

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026, 9:30 A.M.

Alleluia  
Christ  
is Risen



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 "Royal Oak"

W. Held

## HYMN 291

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

*Wir pflugen*

## 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, 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.**

## FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. 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. 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, 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. 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, 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. 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.'

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. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 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."

## PSALM 66:7-18

Bless our God, you peoples; \*

**make the voice of his praise to be heard;**

Who holds our souls in life, \*

**and will not allow our feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have proved us; \*

**you have tried us just as silver is tried.**

You brought us into the snare; \*

**you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

You let enemies ride over our heads;

we went through fire and water; \*

**but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

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.**

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*

**I will give you oxen and goats.**

Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*

**and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

I called out to him with my mouth, \*

**and his praise was on my tongue.**

If I had found evil in my heart, \*

**the Lord would not have heard me;**

But in truth God has heard me; \*

**he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*

**nor withheld his love from me.**

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 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, 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; 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. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 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, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 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. 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, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

## GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 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.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 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."

## 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.**

## 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

Flowers of the Field

G. James

#### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



The musical notation consists of two staves of music in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 405

All Things Bright and Beautiful

*Royal Oak*

##### HYMN 316

This is the Hour

*Canticum Reflectionis*

##### 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 398**

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

*Forest Green*

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**

Voluntary on "This is My Father's World"

R. Mackie

***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 Trevorrow, 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:**

Edman, Stephanie, Elizabeth and Kyran Harris  
Ann Hewins  
Diane Hovey

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

<b>Lector</b>	Keith Williams
<b>Lay Eucharistic Minister</b>	Karen Furtado
<b>Second Chalice</b>	Penny Sullivan
<b>Altar Preparation</b>	Jonathan Billecki-Delong and Marilyn Bragg
<b>Usher</b>	Lisa Decker and Carol Bates
<b>Flower Committee Member</b>	Jackie These

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