ST. PETER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NURSERY CARE** today is available in the preschool, housed in the Parish House across from the historic church. You may enter through the side door. The following two Sundays, June 1 and 8th, nursery care will return to the bank barn which is located near the elevator on the lower level of the barn. Our youngest worshippers are welcome to join us for the service or you may choose for them to be cared for in the nursery by our wonderful team of providers.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** and **ADULT FORUM** are on recess until mid-September.

**START OF THE SUMMER SCHEDULE** Our summer schedule begins this Sunday, Memorial Day weekend. On May 25 our services will be at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. in the historic church. On June 1 we will have one 10:00 a.m. service in the bank barn for the first Sunday of the Month. On June 8, The Day of Pentecost, we will have one morning service at 10:00 a.m. in the barn to celebrate the feast of Pentecost and also to bid farewell to our Rector. A catered reception will follow the service that morning. In the historic church at 4:00 p.m. on June 8 we will enjoy our final Evensong of the program year with a special reception to thank the choir following.

### **WILL YOU PLEASE HELP WITH THE PENTECOST READING IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES?**

Parlez-vous français or Spanish or Japanese or Greek or any language other than English? If so, we would love for you to participate in the traditional reading from Acts of the Apostles on June 8. Please contact Abigail at [abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org) or 610-644-2261 to let her know of your availability to read at 10:00 a.m. Thank you!

**TRANSITION INFORMATION** The Wardens and Rector are working with the diocesan Canon for Transitions to ensure that all goes well during this period of transition. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Becky, Amy, or Abigail with any questions you have.

**REQUEST FOR PHOTOS:** Calling all photographers! We are looking for some more recent photos to refresh our website. If you have a few photos that you think you would help us please send to Sarah Tellefsen at [stellefsenpa@comcast.net](mailto:stellefsenpa@comcast.net). Specifically we are looking for photos from 2024 and 2025 that show people in and around St. Peter's working together, at worship, and at events. Photos from your phone will generally work, according to our website consultant. Thank you in advance.

**MAY IS PASTA MONTH** Shopping Cart food ministry - You provide direct support to our friends at CYWA in Coatesville. Any questions please call the office (610-644-2261) **THANK YOU !!!**

**CHOIR RESIDENCY IN NORWICH** Our choirs will be engaged in singing a week-long choral residency July 19-26, 2026 at Norwich Cathedral. If you are interested in joining in this choral pilgrimage, speak to Steven Patchel or any choir member. Flyers are also available with more information.

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

**PRAYER GROUP** Join us on Thursdays via Zoom as we pray through the parish prayer list.

**THURSDAY NIGHT COMPLINE** Our rector, Abigail, joins with the Reverend Chris Exley to pray Compline on Thursdays. You are welcome to join them for this simple, meditative, end of day prayer service via YouTube or Facebook at 7:15 p.m.

**THE GATHERING OF MEN** Please join Rod Platt every Friday at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom or in person on the first Friday of the month in the historic church. All men in the parish are invited. If you would like to join this group, please contact Rod to receive the Zoom link. He is listed in the parish directory or contact the parish office at 610-644-2261.

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**Altar Guild:** Katharine Campbell, Cathy Terlescki  
**Greeter:** Sandy Mannix  
**Intercessor:** Michael Smith  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Duncan Kraig, Gail Malcolm

**Flower Guild:** Ann Armstrong, Brenda Grove  
**Readers:** Jeff Conway, David Graves  
**Ushers:** George and Betsy Comstock  
**Fellowship:** Vestry

### THE VESTRY

**Rector's Warden:** Becky Dempsey  
**Vestry Warden:** Amy Fisher

**Secretary:** Laurel Veitch  
**Treasurer:** Paige Infortuna

#### Class of 2026

Liz Andersen  
Amy Fisher  
Tim Hepp  
Dave Tatum

#### Class of 2027

Becky Dempsey  
Duncan Kraig  
Michael Smith  
Tony Wirtel

#### Class of 2028

Greg Bright  
Katharine Campbell  
Matt Goller  
Cassandra Shannon

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### ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY STAFF

The Rev. Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt, Rector  
Seretha Curry, Assistant for Christian Formation  
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