



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 25, 2025 — 8:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST — RITE ONE

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.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass our 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 First Reading

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 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.**

The Holy Gospel

John 5:1-9

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

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

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 the Lord.

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 Kreek 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.**

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.

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 all, 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.

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

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, May 25 with services 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 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. 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 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.

Altar Guild: Barb Coleman, Jenny Disque
Eucharistic Minister: Tim Hepp
Usher: Laurel Veitch

Flower Guild: Ann Armstrong, Brenda Grove
Reader: Allison Utecht
Sound: Mike Harman

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

THE VESTRY

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

ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY STAFF

The Rev. Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt, Rector
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