

The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 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 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 Ven. Laura Harbaugh <i>Deacon</i>
Lauma Akmene <i>Music Director & Organist</i>	The St. Peter's Choir
Annie Nichols <i>Acolyte/Crucifer</i>	Bob Walton <i>Lector</i>
Betsy Brooks & Bob Walton <i>Ushers</i>	Will Burdette <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)

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 S278 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Mathias)*

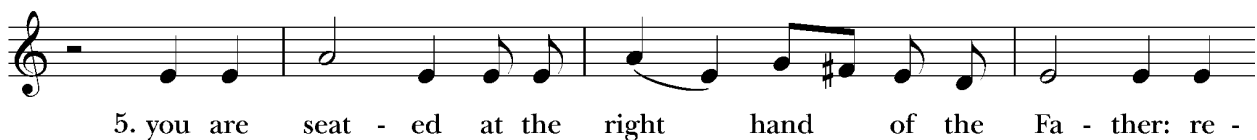
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peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



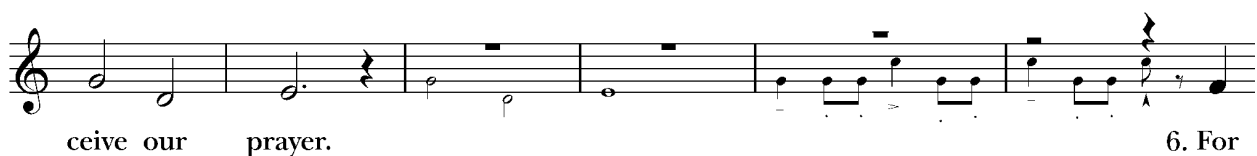
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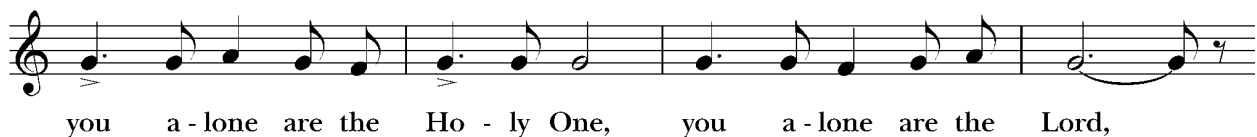
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5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -




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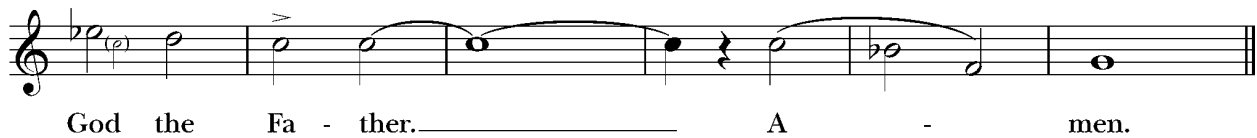
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



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



God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 evermore 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



- 1 Let God arise, and let his | enemies be | scattered; *
 let those who | hate him | flee be- | fore him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind | drives it ● a- | way; *
 as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked | perish ● at
 the | presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and re- | joice be- | fore God; *
 let them | also be | merry ● and | joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
 exalt him who | rides up- | on the | heavens; *
 YAHWEH is his | Name, re-joice be- | fore him!

- 5 Father of orphans, de- | fender ● of | widows, *
 God in his | ho-ly | ha-bi- | tation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth | prisoners
 into | freedom; *
 but the | rebels ● shall | live in ● dry | places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth be- | fore your | people, *
 when you | marched | through the | wilderness,
- 8 The 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.



- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, up- | on your | inheritance; *
 you refreshed the | land when | it was | weary.
- 10 Your people | found their | home in it; *
 in your goodness, O God, you have | made pro- | vision ●
 for the | poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O | kingdoms ● of the | earth; *
 sing | prai-ses | to the | Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the | an-cient | heavens; *
 he sends forth his | voice, his | might-y | voice.
- 35 Ascribe | power to | God; *
 his majesty is over Israel;
 his | strength is | in the | skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his | ho-ly | places! *
 the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
 | Bles-sed | 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.*

SEQUENCE HYMN *Hail, thou once despis'd Jesus (In Babilone) (H 495)*

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

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, 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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

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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Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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 - S128



The musical score for Sanctus S128 is written on five staves of music. 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, 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 in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

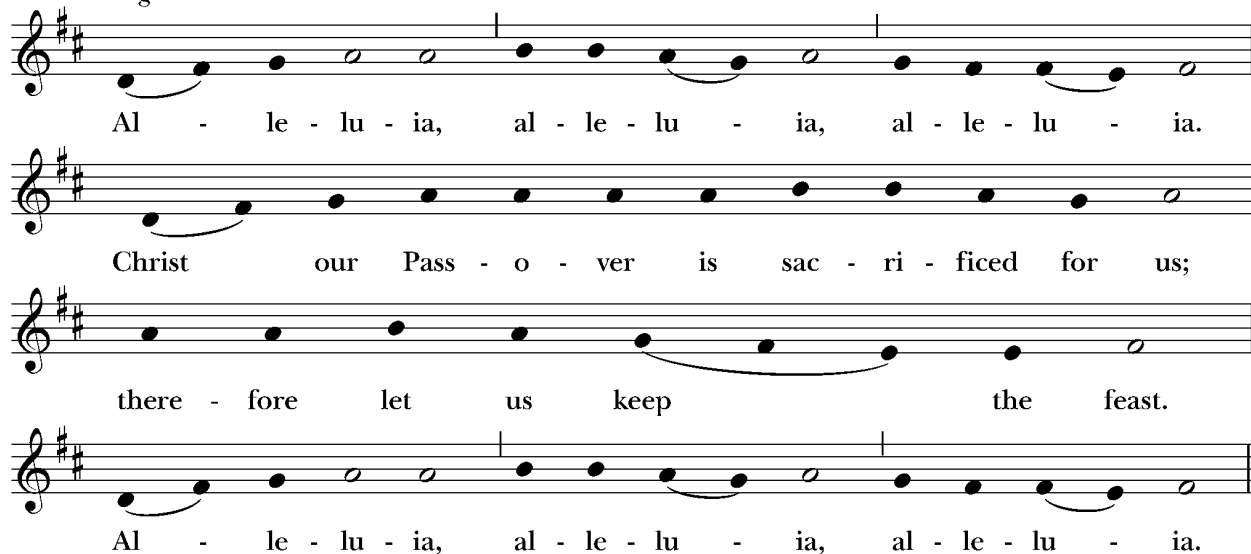
now and forever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

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

FRACTION ANTHEM - S154 *Christ our Passover (Hurd) (S 154)*

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

Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester – L. J. White

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits which thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for me.

O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly,
day by day.

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Alleluia! sing to Jesus (Hyfrydol)* (H 460)

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

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

George Frideric Handel – *Hornpipe from Water Music*

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

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