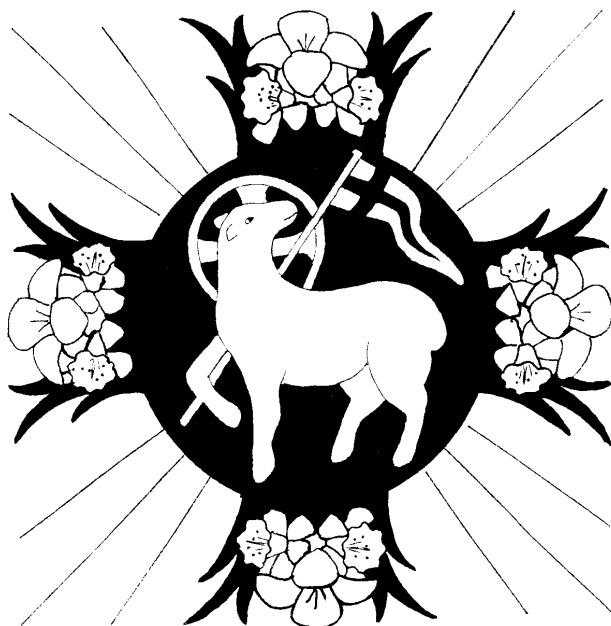


THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026, 9:30 A.M.



ST. PETER'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

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We seek to worship God, welcome all, and serve Christ in one another.

Welcome to St. Peter's Church! Our worship service can be found in the Red Book of Common Prayer, beginning on page 355. The hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal. Hymn numbers preceded by an "S" are service music, and can be found in the front of the hymnal.

OPENING CHIME

*A bell will chime to signal a period of silence
so that we can center ourselves and prepare for worship.*

PRELUDE

Voluntary on "St. Columbia"

H. Willan

HYMN 377

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Old 100th

LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! 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.**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Christ is risen from the dead

Hymn (sung 3x)

Christ is ris-sen from the dead, tramp-ling down death by death and on
those in the tombs be - stow - ing life, _____ be-stow-ing life!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had

all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence

of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have

returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL GRADUAL

Celtic Alleluia

SPH 4

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

SERMON

The Rev. Mary Beth Mills-Curran

Following the sermon, a bell will chime to institute a period of silent reflection.

The bell will chime a second time to indicate the end of the reflection period.

NICENE CREED

BCP 358

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form IV

BCP388

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

All who yearn to be transformed and fed by God are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive communion but feel called to come forward for a blessing, please indicate so by crossing your arms across your chest. We have gluten free Eucharistic bread for people

OFFERTORY

Brother James's Air

G. Jacob

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



We seek to wor-ship God, wel-come all,
and serve Christ in one a-noth-er.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

SANCTUS

HYMN S 125

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

**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 for ever. AMEN.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN 645

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columba

HYMN 343 Shepherd of Souls Refresh and Bless *St. Agnes*

POST COMMUNION In the Bulb There Is a Flower *SPH 12*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *BCP 365*

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.

BLESSING

HYMN 708 Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us *Sicilian Mariner*

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE Voluntary on “Sheep May Safely Graze” *J. S. Bach*

***Now that our worship is over, our service
begins!***

Parish Prayers

Our Parish Prayer List:

Patti Pzegeo, Barbara (Sargent) Johnson, Marjory Kelley, Liz Lannigan, Roberta Smith, Prakash and Santhi Mathews, Robert Bringhurst, Will Kullman, Ethel Neusch, Deanie Reinhardt, Justina Trevorow, Brian Paciulan, Nancy Wood, Mary Sargent, Lauren Shultz, Paula Tamaro, Carol Jugenheimer, Shelley, Namira Evans, Kathryn Dunn, Bob Moore, Ruth Hobbs, Elizabeth Padd, Kyle Lane, Caroline and Charlotte Harrison, Michael LaGasse, Bob Furtado, Hank Gagnon, Monica, Dick Saikevicz, Scott Scifres, Charlie Roy, David Petroski, Callan Sanger, Stephanie, Judy Ackroyd, Nyria Shaw, Kate Wedemeyer, Zev Rieser, Mary Ellen McDonough, John Moynihan, Anne Harvey, Bette Wright, Brentley Lozzi, Carolyn Detato, Hannah Malik and Melanie Van Steensburg.

Pray during this week for our parish families:

Richard and Marsha Gillaspie
Bonnie Gillen
Robert and Virginia Guaraldi

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God in memory of their brother, Anthony Heffernon, by Jeff and Jean Fugina and Kathy Heffernon.

Assisting in the service of worship today are:

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| Lector | Dan Bragg |
| Lay Eucharistic Minister | Marilyn Bragg |
| Second Chalice | Karen Furtado |
| Altar Preparation | Penny Sullivan and Carol Bates |
| Usher | Marie Ortler and Terry Robinson |
| Flower Committee Member | Jean Fugina |

Parish Leadership

The Rev. Mary Beth Mills-Curran, Priest -in-Charge

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