

The Sixth Sunday of Easter – Rogation Sunday  
May 10, 2026 - 10:30 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 Parlor.

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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 Very Rev. David Michaud <i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Greg Harbaugh <i>Preacher</i>
Lauma Akmene <i>Music Director &amp; Organist</i>	The St, Peter's Choir
Jimmy Hill <i>Acolyte/Crucifer</i>	Linda Hurley <i>Eucharistic Minister</i>
Katherine Wright <i>Lector</i>	Chris Hurley & Marion Robinette <i>Ushers</i>
Will Burdett <i>Camera Operator</i>	Peter Scott <i>Sunday Vestry Person</i>
Betsy Hanulak, Debbie Oakley & Debra Souza <i>Altar Guild</i>	

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**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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# THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE *Pastorale* by Domenico Zipoli

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Alleluia, alleluia (Lux eoi)* (H 191)

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 S 278 *Glory to God (Canticle 20)* (Mathias)

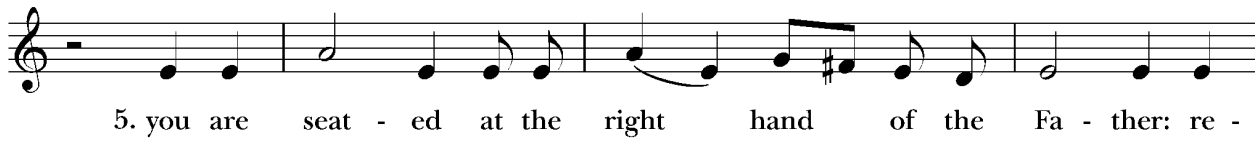
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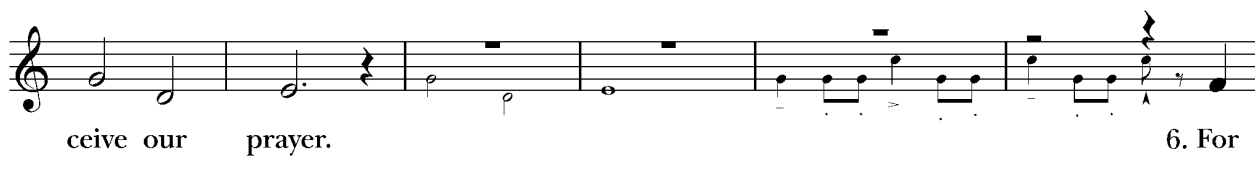
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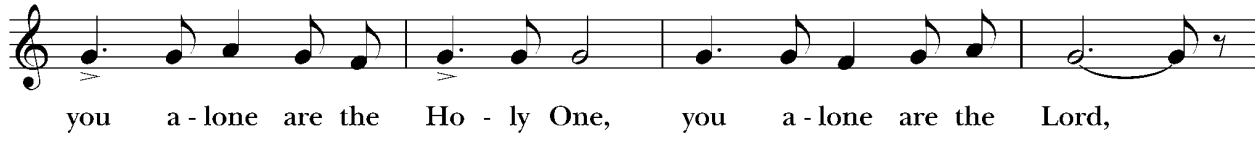
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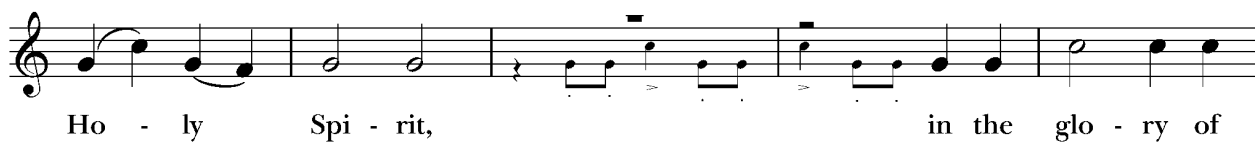
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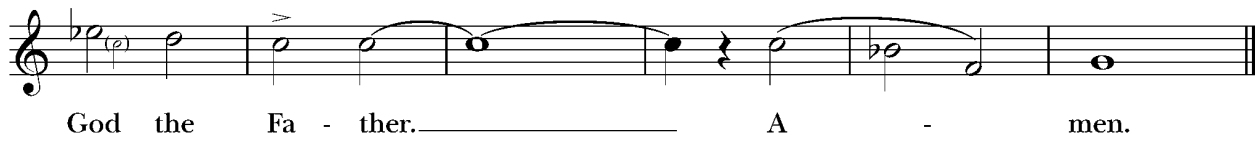
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Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of



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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*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.

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For 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. <sup>24</sup>The 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, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands,

as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From 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, <sup>27</sup>so 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. <sup>28</sup>For ‘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.’ <sup>29</sup>Since 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. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because 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



- 7 Bless our | God, you | peoples; \*  
make the | voice of • his | praise • to be | heard;
- 8 Who holds our | souls in | life, \*  
and will not al- | low our | feet to | slip.
- 9 For you, O | God, have | proved us; \*  
you have tried us | just as | silver • is | tried.
- 10 You brought us | into the | snare; \*  
you laid heavy | burdens • up- | on our | backs.



- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through | fire and | water; \*  
but you brought us out | into • a | place of • re-|freshment.
- 12 I 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.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the | smoke of | rams; \*  
I will | give you | oxen and | goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all | you who • fear | God, \*  
and I will | tell you | what he • has | done for me.
- 15 I called out to | him • with my | mouth, \*  
and his | praise was | on my | tongue.
- 16 If I had found | evil • in my | heart, \*  
the | Lord would | not have | heard me;
- 17 But in truth | God has | heard me; \*  
he has at-| tended • to the | voice of • my | prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not re-|jected • my | prayer, \*  
nor with-|held his | love from me.

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

<sup>13</sup>Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but 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; <sup>16</sup>yet 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. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For 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, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who 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. <sup>21</sup>And 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, <sup>22</sup>who 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.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *Many and great, O God, are thy works*  
*(Dakota Indian Chant [Lacquiparle]) (H 385)*

*All stand.*

## 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, <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This 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. <sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They 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

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 - *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

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

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## THE PEACE

*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

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE OFFERTORY

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#### ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

*For the Beauty of the Earth, John Rutter (b. 1945)*

For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies, For the love which  
from our birth

Over and around us lies:

Refrain: Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light:

Refrain.

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild:

Refrain.

For each perfect gift of thine To our race so freely given, Graces human and divine, Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:

Refrain.

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful". It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line on a single staff in 4/4 time, with the lyrics "All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small," written below it. The second system features a piano accompaniment with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) and a piano (p) dynamic marking. The piano part includes chords and a melodic line in the bass.

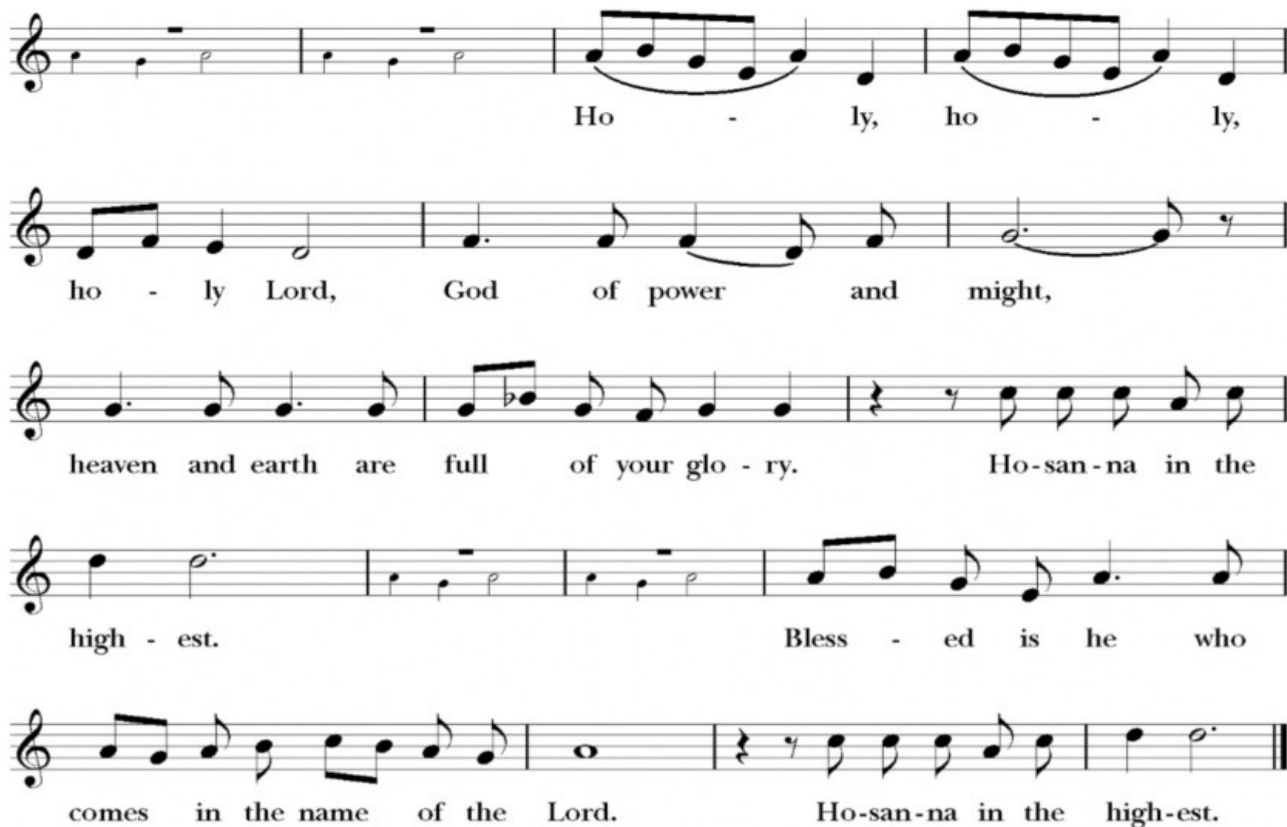
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

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.



## SANCTUS - S128



The musical score is written on five staves of a single melodic line in treble clef. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 St. 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**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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,  
     forever and ever. Amen.

## THE FRACTION

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

### FRACTION ANTHEM S154 *Christ our Passover (Hurd)*

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

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.

*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.*

## ANTHEM AT COMMUNION

*If Ye Love Me* by Thomas Tallis (c. 1505–1585)

**Text (John 14:15–17):**

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter,  
that he may abide with you for ever;

E'en the Spirit of truth;

whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither  
knoweth him:

but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

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

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant 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.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** *O Jesus, crowned with all renown (Kingsfold) (H 292)*

*The ministers lead the congregation to the Parish Grounds for the Rogation Prayers.*

*Celebrant:* O Lord, how manifold are your works!

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

### **For Joy in God's Creation**

O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Agriculture**

Almighty God, we thank you for making the earth fruitful, so that it might produce what is needed for life: Bless those who work in the fields; give us seasonable weather; and grant that we may all share the fruits of the earth, rejoicing in your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Towns and Rural Areas**

Lord Christ, when you came among us, you proclaimed the kingdom of God in villages, towns, and lonely places: Grant that your presence and power may be known throughout this land. Have mercy upon all of us who live and work in rural areas, especially in and around this town of Salisbury

and the surrounding areas of Wicomico County; and grant that all the people of our nation may give thanks to you for food and drink and all other bodily necessities of life, respect those who labor to produce them, and honor the land and the water from which these good things come. All this we ask in your holy Name. *Amen.*

### **For the Land and Waters of Salisbury Parish**

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessing be upon the waters and lands of Salisbury Parish: all fields, gardens and livestock; all forests and marshlands; and all the waters of the Wicomico River, its tributaries, and the waters of the Chesapeake Bay; and grant that they may serve to your glory and the welfare of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **For Stewardship of Creation**

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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

### **DISMISSAL**

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

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

*All are invited to come for coffee & fellowship in the parlor.*

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# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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