



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 22, 2022 — 9:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

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.

Voluntary *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

“Holy Jesus, here we stand”

Hymn 398 *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

Forest Green

The people standing, the Presider says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **Christ 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-236 *Benedictus es, Domine*

John Rutter

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider 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*

"Allein Gott in der Höh"



- 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.

[ANT.]

- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you. [ANT.]
- 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. [ANT.]

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.**

Hymn 510 *Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove*

Saint Agnes

The Holy Gospel

John 5:1-9

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

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

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 to you, Lord 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

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, Russell W. Wilson, and Robert and Charles Cunningham 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.

Anthem at the Offertory *A Gaelic Blessing*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you,
Deep peace of Christ to you.

Text: Adapted from an old Gaelic rune

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 2

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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Presider and People

Hymnal S-125 *Sanctus & Benedictus*

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Then the Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Peter and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now as 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.

Hymnal S-152 Fraction Anthem

Mason Martens (1933-1991)

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Presider and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.

The Blessing

The Presider blesses the People.

People **Amen.**

Hymn 537 Christ for the world we sing!

Moscow

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Postlude “Heut’ Triumphiret Gottes Sohn”

J. S. Bach

“Today God’s only-gotten Son arose from death”

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
 - 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

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

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
Readers: Steve Ockenden, Roger Tellefesen
Sound: Eric Stoltz, Mark Clark
Fellowship: Paige Infortuna

Greeter: Linda Huggler
Intercessor: Melissa Shaner
Ushers: Dylan Stoltz, Steve Barthelmy
Verger: Melissa Shaner

THE VESTRY

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
Gail Malcolm, Event Coordinator
Mario Delano, Weekend Facilities Manager

The Ven. Jeff Moretzsohn, Deacon
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