

The Sixth Sunday of Easter – Rogation Sunday
May 10, 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.

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.

MINISTERS FOR THIS SERVICE

All God's People, including:

The Very Rev. David Michaud <i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Greg Harbaugh <i>Preacher</i>
Lauma Akmene <i>Music Director & Organist</i>	Julie Milliken <i>Acolyte</i>
Liam Atkin <i>Crucifer</i>	Pierce Atkin <i>Torchbearer</i>
Julie Milliken <i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Bill Day <i>Lector</i>
Doug Bounds & Sarah Fielding <i>Ushers</i>	Jay Fenoglietto <i>Camera Operator</i>
Peter Scott <i>Sunday Vestry Person</i>	
Betsy Hanulak, Debbie Oakley & Debra Souza <i>Altar Guild</i>	

The Flowers on the High Altar are dedicated to The Greater Glory of God and In Memory of Yasue Murasugi & Sybil Schoyen given by Sachi Murasugi & Jeff Schoyen.

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 and In Memory of Andy Booth given by Mike & Cheryl Steczak

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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.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Alleluia, alleluia (Lux eoi)* (H 191) (V. 1-3)

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

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, 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.

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

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ ²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 66:7-18

⁷Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard,

⁸Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

⁹For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹⁰You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

¹¹You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹²I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹³I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

¹⁴Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

¹⁵I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

¹⁶If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁷But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

¹⁸Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into

heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 359) *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, on this Rogation Sunday, 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 in thanksgiving for all mothers, those who are with us and those who have gone before us.

People: Be with us as we give thanks, 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 – PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Celebrant Lord, be with Lauren Adkins, Robyn Fielding-Jones, Parker Peverley, Sophia Price, Jeremy Spear and all who are graduating at this time of year. In every beginning is an ending and in every end something new begins. Grant O Risen Lord that they hear your still small voice in their hearts saying, "This is the way; walk in it." Help them preserve old friendships while creating new ones. Be with them in their new endeavors. Grant that those who love them may help them to find their own voice, their own words and their own work in your true way, you who knows the people they were created to be, who with the Father lives and reigns, in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

The ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH AWARDS

The Commissioning of the Sunday School Director

The Examination

The congregation being seated, the celebrant stands in full view of the people. The sponsor and candidate stand facing the celebrant.

The Celebrant says these or similar words

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission this person in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which she is called.

Sponsor: I present to you _____ to be admitted to the ministry of Sunday School Director and teacher in this congregation.

The Celebrant asks the sponsor

Is this person you are to present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise her ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of his Church?

Sponsor I believe she is.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Candidate: I will.

Celebrant: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Candidate I will.

The Commissioning

Antiphon

The words which I command you this day shall be upon your hearts; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

V. We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord:

R. *And the wonderful works he has done.*

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*Silence*)

God of all wisdom and knowledge, give your blessing and guidance to all who teach in your Church, that by word and example they may lead those whom they teach to the knowledge and love of you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

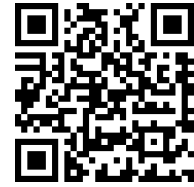
Amen.

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Sunday School Director and Teacher in this Parish.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

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

OFFERTORY HYMN *All things bright and beautiful*
(All Things Bright and Beautiful) (VF 112)



The musical score is presented in four systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff with treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small, all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

he made their glow - ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP 361)

SANCTUS (BCP p. 367)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

THE FRACTION (BCP p. 364)

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

The Celebrant says

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 priest know if you would like a gluten-free wafer when you receive Holy Communion at the communion rail.

COMMUNION HYMN O Love of God, how strong and true (Dunedin)
(H 455)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

ROGATION DAY COLLECTS (BCP p.258)

Celebrant: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

Celebrant: Let us pray.

- I. For Fruitful Seasons
- II. For Commerce and Industry
- III. For Stewardship of Creator

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

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

POSTLUDE

The ministers process to the south door of the church and to the parish house for coffee & refreshments. Thank you for being part of our congregation this morning.



**ST. PETER'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Salisbury, Maryland

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To Know and Share the Love of Christ

