

# ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY



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## THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER DAY

APRIL 12, 2020 — 10:00 AM

Welcome! We are so glad that you are joining us virtually this Easter. Corporate worship is important to us and we want to do whatever we can to maintain our sense of community even when we cannot be together physically. We encourage you to leave comments and even post pictures of yourself. In this way we can see one another even when we are not able to be with one another. In this leaflet the words to be said by all are **bolded**.



## THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude** *Alleluia! O sons and daughters, let us sing*

Flor Peeters (1903–1986)

**Hymn 207** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

*Easter Hymn*

*Descant*

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Easter Acclamation

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## Opening Sentence

*Psalm 118:24*

*Presider* On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*The people standing, the Presider says*

Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

## Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

*Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \*  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \*  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \*  
and he has become my salvation.

- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \*  
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \*  
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Old Testament**

*Jeremiah 31:1-6*

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your

tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

## **Canticle 8** *The Song of Moses*

*Cantemus Domino*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been  
drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to  
your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them \*

on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Epistle

*Acts 10:34–43*

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ— he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

## The Anthem

*Cantata no. 4 (BWV 4) "Christ lag in Todes Banden", mvt. 2*

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Beth & Jason Hacker, duet

Den Tod niemand zwingen kunnt bei allen  
Menschenkindern:  
das macht alles unser Sund, kein Unschuld  
war zu finden.  
Davon kam der Tod, so bald und nahm Über  
uns gewalt,  
hielt uns in seinem Reich gefanden.  
Hallelujah!

*Over death no man could prevail, no mortal  
dared to meet him,  
through Sin's strength's of no avail, we could  
not ever defeat him.  
Therefore, Death did lead us all, his slaves  
made us, one and all,  
and had us conquered in his power.  
Alleluia!*



After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

*Presider*    The Word of the Lord

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt

**The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

*People* **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 Suffrages**

*Presider* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*People* **And grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*People* **Let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*People* **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*People* **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth;  
*People* **Your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People* **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People* **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Presider continues*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

## **The Anthem**

*Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One*

Healy Willan (1880–1968)

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;  
for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;  
the flowers appear upon the earth;  
the time of the singing of birds is come;  
Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

text: *Song of Solomon*

## A Litany of Joy and Thanksgiving

Traveling from a triumphant Palm Sunday, through a day of darkness, we have journeyed to Easter. This is a time of uncertainty and separation from family and friends. But the knowledge of God's unceasing love gives us, the people of St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley, the opportunity to share the joy and thanksgiving in our lives. Join in saying, He is risen! **Thanks be to God.**

For the splendor and majesty of God's creation. To be outdoors to see the beauty of the Earth and the spring blossoms bursting forth and to feel the warming sun and the still cool breezes. For seeing families outdoors together enjoying the beautiful spring weather and flowers which are reminders that there is more to life than Covid-19.

He is risen! **Thanks be to God.**

For the health and safety of loved ones, family, friends, co-workers and pets. We especially pray for the safety of those loved ones who are on the frontlines of caring for others. For being able to be in contact with far away friends and family to learn of their safety. For the joy of seeing the beautiful faces of friends and family even though we cannot be in the same place. We give thanks and are joyful that our children and grandchildren are safe during this stressful period of isolation. For our sweet irrepressible children and grandchildren and the resilience of our families.

He is risen! **Thanks be to God.**

For the shelter of our homes, old and new, which have become not only places to live and share meals, but also our workplaces and classrooms. For all things comedic in our lives and homes, on the web and on the airwaves. For the extra time spent with family and the opportunities to rediscover the wide love in our homes.

He is risen! **Thanks be to God.**

For the dedication and proficiency of the medical teams and caregivers who minister to all who are sick and suffering, and those who marshal the resources and govern our collective response to the pandemic. For not only the doctors and nurses, but the laboratory professionals, respiratory therapists, environmental services workers, kitchen staff, security officers and all others who are keeping our hospitals open and safe.

He is risen! **Thanks be to God.**

For joy and gratitude that so many people in our communities, first responders, utility workers, telecommunications workers, postal carriers, drivers, grocery store employees, and countless others— are continuing to keep us safe, warm, fed, and in touch at this challenging and dangerous time. For clients who continue to value

our work. For the creative software developers who have enabled us to join closely together in spirit onscreen to love, serve, and celebrate life during this crisis that keeps us physically apart. For all those who are heeding the call to shelter at home in order to keep everyone safe and healthy.

He is risen! **Thanks be to God.**

From afar, but near in Christ, we give our joy and thanks to our church family who bring their presence, their aptitudes, their spirit and faith in praise and thanksgiving. For a circle of believers who understand that one can worship at home to keep one another safe. For the time that we will be able to worship together again. For those who are joining us in virtual worship from afar.

He is risen! **Thanks be to God.**

For the steadfast leadership of our clergy Abigail and Chris, who in response to this crisis have kept us connected through worship, weekday prayer, bible study, stories, and other ways during our mandatory restrictions. For their hard work to minister to their flock under difficult conditions. For their ingenuity and tirelessness in their responses to the crisis, and for the staff and parishioners who are helping them execute their plans. For the leadership of our diocese, especially Bishop Gutiérrez's dedication to his role as shepherd and his loving care for all the parishes of the diocese of Pennsylvania and for the well-being of the clergy at this time.

He is risen! **Thanks be to God.**

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our risen Lord; To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Intercessions**

*We invite you to pray for any concerns or thanksgivings either aloud, via Facebook comment, or in the silence of your hearts.*

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

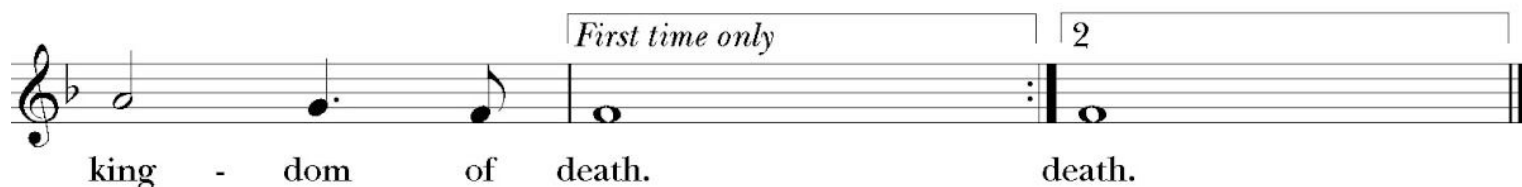
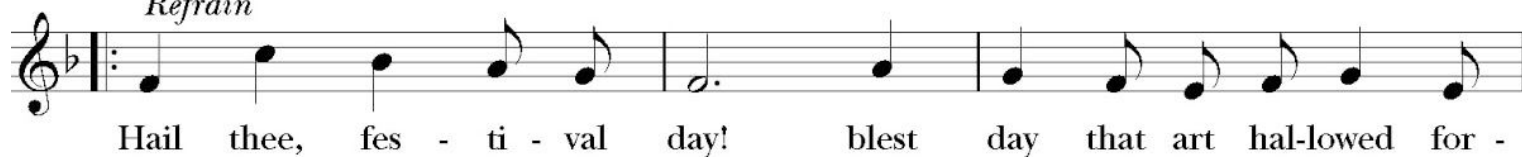
## **Announcements**

*Please see last page of the leaflet*

# Hymn 175 Hail Thee, Festival Day

Salve festa dies

## Refrain



1 Lo, the fair beau - ty of earth, from the death of the  
3 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the  
5 God the cre - a - tor, the Lord, who — rul - est the  
7 Spi - rit of life and of power, now — flow in us,

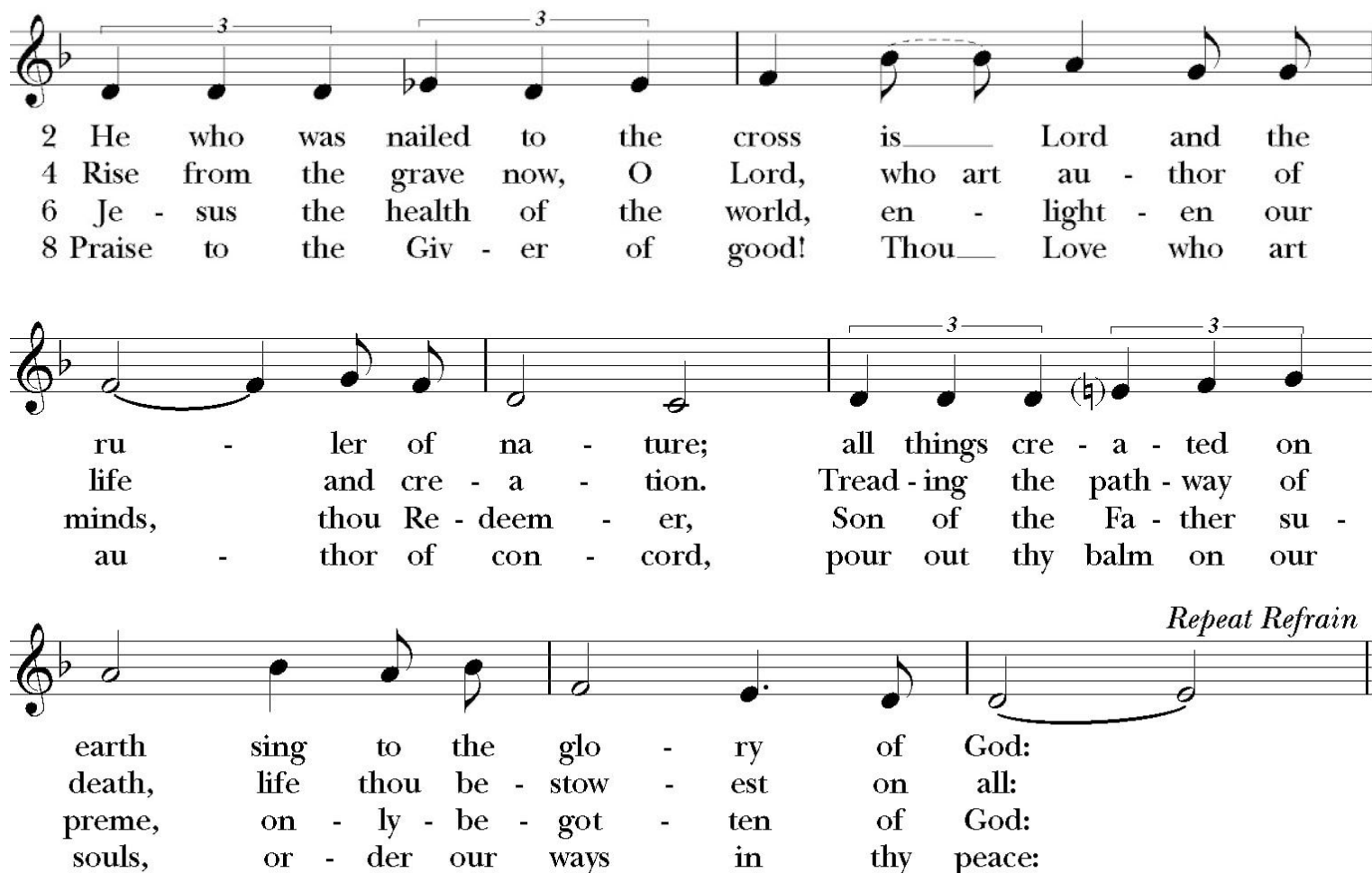


win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - ery good  
glo - ry of blos - som; hea - ven her  
earth and the hea - vens, guard us from  
fount of our be - ing, light that dost



## Repeat Refrain

gift of the year now with its Mas - ter re - turns:  
gates un - bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light:  
harm with - out, cleanse us from e - vil with - in:  
light - en — all, life that in all dost a - bide:



2 He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the  
 4 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, who art au - thor of  
 6 Je - sus the health of the world, en - light - en our  
 8 Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou Love who art

ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre - a - ted on  
 life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of  
 minds, thou Re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -  
 au - thor of con - cord, pour out thy balm on our

earth sing to the glo - ry of God:  
 death, life thou be - stow - est on all:  
 preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:  
 souls, or - der our ways in thy peace:

*Repeat Refrain*

*The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung by choir alone, alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.*

## The Dismissal

*Presider* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

*Presider* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

## Postlude *Toccata Pontificale*

Gordon Young (1919–1998)

*Thank you to our organist, Bruce Glenny, and choir members Ryan Battin, Adella Brady, Ian Brady, Mario Delano, Julie Ferris, Kate Mallon-Day, Denise Shannon, and Michael Trycieckyj for skillfully and creatively providing music during this time of virtual worship. Thank you to Beth and Jason Hacker for their beautiful duet.*

*Thank you to Katie Franz for preparing the Litany of Joys and Thanksgivings for Easter and to all those who contributed.*

*Special thanks to the Bright Family for helping us welcome the Alleluias back to our worship!*

*Please join us for Zoom coffee hour following the service. The link is available in the comment section or on our website.*

*The virtual Easter egg hunt begins at 3:00 p.m. on Facebook live!*

*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 virtually at this time, but we remain a community in which all are welcome!*



## EASTER MEMORIALS

### Offered to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

Patricia K. Rowland given by Elizabeth R. Dwyer

Carl E. Weir, Sr. given by Carl Weir & Katherine Ball-Weir

Mathew Carey Hudson given by his family

June Huff given by Jim and June Fulton

### And in thanksgiving for

Anne and Tim, Jim and Kris, Reese, Michael and Ella and everyone at St. Peter's  
given by Gail and Thomas McLaughlin

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### THE VESTRY

**Rector's Warden:** Eileen Klein

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## ST. PETER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE LEAFLETS** are available on our website [stpetersgv.org](http://stpetersgv.org) or follow the link in keynotes.

**WHILE WE ARE APART** please check our website [stpetersgv.org](http://stpetersgv.org) for updates and resources during the pandemic.

**ST. PETER'S PASSPORTS** During Lent, the children of the parish have been given access to a passport to help them follow their Lenten journey to Easter Sunday. *Be sure to post a picture of you and your passport on Sunday after our 10 a.m. virtual service via Facebook live.* If you have any questions, please contact Chris at [chris@stpetersgv.org](mailto:chris@stpetersgv.org).

**NOONDAY PRAYER** To help keep us grounded in this time, Chris and I have added daily Noonday prayer to our offerings. This will be available on Facebook live at 12:00 p.m. Monday–Thursday. Please join us virtually as you are able. Also, if you wish to spend time in either the historic church or bank barn for private prayer, please contact Abigail at [abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org) or her cell at 410-829-4180 to make arrangements.

**ST. PETER'S BEDTIME STORIES** Abigail and Chris have pulled some of their favorite books from the archives and found new books which they haven't seen before and have created some short videos (about 5 minutes long) of them reading to you and your children. We hope that you will join them on the St. Peter's Facebook page each night at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in reading your favorite book and making a video of this to share on our Facebook page, please contact Chris at [chris@stpetersgv.org](mailto:chris@stpetersgv.org).

**MORNING PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY** will continue to take place on Wednesday mornings via Zoom. If you would like to participate, please contact Chris at [chris@stpetersgv.org](mailto:chris@stpetersgv.org) for the necessary details.

**VIRTUAL BYOB HOUR** Join Abigail and Mark for an hour convivial conversation via Zoom. Even though we cannot get together physically, that does not mean we cannot be together socially. Please join is on Wednesday, April 15 at 6:00 p.m. RSVP to [Abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:Abigail@stpetersgv.org) for the Zoom information you will need.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** will be held via Zoom on May 3 following the 10:00 a.m. service. More details to come. Please check the Beacon for information about the vestry nominees or email Abigail at [abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org).

**CANNED FOOD DRIVE FOR CHURCH HOUSING** In an effort to love our neighbors during this difficult time, we are collecting non-perishable foods in cans and boxes. Please note— only "in-date" cans placed in bins. Please place your donations in the bins marked "CHURCH HOUSING FOOD DRIVE" on the Parish House porch. Drive up and deposit canned and boxed food in the bins. Continue away for safety. We are also requesting volunteers to deliver the food to the Church Housing main office. The office is located at 606 Main Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460. The volunteer delivery person will pick up the food bin(s) and drive to the drop off site. He/she will place the bin(s) at the office door and drive away for safety. Please contact Helen Ockenden if you can be a volunteer delivery person. Her information is in the directory or you may call the parish office. Thank you!

**DRIVEWAY AND MEGAPHONE MINISTRY** We cannot visit with you in your home, but Abigail, Chris and others are happy to stop by your house for a visit in the driveway. You can stay at a safe distance, but enjoy a bit of face to face company. Abigail even borrowed a megaphone from a friend who coaches rowing so that you can hear her from inside your home. We promise no unannounced visits—so, please contact Abigail at [abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org) if you or someone you know would welcome one.

**VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB** Due to the Stay At Home orders of CoVid-19 we are forming a virtual book club and welcome you to join us! Suggested titles are: *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor and *Being Dead is No Excuse: The Official Southern Ladies Guide to Hosting the Perfect Funeral* by Gayden Metcalfe and Charlotte Hays. Please contact Abigail at [abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org) if you are interested in participating and which book you choose. After she hears from all, details will follow accordingly.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** While we are apart, each week we are sending the parents of the Sunday school children emails with attached pictures, puzzles, coloring pages and games related to the scripture lessons for the coming Sunday. Families not already receiving these Sunday school emails are welcome to join us by emailing [SundaySchool@stpetersgv.org](mailto:SundaySchool@stpetersgv.org).

