



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025 – 10:30 A.M.

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## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### CONFIRMATION AND HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*The sung setting of the Eucharist is by Robert Powell (1932-2025).*

PRELUDE Allein Gott in der Höh sey Ehr, SwWV 299

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

## THE WORD OF GOD

INTROIT *Exaudi Domine*

Anglican Chant: S. Nicholson

As new-born babes, alleluia, desire ye the guileless milk of the word: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Sing we merrily unto God, our helper: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

– Psalm 27: 8,9,1

*The People stand and sing the hymn.*

HYMN 214: "Hail the day that sees him rise"

*Llanfair*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

### 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.**

*The People sit.*

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 97 *Dominus regnavit*

- 1 **The Lord is King;  
let the earth rejoice; \*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.**
- 2 **Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.**
- 3 **A fire goes before him \*  
and burns up his enemies on every side.**
- 4 **His lightnings light up the world; \*  
the earth sees it and is afraid.**
- 5 **The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.**
- 6 **The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
and all the peoples see his glory.**

- 7 **Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods! \***  
**Bow down before him, all you gods.**
- 8 **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \***  
**because of your judgments, O Lord.**
- 9 **For you are the Lord,  
most high over all the earth; \***  
**you are exalted far above all gods.**
- 10 **The Lord loves those who hate evil; \***  
**he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**
- 11 **Light has sprung up for the righteous, \***  
**and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.**
- 12 **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, \***  
**and give thanks to his holy Name.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand.*

HYMN: "How shall I sing that majesty"



How shall I sing that maj - es - ty which an - gels do ad - mire?  
Thy bright-ness un - to them ap - pears, while I thy foot - steps trace;  
En - light - en with faith's light my heart, in - flame it with love's fire,  
How great a be - ing, Lord, is thine, which doth all be - ings keep!



Let dust in dust and si - lence lie; sing, sing, ye heaven-ly choir. Thou-sands of  
a sound of God comes to my ears, but they be - hold thy face: I shall, I  
then shall I sing and take my part with that ce - les - tial choir. They sing, be-  
Thy knowl-edge is the on - ly line to sound so vast a deep: thou art a



thou - sands stand a - round thy throne, O God most high;  
fear, be dark and cold, with all my fire and light;  
cause thou art their sun; Lord send a beam on me;  
sea with - out a shore, a sun with - out a sphere;



ten thou - sand times ten thou - sand sound thy praise; but who am I?  
yet when thou dost ac - cept their gold, Lord treas - ure up my mite.  
for where heaven is but once be - gun, there al - le - lu - ias be.  
thy time is now and ev - er - more, thy place is eve - ry - where.

Words: John Mason (1646-1694)  
Music: Coe Fen, Ken Naylor (1931-1991)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:20-26

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Right Reverend Deon K. Johnson

*A period of silence is kept.*

## THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

*Celebrant* The Candidates will now be presented.

*Presenters* We present these persons for Confirmation.

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidates* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidates* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*Celebrant* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*The People stand.*

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* How will you connect to Christ in community?

*People* **With God's help I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.**

*Celebrant* How will you resist evil and turn to Christ?

*People* **With God's help I will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God found in Jesus Christ.**

*Celebrant* How will you show Christ in your life?

*People* **With God's help I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself.**

*Celebrant* How will you work for the reign of Christ?  
*People* **With God's help I will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.**

*Celebrant* May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the spirit. **Amen.**

#### PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

*Lector* Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.  
Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The Bishop lays hands upon each candidate and says*

*Confirmation* Strengthen, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit; empower *him/her* for your service; and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life. **Amen.**

*Reception* We recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

*Then the Bishop says*

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The People stand.*

#### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*After the Peace, the People sit.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE COMMISSIONING OF A CHORISTER

- Rector* Dear People of God, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission this person in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which she is called.
- Choirmaster* I present to you Julie to be admitted as Chorister of this church of St. Peter.
- Rector* Is the person you present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of his Church?
- Choirmaster* I believe she is.
- Rector* You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?
- Chorister* I will.
- Rector* Will you faithfully and reverently perform your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?
- Chorister* I will.
- Rector* In the name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as a Chorister, and give you a surplice as a token of your ministry. Remember always that what you sing with your lips you should believe in your heart, and what you believe in your heart you should practice in your life. **Amen.**

### BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

*Everyone participating in worship is invited to make an offering in gratitude for God's generosity. If you would like to make an offering, you may scan the code to the right and follow the prompts.*



### ANTHEM

Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:  
The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies:  
Sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praise, sing praises out,  
Unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise!  
Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing,  
And let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,  
In flakes of Glory down him to attend,  
And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody  
Surround his Chariot as it did ascend;  
Mixing their Music, making ev'ry string  
More to enravish as they this tune sing.

- Edward Taylor, from Sacramental Meditations

*The People stand and sing.*

## THE PRESENTATION

*lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. A-men.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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 ET BENEDICTUS

*Sung by all (Hymnal S 129)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People kneel, as able.*

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:



*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

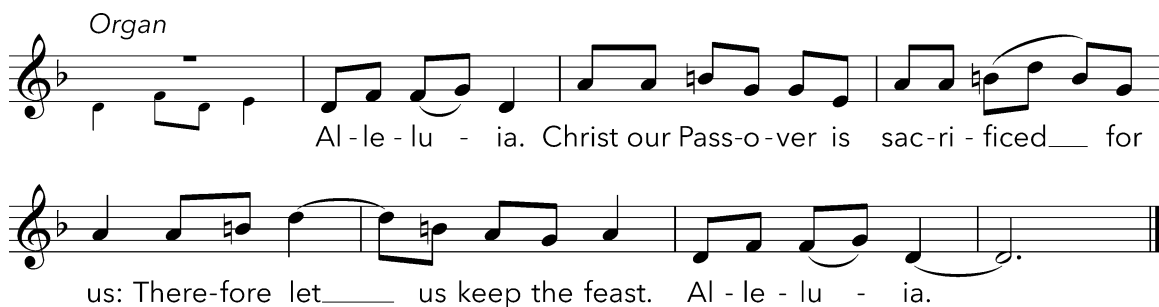
*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

#### FRACTION ANTHEM



*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion  
by coming to the altar rail where you may kneel or stand.*

*Please tell the clergy if you require gluten-free Bread.*

*Crossing your arms over your chest will let the clergy know  
you would like to receive a blessing but not the Bread and/or Wine.*

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON *Pater cum essem*

Plainsong, Mode 4

Father, while I was still with them, I took care of those whom you gave to me, alleluia; now I am coming to you; I ask not that you take them out of the world but that you keep them safe from evil, alleluia, alleluia.

- John 17

#### ANTHEM

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and lighten our understanding, that we may dwell in the fear of thy Name, all the days of our life, that we may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

- *Lidley's Prayers*, 1566

#### HYMN 483: "The head that once was crowned with thorns"

*St. Magnus*

#### THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The People kneel, as able.*

*All* **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.**

#### THE BLESSING

#### HYMN 450: "All hail the power of Jesus' Name"

*Coronation*

#### THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

#### VOLUNTARY Prelude and Fugue in B minor, BWV 544

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

MUSIC NOTES This Sunday, the music continues the liturgical celebration of Jesus' Ascension that began on Thursday. The Offertory Anthem, by Gerald Finzi (1901-1956), is one of the best-known pieces of choral music for the Ascension. From its forthright organ declarations, to its lyrical and evocative choral lines, the anthem employs a wide expressive range, from ecstatic jubilation (the "triumphant shout") to mystical longing ("Heart-cramping notes of melody").

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585) wrote many anthems with English texts during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. The anthem "O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit" was written sometime after this prayer's publication in 1566. Like many of his English anthems of this period, Tallis repeats the second section. Peter Philips notes that this anthem in particular "is an especially beautiful piece, calm, with all the words carrying their due weight."

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God in honor of the Youth Confirmands,  
by their parents.

Given to the glory of God in honor of the Chorister Commission of Juliette Souza,  
by her parents.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS 2025

Caroline S. Brauer

Hope E. Jernagan

Everett Greider

David B. Frank

Reid K. Haffenreffer

Chloe E. Toohey

Hadley E. Burgess

Emery K. Burgess

Carrie B. Govreau

Nicholas K. Rauscher

Matthew D. Sokolich

Brad Childs

Gail Childs

*Congratulations Confirmands!*

## THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

<i>Celebrant and Preacher</i>	The Right Rev. Deon K. Johnson
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Rev. David Hodges , The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon, The Rev. Zack Rugenstone
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Valerie Patton
<i>Musicians</i>	The St. Peter's Choir David Sinden, Organist and Choirmaster
<i>Acolyte Masters</i>	Allan Ivie
<i>Acolytes</i>	Will Frank, Max Frank, Alice Craig, Charlotte Craig
<i>Lectors</i>	Bruce Ryder, Jane Gilbert
<i>Ushers</i>	Jack Gillis, Bob Butler, Liza Weiss, Barb Toumayan
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Nancy Grimes
<i>Counter</i>	June Sellenriek

## PRAYER LIST

**For Family and Friends:** Doug Adderton, Bill Peterson, John Scudi

**For the Faithful Departed:** Christopher "Kit" Bond

**For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces:** Alexandra Maranto

**For Those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers:** Tiffany Alexander, Lee Arten, Victor Belyan, Margaret Acker Blardo, Bev Bouchard, Virginie Brightman, Wendell Covington, Ralph Dacey, Kathryn Dewein, Margaret Ruth Dewein, Prissy Evans, Donald Frank Sr., Don Franz, Margie Franz, Christy Garesche, Annette Goldman, John Hartman, Emily Hintz, Jeff Hirsch, Ian, Mike Kolman, Kary Matthews, Sharon Trainer Mauney, Cheryl Meyer, Randy Meyer, Liza Nash, Maddie O'Keefe, David Orlowski, Holly Parks, Jerry Pastore, Kimberly Penning, Hudson Rosencrans, Sally Russell, Lisa Peters Schiff, June Sellenriek, Susie Skinner, Jill Smock, Dewayne Stapes, Abbot Thomas, Mia Tiefenbrunn, Don Wallace, Anne Wetzel, and Rolla Wetzel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SPECIAL THANKS

#### **GARDEN PARTY**

A great big thank you to everyone who made the Garden Party a tremendous success! It was a beautiful evening filled with music, food, and lots of fun. Special thanks to Ginny Orthwein for hosting us again this year, and to Dudley Grove and Molly Tallarico for organizing such a wonderful event. But we couldn't do it without the many volunteers, sponsors, and guests that came together in support of St. Peter's ministry in the community. Your contributions will benefit our food ministry partners at Trinity CWE, St. John's, and All Saints and Ascension. **Thank you!**

# WORSHIP & MUSIC

## **TODAY: WEAR ORANGE**

If you see fellow parishioners wearing orange today, it is part of a nationwide observance of gun violence, and it recognizes and honors the victims and survivors in our nation. The Diocese of Missouri is asking parishioners to wear orange on Sunday, June 1, to raise awareness and build community with those working to end gun violence. A coinciding Rector's Forum will take place on Sunday, June 15, when Katherine Mathews will discuss the topic of gun safety and violence prevention. You can learn more at [wearorange.org](http://wearorange.org)

## **PENTECOST GOSPEL READERS**

If you have experience with a language other than English, you are invited to participate in the service and recite the gospel reading for Pentecost on June 8. This will be for both the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services. Previous languages have included Arabic, French, German, Greek, Italian, Latin, Spanish, and Welsh, and others are welcome. If interested, please contact the church office at [office@specstl.org](mailto:office@specstl.org) or (314) 993-2306 this week!

## **DIOCESAN PRIDE EVENSONG AT ST. PETER'S**

Join us on Sunday, June 8, at 5:00 p.m. for a special diocesan-wide Pride Evensong. The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson will be the officiant and the Rev. Isaiah "Shaneequa" Brokenleg will be the homilist. A choir of singers from across the diocese will be led by Connor Scott. Members of the St. Peter's Choir will take part David Sinden will be the organist for the service. The canticles, anthem, hymns, and responses are all composed by LGBTQIA2S+ composers and allies, including David Hurd, Calvin Hampton, Stephen Paulus, Abbie Betinis, and St. Peter's parishioner Dr. Jeffrey Richard Carter. This is a joyful celebration to kick off Pride month. All are welcome. Reception following in the undercroft. For more information, contact DeWayne Trainer, Missioner for LGBTQIA+ Engagement at [lgbtqiaministry@diocesemo.org](mailto:lgbtqiaministry@diocesemo.org)

# PARISH LIFE

## **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

The Congregational Meeting held last week laid the groundwork for four Implementation teams: Outreach Coordination, Worship Experiences, SPEC Connect, and Welcoming Spaces. Please take a moment to learn more about these Implementation teams and the goals assigned to each, by scanning the QR code, visiting our website, or visiting the table in the Undercroft with Strategic Plan information. If you would like to get involved in a specific group, or would like more information, please contact parishioner Ben Park at [benpark@me.com](mailto:benpark@me.com)



# STEWARDSHIP

## **ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

Thanks to your generosity, we are 92% to our financial goal of reaching \$1,150,000 in pledges. We are so close - only \$90,000 more is needed. Annual giving supports all of our yearly mission and ministries and we need everyone's participation to make a difference. If you have not yet made a pledge, please return your pledge card or pledge online at: <http://www.specstl.org/give>. Thank you!

# OUTREACH

## **ST. JOHN'S PEACE MEAL**

Serve a hot meal to those in need. The next opportunity to participate in the St. John's Peace Meal in Tower Grove will be Saturday, June 14, from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. Contact Lisa Hodges at [lisa\\_hodges@aol.com](mailto:lisa_hodges@aol.com) to learn more and get involved.

## **SUMMER BLESSINGS GIVING TREE**

As a counterpart to St. Peter's Advent Giving Tree, this year we are starting a Summer Blessings Tree in the Undercroft. Beginning next week, a tree will be adorned with tags listing items for two outreach ministries – St. Peter's Blessing Bags and GiFT (Giving is a Family Tradition). Please take a tag (or two!) from the tree and drop off your items by Monday, June 30. Thank you!

# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

## **SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY**

Beginning today, Summer Sunday School will take place for all children ages 5-12 in the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom. Nursery is offered as usual in the lower level of the Little Building from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please contact Didi Noelker, Director of Children & Family Ministries, at [dnoelker@specstl.org](mailto:dnoelker@specstl.org) with any questions.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025**

All children ages 4 through 10 are invited to learn the story of Noah's Ark and the great flood from the Book of Genesis at this year's Vacation Bible School. Monday through Friday, August 4-8, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, children will be using their imagination and creativity to build their faith through exciting activities, learning opportunities, and service projects. Your children won't want to miss this fun-filled week! The registration is \$50 per child, with a family max of \$90. **Registration deadline is June 15th.** If you have any questions or are interested in scholarship information, please contact Didi Noelker at [dnoelker@specstl.org](mailto:dnoelker@specstl.org). We are looking forward to seeing your children at VBS 2025!

# PILGRIMAGES

## **2026 IONA PILGRIMAGE INFORMATION SESSION**

Join Confluence Spirituality for a pilgrimage to the Isle of Iona, Scotland, in August of 2026. An informational meeting will be held at the home of Chris and Sandy Knight TODAY, June 1, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Space is very limited! Please contact Chris at [CDKRanch31@gmail.com](mailto:CDKRanch31@gmail.com) for more info.

## **CONSIDER A PILGRIMAGE THIS FALL**

Visit sites of historical and religious significance in Istanbul, Chalcedon, Nicaea, Ephesus, and more. Registration is underway for the pilgrimage to Turkey this fall (September 19 - October 2), led by the Rev. David Hodges. Brochure and registration information can also be found at [portal.myfaithjourneys.com](http://portal.myfaithjourneys.com) with group code 25032 or by scanning the QR code. Questions? Contact David Hodges at [davidh@specstl.org](mailto:davidh@specstl.org) for more information



# PASTORAL CARE

## **IN NEED OF A MEAL OR PRAYER?**

St. Peter's Cares is a ministry of parishioners caring for one another. This anonymous service provides meals to those experiencing difficult times and prayers for those in need. To request prayers or meals or to volunteer to serve, please email [shepherd@specstl.org](mailto:shepherd@specstl.org) or leave a message at (314) 993-2306 ext. 125.

## **ST. PETER'S IS HERE FOR YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS**

If you are hospitalized, homebound, or unable to come to church for any reason, the clergy of St. Peter's can bring church to you. Our clergy are always happy to visit and offer pastoral care, bring Holy Communion, or to simply come by and say hello. If you would like a visit, please reach out to the office at [office@specstl.org](mailto:office@specstl.org) or by calling (314) 993-2306.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>6/1</b>	<b>The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day</b>		
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
		8:45 a.m.	Breakfast	Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Rector's Forum	Undercroft
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist & Confirmation Summer Sunday School	
		11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>6/3</b>	7:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Grace Chapel
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>6/4</b>	7:30 a.m.	Bible Study	Elliot room
		5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Grace Chapel
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>6/5</b>	7:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Grace Chapel
		9:00 a.m.	Yoga	Undercroft
		10:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer	Grace Chapel
		6:00 p.m.	Choristers	
		7:15 p.m.	Choir	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>6/6</b>	7:30 a.m.	Zoom Bible Study	
		8:00 a.m.	A.A.	Undercroft
		10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group	Elliot Room
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>6/8</b>	<b>The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday</b>		
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	
		8:45 a.m.	Breakfast	Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Rector's Forum	Undercroft
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Summer Sunday School	
		11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	
		5:00 p.m.	Diocesan Pride Evensong	

# WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S

If you're visiting St. Peter's, we would love to share more information with you about our shared life and ministry! Please take a visitor gift bag on your way out the door. In it you'll find information about our worship, formation, and fellowship opportunities as well as information for families. You can also scan the QR codes below to get connected with us and learn more.



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