



HOLY EUCHARIST

Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023
8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Welcome to St. Peter's Church

By God's grace, we strive to be an inclusive community that invites and supports each person to see Christ in every human being and to live by Jesus' example, through worship, education, parish life and outreach.

We are glad you are with us today. It is our hope and prayer you will find it a place to encounter the God who loves you unconditionally. If you are visiting this morning, we are especially delighted you have joined us for worship. No matter where you are in your journey of faith, there is a place for you here. If you would like more information about this community of faith, please fill out a visitor card located in the pew and near the front doors of the church. Place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.



About the Service

“BCP” page numbers refer to the red **Book of Common Prayer**. EOW refers to Enriching Our Worship, a supplemental liturgical resource offered by the The Episcopal Church to enhance our liturgical prayer. Hymn numbers may be found in the blue **Hymnal 1982** Everything you need for our worship service can be found in your worship bulletin and the hymnal. The people’s responses are in bold.

Children and Youth

Children are always welcome in our liturgy. Crayons and coloring sheets are available in the pews and in the back of the church.

Pastoral Care

The clergy and lay members of the Pastoral Care Team are available for home or hospital visits to those who are homebound, bereaved, or lonely. Meal delivery, visits and/or home Communion can be arranged for those in need. Please contact the church for more information.

HOLY EUCHARIST (Rite II) at 8:00 AM

Welcome
Collect for Purity
Gloria
Collect of the Day

Please stand (as you are able)

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16 (*Said responsively in half-verse*)
The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9
The Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31
Sermon
Nicene Creed
Prayers of the People
The Peace
Announcements
Offertory Anthem

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)
The Lord's Prayer
Breaking of the Bread
Fraction Anthem
Ministration of the Sacrament
All who seek Christ or a deeper knowledge of Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
Post-Communion Prayer
Dismissal

Please be seated

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Please stand

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HOLY EUCHARIST (Rite II) at 10:00 AM

Prelude

First movement from Concerto in G

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

Processional Hymn

He Is Risen!

Hymnal 180

1. He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with
 2. Come, ye sad and fear-ful heart-ed, with glad smile and
 3. Come, with high and ho-ly hymn-ing, hail our Lord's tri-
 4. He is risen, he is risen! He hath o-pened

joy-ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris-on;
 ra-diant brow! Death's long sha-dows have de-part-ed;
 um-phant day; not one dark-some cloud is dim-ming
 hea-ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris-on,

let the whole wide earth re-joice: death is con-quered,
 Je-sus' woes are o-ver now, the pas-sion
 yon-der glo-rious morn-ing ray, break-ing o'er the
 ris-en to a ho-lier state; and a bright-er

we are free, Christ has won the vic-to-ry.
 that he bore sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur-ple east, sym-bol of our Eas-ter feast.
 Eas-ter beam on our long-ing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt. Music: *Unser Herrscher*, Joachim Neander (1650-1680).

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Almighty God, 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.**

Gloria (*Sung by all*)

S280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Reader A reading from the Book of Acts.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

I saw the Lord always before me,
 for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
 moreover my flesh will live in hope.
 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
 or let your Holy One experience corruption.
 You have made known to me the ways of life;
 you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

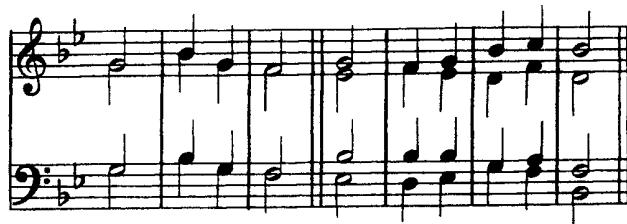
"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
 nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16



- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
 I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
 my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
 upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
 shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
 nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
 it is you who uphold my lot.



6 My boundaries enclose a'pleasant'land; *
indeed, I'have a'goodly'heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD who'gives me'counsel; *
my heart teaches me,'night'after'night.

8 I have set the LORD'always be'fore me; *
because he is at my'right hand I 'shall not'fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my'spirit re'joices; *
my body'also shall'rest in'hope.

10 For you will not abandon me'to the'grave, *
nor let your'holly one'see the'Pit.

11 You will show me the'path of'life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are'pleasures for'ever'more.

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Reader A reading from the First Letter of St. Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er

Hymnal 208

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

The Gospel: John 20:19-31

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. George R. Stevens

The Nicene Creed (Said by all)

BCP 358

**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.

Prayers of the People (*The Leader and People pray responsively*)

Grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead. The Lord has acted; let us rejoice and be glad, saying, “You are our God; **and we thank you.**”

Lord Jesus Christ, you have given your Church the gift of your Holy Spirit. May that same Spirit comfort and strengthen us as we proclaim your resurrection to the world.

Silence

You are our God;
And we thank you.

God of wisdom, teach and counsel the leaders of the nations. May this world be filled with justice and peace.

Silence

You are our God;
And we thank you.

All-knowing God, raise up for this community people who will stand and voice your truth. May we be led by you on good paths of life.

Silence

You are our God;
And we thank you.

Merciful God, you are a strong refuge for those in trouble. Protect all those who suffer various trials. Reveal yourself to those who struggle to believe in you. Make all your people glad by the living hope that is found in you.

Silence

You are our God;
And we thank you.

O God, you are good; your mercy endures forever: be the strength of the weak and the song of those who mourn. We pray especially for Ace, Cathy, Donna, Elvert, Kenny, Mark, Penelope, Tom, Emery, Wayne, Will, Valerie, Brian, Allie, Annabelle and those suffering with COVID. We pray also for all who serve in the military, especially Ewan, Ben, Meg, and Joey.

Silence

You are our God;
And we thank you.

God of Life, may the dying and the dead rest in hope. Give us faith that you do not abandon anyone—even to the grave. And preserve us for the great inheritance you give us through the resurrection of your Son from the dead.

Silence

You are our God;
And we thank you.

I invite your own prayers of intercession or thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.

Concluding Collect

BCP 395

Celebrant Gracious and Holy God, through the humble trust of Jesus on the cross you have showed us the path of eternal life: Give us courage and grace to follow his example of obedient love, to walk in the way of the cross, and to share in his glorious resurrection, that we may live in the power of his Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

This Joyful Eastertide arr. Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

Please stand

Doxology

Hymnal 380, v. 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 355

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

Sanctus (Sung by all)

S125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - cr and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

BCP 364

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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 Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem (*Sung by all*)

S154

Christ Our Passover

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Ministration of the Sacrament

Communion Anthem

The Easter Song of Praise

Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

Sing choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing! Around God's throne exult in harmony! Christ is risen from the grave! Salute your king is glorious symphony.

Sing choirs of earth! Behold you light has come! The glory of the Lord shines radiantly, lift up your hearts for Christ has conquered death! The night is past; the day of life is here!

Sing church of God! Exult with joy outpoured. The gospel trumpets tell of victory won! Your Saviour lives: he is with you forevermore! Let all God's people shout the long amen. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

Celebrant May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**



Closing Hymn

Come Ye Faithful, Raise The Strain

Hymnal 199

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Words: John of Damascus (8th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *St. Kevin*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

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

Postlude

Basse et Dessus de Trompette

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676-1749)

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Announcements for Sunday, April 16, 2023

- **About Today's Music** The great master of the organ J.S. Bach transcribed five orchestral concerti around 1713. Concerto in G was originally written for strings by Prince Johann Ernst of Weimar, a pupil of Bach who died at the young age of 18. The offertory anthem is based on hymn 192. This Dutch carol was arranged for choir and organ by Philip Ledger. He was the director of the Choir of King's College from 1974 to 1982, succeeding David Willcocks. He is most known for his arrangements of Christmas carols and his widely performed and recorded anthem that we hear today. The Easter Song of Praise is an original composition by English composer and music educator Richard Shephard. A student of David Willcocks and Hector Berlioz, his choral compositions are very often heard in cathedrals throughout the UK. The postlude features the high and low registers of the swell division trumpet and great division cornet, each solo sound accompanying the other alternatively. Clérambault was considered to be one of the finest Parisian organists of his time. This piece is taken from his *Livre d'Orgue* published in 1710, a suite of compositions for use in the liturgy of the Roman Catholic Mass.
- **Coffee Hour After 10AM Service!** Join us at coffee hour following the 10AM service for conversation and community.
- **Easter Egg Thank You!** A thank you to all those who helped to make the Easter egg hunt a success. Whether you supplied candy or eggs, stuffed eggs or hid eggs, it was all appreciated! If you no longer need the empty eggs, please bring them back to the church for recycling.
- **Hydrangea Plants for \$20 Each** The Flower Guild would like to offer the lush pink variegated Hydrangeas for sale for \$20 each. The flowers will be in the Parish Hall for pickup and available during coffee hour. Please donate via Realm and select "Flower Donation" or purchase in-person at coffee hour or by using the donation envelopes!
- **Dignity Matters Menstrual Products and Diaper Donations** St. Peter's now has two permanent collection bins located by the back door to benefit Dignity Matters and the Diaper Depot in Waltham. The greatest need is for diaper size 5, 6, & 7 (60% of diapers distributed are sizes 5 & 6). Please see the weekly newsletter for information about these organizations!

Assisting at the 8:00am Service

Lucy Bradley, *Lector* Cheryl Murphy, *Litanist*

Assisting at the 10:00am Service

Sharon McGinnis, *Lector*

The Altar Flowers are given for the Glory of God

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Our Mission

*By God's grace, we strive to build a welcoming, joyful community,
transforming lives by serving God in Christ, one another,
and those in need with love and acceptance*