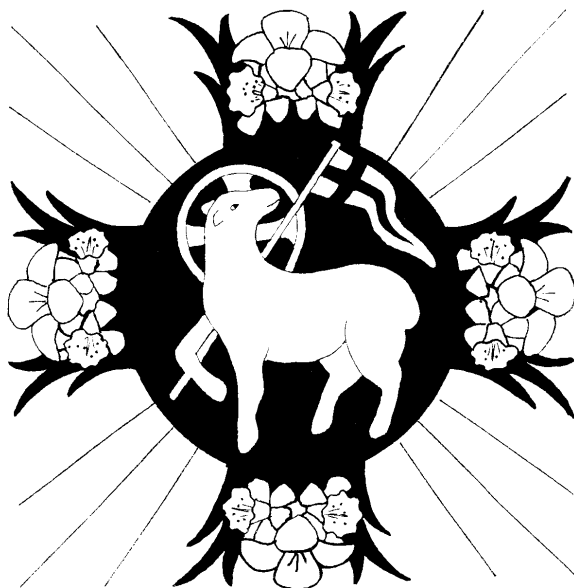


# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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 "The Call"

R. Vaughn Williams

## Hymn 390

Praise to the Lord!

*Lobe den Herren*

## 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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he

said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

### **PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16**

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*

**deliver me in your righteousness.**

Incline your ear to me; \*

**make haste to deliver me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*

**for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.**

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*

**for you are my tower of strength.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*

**for you have redeemed me,**

**O Lord, O God of truth.**

My times are in your hand; \*

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.**

Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*

**and in your loving-kindness save me.**

### **SECOND READING**

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”  
To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

**GOSPEL GRADUAL**

Celtic Alleluia

SPH 4

**GOSPEL**

John 14:1-14

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do

whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

**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**

A Touching Place

Bell

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "We seek to wor-ship God, wel-come all,". The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The lyrics are: "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 487**      Come My Way, My Truth, My Life      *The Call*

**HYMN 306**      Come Risen Lord      *Sursum Corda*

**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 457**      Thou Art the Way      *St. James*

## DISMISSAL

**POSTLUDE**      Maistoso      G. Young

***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:**

Peter, Cecelia, Sofia and Claudia Hall  
Timothy and Mary Green  
Peter Henry

### **Assisting in the service of worship today are:**

<b>Lector</b>	Ann Hewins
<b>Lay Eucharistic Minister</b>	Sally Nelson
<b>Second Chalice</b>	Rita MacAuslan
<b>Altar Preparation</b>	Jane Parthum and Bev Adams
<b>Usher</b>	Jackie Thesse and Ed Campbell
<b>Flower Committee Member</b>	Pam Walker

### **Parish Leadership**

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