



THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome! We are so glad you are here. In this leaflet the words to be said by all are bolded.

The people standing, the Presider says

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Presider Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presider Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Presider and people

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards all.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass all understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Acts 16:9-15

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.**

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The New Testament

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.**

The Holy Gospel

John 5:1-9

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. 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

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Morgan Creek, Russell W. Wilson, and Robert and Charles Cunningham for whom our altar memorials are given, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Peter and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

Welcome and Announcements



THE HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek a closer relationship with God, including children, are invited and encouraged to participate in Holy Communion.

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.

We have reintroduced the chalice at this service. Receiving the bread alone is considered full communion and no one should feel obligated to receive the wine. If you do choose to receive both, please drink from the chalice rather than dipping the bread into the wine.

While it may seem counterintuitive, studies show this is the safest way to limit the spread of germs.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here, a Proper Preface is said on all Sundays as appointed.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Presider and People

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Then the Presider continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. 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.

The Dismissal

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

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

We are sent forth to be Christ's blessing in the world.

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

We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 22 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I – historic church
9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist – Enriching Our Worship – bank barn*
9:00 a.m.	Sunday school – bank barn, lower level
10:20 a.m.	Adult Forum – bank barn
10:20 a.m.	Youth Group – bank barn, youth room
11:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:30 p.m.	Pastoral Care Commission

Fellowship follows each service

MONDAY, MAY 23

9:30 a.m.	Atwater Walk
12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
3:00 p.m.	Echo Lake Bible Study

TUESDAY, MAY 24

12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

10:00 a.m.	Bible Study and Morning Prayer – Via Zoom
12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
2 - 7:00 p.m.	Red Cross blood drive – bank barn
7:15 p.m.	Confirmation Class – Via Zoom

THURSDAY, MAY 26

10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group – Via Zoom
12:00 p.m.	Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal

FRIDAY, MAY 27

8:00 a.m.	Gathering of Men – Via Zoom
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SUNDAY, MAY 29 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Fellowship follows each service

* Services in the barn can be viewed Via Facebook live or YouTube. Services in the historic church can be viewed on YouTube. The asterisk indicates which service will be live streamed each week.

ST. PETER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL begins at 9:00 a.m. Children may go to the lower level of the bank barn when they arrive. They will return to the church service at the time of the Peace. If you have questions, please contact The Reverend Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt.

YOUTH GROUP Will meet today at 10:20 a.m. in the youth room to discuss the role of the youth on the vestry and to elect a representative to the vestry. Thank you!

NURSERY CARE is available in the nursery room 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.

ADULT FORMATION **This morning:** Armed Forces veteran Dave Tatum will lead a presentation on teaching young people about the nature of war and the meaning of Memorial Day. He will focus on the impact of war on families and communities, and discuss ways to honor and remember those who lost their lives.

AT THE REQUEST OF THE RED CROSS, St. Peter's is hosting a pre-Memorial Day blood drive this **Wednesday, May 25** in the barn from 2:00 to 7:00 PM. Register to donate at: stpetersblooddrive.com. Please spread the word among family and friends. Contact info.stpetersblooddrive@gmail.com for more information.

AID FOR PLACES OF CONFLICT The recommendation of the diocese is to support the efforts of Episcopal Relief and Development. Please follow this link for more information, <https://www.episcopalrelief.org>. Please keep all those who are in harm's way in your prayers.

START OF THE SUMMER SCHEDULE Hard to believe, but summer is almost here! During the summer months we worship at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. in the historic church. This schedule begins this coming **Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 29** and runs through Labor Day. Lemonade on the lawn, is hosted by the vestry, and takes place after the 10:00 service.

EVENSONG will be sung on Sunday, June 5 at 4:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars, invite a friend and plan to join us for this beautiful service. A festive picnic will follow.

PENTECOST is June 5. We will have one morning service at 10:00 a.m. at which we will thank our wonderful choir before they begin their much deserved summer break. In the afternoon we will enjoy a beautiful service of Evensong at 4:00 p.m. with a picnic to follow. Mark your calendar now and please be sure to join us for this feast day.

MEET OUR NEW ASSISTANT RECTOR The Reverend Rachel Eskite will be with us for Evensong and the picnic following on Sunday, June 5. This will be a great opportunity to visit with her before she begins her ministry with us officially on June 12. Please mark your calendars and be sure to join us. Thank you!

FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE - Porch Donations Thank you for your most generous food offerings to our partners! **MAY** Food Donations to CYWA. CYWA, Coatesville, welcomes all donations, especially CANNED meats, fish products, PASTA, BEANS, RICE, SAUCE, PEANUT BUTTER, HEALTHY CANNED SOUPS, and CEREALS. For questions or to volunteer for a delivery, please contact Eileen Klein. She is listed in the directory or you may call the parish office (610-644-2261) for contact information. Thank you for your support!

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 for the necessary details.

THE GATHERING OF MEN Please join Rod Platt every Friday at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom or in person. 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.

PRAYER GROUP Join us on Thursdays via Zoom. Please contact Deacon Jeff for more information at jeff@stpetersgv.org.

Altar Guild: Gail McLaughlin, Mimi Quillman
Flower Guild: Ann Armstrong and Peggy Dixon
Sound: Bud Coleman

Reader: Paige Infortuna
Usher: Mike Harman

Rector's Warden: Dave Lockner
Vestry Warden: Melissa Shaner

Secretary: Laurel Veitch
Treasurer: Peter Kreek

Class of 2023
Gail Guthridge
Mike Harman
Lyndsay Knupp
Dave Lockner

Class of 2024
Philip Cauffman
Kate Mallon-Day
Steve Ockenden
Luci Russell

Class of 2025
Janet Himmelreich
Gail Malcolm
Nicholas Mosvick
Melissa Shaner

Youth Representative: TBD*

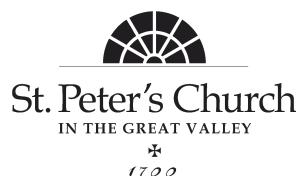
*In accordance with our bylaws, members of the Youth Group will select the new youth representative at their next meeting.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY STAFF

The Rev. Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt, Rector
Dr. Bruce W. Glenny, Organist/Choirmaster
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