



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27, 2025 — 11:15 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 *Air in F (Water Music)*

George Frideric Handel

Hymn 180 *He is risen*

Unser Herrscher

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 150 *Laudate Dominum*

John Goss



- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts; *
praise him for his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
praise him with lyre and harp.
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
praise him with strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath *
praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 209 *We walk by faith, and not by sight*

St. Botolph

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jeff Moretzsohn

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, particularly the Rev. Jeff Moretzsohn as he completes his service at St. Peter's and moves toward retirement; 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 Lois Belber who died this week, and Myrle Weis Wiltshire, Elizabeth Holland Wiltshire, and Laurence Keltz, Jr. 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

Come, ye faithful

Reginald S. Thatcher

Text may be found at Hymn 200

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:

Presider and People

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;**

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.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Communion Anthem *Rise up, my love, my fair one*

Healey Willan

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 singing of birds is come.
Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.

Song of Solomon

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 192 *This Joyful Eastertide*

Vruecthen

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude *La Rejouissance*

George Frideric Handel

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

Please join us in the gathering space for a festive coffee hour as we give thanks for the ministry of the Reverend Jeff Moretzsohn.

This Week at Saint Peter's Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 27: Sending off of the Rev. Jeff Moretzsohn

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
10:15 a.m.	Festive refreshments in honor of Jeff's ministry
11:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II – historic church*

Hospitality follows each service

MONDAY, APRIL 28:

11:00 a.m.	Staff meeting
3:00 p.m.	Echo Lake Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30:

10:00 a.m.	Bible Study – via Zoom
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THURSDAY, MAY 1:

10:30 a.m.	Praying our Prayer List – via Zoom
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FRIDAY, MAY 2:

8:00 a.m.	Gathering of Men – historic church
9:15 a.m.	Outreach Commission – parish house

SATURDAY, MAY 3:

10:00 a.m.	Needlework – bank barn
11:00 a.m.	Funeral service, Lori Wrenn – historic church
12:00 p.m.	World Labyrinth Day observance – labyrinth

SUNDAY, MAY 4: Annual Meeting

10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II – bank barn
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School – bank barn, lower level
11:00 a.m.	Annual Parish Meeting
12:00 p.m.	Lunch

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

ST. PETER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY CARE is available in the nursery near the elevator on the lower level of the barn. Our youngest worshippers are welcome to join us or you may choose for them to be cared for in the nursery by our wonderful team.

SUNDAY SCHOOL takes place at 9:00 a.m. Children may go to the classrooms in the lower level of the barn when they arrive. They will return to the church service at the time of the Peace. Please contact Seretha Curry to learn more.

THANK YOU AND GODSPEED to the Reverend Jeff Moretzsohn as he heads toward retirement. We will pray for Jeff and celebrate his ministry at each service this morning, particularly following the 9:00 a.m. service. As deacon at St. Peter's for more than three years Jeff has contributed to the ministries of the parish in so many ways. We will miss his presence, and also send him off with our best wishes as he explores the blessings of retirement!

THANK YOU to all who made our observance of Holy Week and celebration of Easter Day so special this year. There are too many to name—you all make a difference to our community. Thank you!

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will take place next Sunday, May 4 following the 10:00 a.m. service. We will celebrate our new kitchen, elect new vestry members, and thank those who are completing ministries. A festive lunch follows. Please mark your calendars and join. Thank you!

ADULT FORUM ON RECESS until May 11.

EASTER JOY FOR DARBY MISSION Thank you to all who contributed to and worked with our annual Easter Dinner Food Delivery to our friends in Darby. Everyone seemed happy to see us and were thankful for the groceries, providing a wonderful holiday meal for so many people. This is an important ministry, especially at Easter time, for both the people of St Peters, and for those we are serving. Thank you all – Cathy Terlescki

GREEN STEWARDS invite you to enjoy the many opportunities in our community. You can see a list of events on the historic church's and barn's bulletin boards, or on the Facebook page *Christian Care for the Environment*. On Saturday April 26, there are events at Main Line Unitarian Church, the Brinton run Preserve and the Reservoir Park in Phoenixville. Additionally, we are hosting a Zoom meeting on April 28 at 7 to discuss the book, *Nature's Best Hope*, and what we can do in our yards. Zoom link can be found on our website, stpetersgv.org, under EVENTS and then CALENDAR. For more information contact Brenda Grove or outreach@stpetersgv.org.

“WALK AS ONE AT 1” Saturday May 3rd is World Labyrinth Day, an occasion when people around the world will walk labyrinths at 1 p.m. wherever they are creating a wave of labyrinth walking. This event is sponsored by The Labyrinth Society and the walk is a meditation for world peace. St. Peter's is participating and inviting parishioners, friends, and neighbors to join. We will be here between noon and 2 pm, but as always, the labyrinth is open to all to walk at almost any time. It will be 1 pm somewhere in the world.

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.

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 !!!**

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.

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.

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.

Altar Guild: Mary Ann Tatum, Mary Lou Unruh
Greeter: Gail McLaughlin
Readers: Brenda Grove, Suzanne Casey
Fellowship: Gail McLaughlin

Flower Guild: Pat Harvey, Tammy Kraig, Sue McMaster
Intercessor: Steve Mark
Ushers: Ross & Mary Lou Unruh

THE VESTRY

Rector's Warden: Melissa Shaner
Vestry Warden: Amy Fisher

Secretary: Laurel Veitch
Treasurer: Paige Infortuna

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Melissa Shaner

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Amy Fisher
Tim Hepp
Dave Tatum

Class of 2027
Becky Dempsey
Duncan Kraig
Michael Smith
Tony Wirtel

ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY STAFF

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