



The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 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>	Lauma Akmene	<i>Music Director & Organist</i>
Jimmy Hill	<i>Acolyte/Crucifer</i>	Sarah Fielding	<i>Lector</i>
Dan Blakeney	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Jim & Sarah Bounds	<i>Ushers</i>
Steve Willey	<i>Camera Operator</i>	Dornell Woolford	<i>Sunday Vestry Person</i>
Kathy Fahey, Linda Smith & Cheryl Steczak <i>Altar Guild</i>			

**The Flowers on the High Altar are dedicated to The Greater Glory of God
and In Appreciation of St. Peter's Bell Choir given by Julie Milliken**

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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LEARN MORE ABOUT ST. PETERS: Please, scan or use link below for information about St. Peter's Church, including the history of the church, staff & Vestry, service times, ministries, church calendar & much more. <https://stpeterschurch.net>



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

Healey Willan – *Festival*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All hail the power of Jesus' Name (Coronation)*
(H 450) (V. 1 – 3)

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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. ***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 1:6-14

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36

¹Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.

²Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his name, rejoice before him!

⁵Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!

⁶God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

¹⁰Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

³³Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.

³⁴He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

³⁵Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.

³⁶How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A Reading from the First letter of Peter.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all

grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

All stand.

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

¹Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am

coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

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 (BCP p. 394)

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

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OFFERTORY HYMN *Crown him with many crowns (Diademata)* (H 494)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP 361)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

THE FRACTION (BCP p. 364)

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 Come now, O Prince of Peace (O-so-so) (WLP 795)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

EASTER 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.*

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

POSTLUDE

George Frideric Handel - *Hornpipe from Water Music*

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.

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To Know and Share the Love of Christ

