



The Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2026 - 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

# Welcome to St. Peter's Church

We are glad you are joining us today.

Please, join us following the service for coffee & fellowship in the Parish House.

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**Children are always welcome at St. Peter's.** Worship bags for ages five and above are available at the rear of the church as you enter. A staffed nursery is available for children under 5 years old.

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## MINISTERS FOR THIS SERVICE

*All God's People, including:*

The Rev. Greg Harbaugh *Celebrant*

The Ven. Laura Harbaugh *Deacon*

Lily & Lucy Scott *Torchbearers*

Lucy Scott *Lector*

Steve Willey *Camera Operator*

Kathy Fahey, Linda Smith & Cheryl Steczak *Altar Guild*

The Very Rev. David Michaud *Preacher*

Lauma Akmene *Music Director & Organist*

Ella Fenoglietto *Acolyte/Crucifer*

Sarah Fielding & Doug Bounds *Ushers*

Linda Hurley *Sunday Vestry Person*

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**The Flowers on the High Altar are dedicated to The Greater Glory of God**

**The Flowers on the Family Altar are dedicated to The Greater Glory of God**

**The Sanctuary Light on the High Altar is lit this week for The Greater Glory of God**

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**PASTORAL CARE:** Please, make Father David Michaud aware of those who are ill or in need of a visit. For Pastoral emergencies call 410.422.7053. To add or remove names from the Parish Prayer list send an email to [cathyp@stpeterschurch.net](mailto:cathyp@stpeterschurch.net).

# THE WORD OF GOD

## PRELUDE

Christ lag in Todesbanden/ (“Christ lay in the bonds of death”), BWV 625  
by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *The head that once was crowned with thorns*  
(*St. Magnus*) (H 483) (V. 1-3, 6)

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** (BCP p. 355)

**COLLECT FOR PURITY** (BCP p. 355)

**GLORIA** (BCP p. 356)

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY** (BCP p. 357)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## DIOCESAN COLLECT

Gracious God, through the movement of your Holy Spirit, strengthen us here at St. Peter’s and in the Diocese of Easton as an inviting and welcoming people; receive our worship, nurture our life in Christ that we may ev-

ermore faithfully serve all your people, both near and far; this we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>36</sup>“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” <sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      *Thanks be to God.*

### PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

<sup>2</sup>The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>3</sup>Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

<sup>10</sup>How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?

<sup>11</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.

<sup>13</sup>Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.

<sup>14</sup>O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>15</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

<sup>16</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,

<sup>17</sup>In the courts of the LORD's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile.

<sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. <sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

*All stand.*

## GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

*Gospeller*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of [the disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes

were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>2</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”

<sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Gospeller*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*          Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

## THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - *The People Kneel.*

Leader: Let us lift our prayers to the Risen Lord.

We pray for the Church. Envelop your people with a sense of your risen presence, today and always. We pray for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, James, our Assisting Bishop, David and Greg our Priests, and Laura our Deacon.

For the household of faith, the church of the risen Christ, we pray:

*People: Be with us and bless us, O God.*

Leader: We pray for the Diocese of Easton in this time of transition: inspire us Lord, with your grace and wisdom, that we might do everything according to your will and ground ourselves in your love; give us a sense of openness; remind us that we do not hold all of the answers, nor do we need to; and encourage us when we are anxious about change, reminding us that all things are in your hands.

For the Diocese of Easton as we discern our future.

*People: Be with us and inspire us, O God.*

Leader: We pray for our nation. God of justice and mercy, guide those in authority who determine the destinies of others, especially Donald our President, Wes our Governor and Randy our Mayor. Be with those serving in our armed forces at home and abroad. Help us to work together for the welfare and peace of all who call this country home.

For our nation and for our common good, we pray:

*People: Be with us and guide us, O God.*

Leader: We pray for the whole world. God of creation, give us the eyes to see the beauty of your handiwork. Give us open hearts and the confidence to invite all into the bond of your love, that in unity with you, we may bring your peace, goodness and vision to all people.

For the welfare of our world, we pray:

*People: Be with us and unite us, O God.*

Leader: We pray for this parish community of St. Peter's Church. Send your Holy Spirit to guide our work, and continue your blessings upon us. Help us to be a welcoming community for those seeking a church home.

For our community we pray:

*People: Be with us and help us, O God.*

Leader: We pray for all who suffer. God of compassion, open our hearts to bind and heal in your name. Bless all of those who ask our prayers, and give us courage to learn the names of others. Be present, through us, to those who need your comfort, especially those on our parish prayer list; and for

those we name now, either in silence or aloud (Pause).

For all who suffer and struggle, we pray:

*People: Be with us and heal us, O God.*

Leader: We pray for all who have died. God who has loved us from before birth and God who loves us beyond the grave, we remember those who have died in the glorious hope of the resurrection. (Pause).

And we remember those who mourn, that they may be assured with that same hope.

For all who have entered new life in Christ's resurrection, we pray:

*People: Be with us and raise us, O God.*

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

*Celebrant* Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

## THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION



## THE OFFERTORY

*To make your offering electronically, please scan the QR code.*

## ORGAN MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

**DOXOLOGY** *Praise to God (H380) (vs.3)*

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more (Engelberg) (H 296)*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP 361)**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)**

**THE FRACTION (BCP p. 364)**

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

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*You may receive a blessing at the Communion Rail if you are not baptized. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.*

*The customary posture for receiving communion is to kneel at the rail and place one hand over the other for the bread. You may, of course, stand to receive communion. Consume the bread. The minister holding the chalice will then present the chalice to you. Please, guide the chalice to your lips. If you prefer you may dip the wafer into the wine.*

*Gluten-Free Communion Wafers are available. Let the Clergy know if you would like a gluten-free wafer when you receive Holy Communion at the communion rail.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless (St. Agnes) (H 343)*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)**

**EASTER BLESSING**

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*

**DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)**

**POSTLUDE**

Finale (Allegro vivace) from Sonata No. 4 in B-flat major, Op. 65  
by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*The ministers then process to the south door of the church for coffee & fellowship in the Parish House. Thank you for being part of our congregation this morning.*