



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026 – 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*This service booklet is for both the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services.
The hymns, choral, and organ music listed are for the 10:30 service only.*

PRELUDE Scriptural Prelude: "...that they should seek the Lord..."

Allen Orton Gibbs (1910-1996)

THE WORD OF GOD

INTROIT *Vocem jocunditatis*

Anglican Chant: H. Walford Davies

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia: utter it even unto the ends of the earth; the Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia, alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honor of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.

– Isaiah 48:20, Ps. 66

- 8:00 *The People stand as the procession enters. The service begins with the Opening Acclamation.*
- 10:30 *The People stand and sing the hymn.*

HYMN 518: "Christ is made the sure foundation"

Westminster Abbey

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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 IN EXCELSIS

- 8:00 *The Gloria is said*

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

All **and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

All Glory be to God on high,
and on earth, peace good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory.
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE 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.**

The People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:7-18 *Jubilate Deo*

• 8:00 *Said by all*

• 10:30 *Sung by the Choir*

Anglican Chant: E. C. Bairstow

- 7 **Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;**
- 8 **Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.**
- 9 **For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.**
- 10 **You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
- 11 **You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**
- 12 **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.**
- 13 **I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.**
- 14 **Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**
- 15 **I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.**
- 16 **If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;**
- 17 **But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**
- 18 **Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.**

THE SECOND LESSON

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.

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)*

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

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

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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon

A period of silence is kept. Then the People stand.

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All **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

Lector Our baptism has given us an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we live, move, and have our being in God, let us pray to the One who gives life and breath to all, saying, "Let us bless God; / For the Lord has heard our prayer."

The People kneel, as able.

We pray for the Church, remembering Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, Presiding Bishop; Deon, our Bishop; and for the clergy and ministry leaders of St. Peter's.

In our diocese we pray for St. Vincent's-in-the-Vineyard in Ste. Genevieve, and in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Church of Pakistan (United). If we love the Lord, then let us keep his commandments, and let the Spirit of truth abide with us. Let us bless God;

People **For the Lord has heard our prayer.**

Lector We pray for those who govern here and all places, remembering Donald, our President, and Mike, our Governor; may all who hold authority know they are under the one who has gone into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him. We continue to pray for peace in all lands; may all who cultivate war and violence repent, for the world will be judged in righteousness by the one risen from the dead. Let us bless God;

People **For the Lord has heard our prayer.**

Lector We pray for those in need in our parish and community, remembering Margie Johnson, Carolyn and Mike Kolman, James Otutu, [_____,] and Joseph Screnock. The Lord holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip; the Lord Christ will reveal himself to us through our love and service to one another. Let us bless God;

People **For the Lord has heard our prayer.**

Lector We pray on this Mother's Day for all who have guided and loved in maternal care. Protect the holy bond between mothers and families, and give to them strength, patience, wisdom, and joy. For those to whom this day brings sorrow, let them be embraced with solace and true comfort; and may God the Son, who sanctified a home at Nazareth in birth by Mary, his mother, bring grace to all. Let us bless God;

People **For the Lord has heard our prayer.**

Lector We pray with thanksgiving for the birth of Margot Beisel to Grace Haring and Eric Beisel; may the love of God surround this moment and reveal Christ to all. Let us bless God;

People **For the Lord has heard our prayer.**

Lector We pray for the departed [remembering _____]. May all the departed be at rest in the Lord who was made alive in the Spirit, and delivered the proclamation of resurrection to the spirits held in the prison of death. Let us bless God;

People **For the Lord has heard our prayer.**

Lector Let us pray for our own needs, and for those of others.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Lord God Almighty, for no merit on our part you have brought us out of death into life, out of sorrow into joy: Put no end to your gifts, fulfill your marvelous acts in us, and grant to us who have been justified by faith the strength to persevere in that faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All **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.**

Celebrant 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 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

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 Cosmic Festival

Richard Felciano (1930-2026)

Earth's crammed with heaven and every living thing afire with God.

To the wise, life is a festival.

Earth's crammed with heaven and every common stone ... every common bush ...

Truth lies waiting in all things, unfolding itself from living buds. But it must be first in yourself. It shall come from your soul. It shall be love.

- Elizabeth Barret Browning, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Walt Whitman

The People stand and sing.

THE PRESENTATION

- 8:00 Hymn 380, st. 3

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

- Thomas Ken

- 10:30

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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 ET BENEDICTUS

- 8:00 *Said by all*

**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.**

- 10:30 *Sung by all (Hymnal S 115)*

Missa Marialis, Plainsong, Mode 5

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh 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:

- 8:00 *Said by all*

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

- 10:30 *Sung by all (Hymnal S 133)*



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

- 8:00 *The Fraction Anthem is said*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

- 10:30 *Sung by all (Hymnal S 155)*

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia

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.

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.

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 *Non vos relinquam*

Plainsong, Mode 5

I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you, alleluia; and your hearts will be joyful, alleluia, alleluia.

- John 14

ANTHEM

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may bide with you for ever,
ev'n the spirit of truth.

- John 14: 15-17

HYMN 323: "Bread of heaven, on thee we feed"

Jesu, Jesu, du mein Hirt

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

Celebrant 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.**

HYMN 473: "Lift high the cross"

Crucifer

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

VOLUNTARY Paean

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

MUSIC NOTES As the 1970s dawned, the “Earth Rise” photographs from the Apollo missions helped humanity appreciate its position in the cosmos in a new way. At the same time, an emerging trend in classical music was that of using recorded sounds and electronically-produced sounds in live performance. These trends converged in music for the church by American composers like Larry King, the organist at Trinity, Wall Street, in New York, and Richard Felciano (1930-2026).

Felciano was an innovative composer who helped bring new sounds to the music of the Episcopal Church, including some pieces within the *Hymnal 1982*. “The power of his music,” reports the Grove Dictionary of Music, “lies in its ability to ennoble the intellect through a paradoxically sensuous love of sound and transform technology into a celebration of the human spirit.” He died this past February at the age of 95.

Composers like King and Felciano freely incorporated electronic sounds into compositions that included organ and/or choral forces. In many cases, the sounds were used in conjunction with “cosmic” events in the gospels, like King’s *The Transfiguration* or Felciano’s Ascension anthem, *Out of Sight*.

Today’s Offertory anthem, *Cosmic Festival*, uses single lines of text from Elizabeth Barret Browning, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Walt Whitman that are sung in combination with electronic sounds by the composer. It was commissioned by the American Cathedral Organists and Choirmaster’s Association (now known as the Association of Anglican Musicians) in 1972. The musical score for the choir is presented graphically and resembles a NASA flight path. Beginning from a starting point depicted as Earth, the instructions to the choir have them “launching” away from our home planet and out into the cosmos.

Allen Orton Gibbs (1910-1996) was born in Alabama and worked at McCoy Methodist Church in Birmingham for many years. At the end of the 1940s she began to compose music for organ, choir, and other forces, all primarily for liturgical use. Her “Scriptural Anthem” heard as the prelude to this service is in the vein of Herbert Howells’s Psalm Preludes and other works inspired by single verses of scripture. Here, the words that inspired the music are from the King James Version of Acts 17:27: “that they should seek the Lord, if perhaps they might feel after Him and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us.”

ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God in honor of Penny George,
by her children and grandchildren.

Given to the glory of God in loving memory of Anita F. Beal,
by Connie Lohr.

Given to the glory of God in loving memory of Martha Smith and Lorraine Owen,
by their family.

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 A.M.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. David Hodges
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon
<i>Organ</i>	David Sinden
<i>Lectors</i>	Brig Buettner, Bud Wilson
<i>Ushers</i>	Tony Randazzo, Rich Huck
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Kathy Baker

10:30 A.M.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Zack Rugenstone
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Rev. David Hodges
<i>Musicians</i>	The St. Peter's Choir David Sinden, Organist and Choirmaster
<i>Acolyte Masters</i>	Jim Gilbert, DeWayne Trainer
<i>Acolytes</i>	Liam Schafer, Teddy Haffenreffer, Reid Haffenreffer, Sloane Stockwell, Max Frank
<i>Lectors</i>	Kathryn Haydon, Wendy Olk
<i>Ushers</i>	Mike Newport, Chuck Jones, Luke Fouke, Doug Adderton
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Wendy Olk
<i>Monday Counter</i>	Jerry and Cathie Wille

PRAYER LIST

For Family and Friends: Margie Johnson, Carolyn and Mike Kolman, James Otutu, Joseph Screnock

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

For Those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Lee Arten, Kit Baker, Victor Belyan, Bev Bouchard, Desiree Brattin, Virginie Brightman, Craig Campbell, Elizabeth Cottle, Wendell Covington, Ralph Dacey, Joan Hager Davis, Bonnie Essick, Prissy Evans, Nolan Fagan, Teenie Followell, Don Franz, Jerry Freeland, Anthony Frigard, Christy Garesche, John Hartman, Emily Hintz, Jeff Hirsch, Jack Howard, Russ Lake, John Marshall, Cheryl Meyer, Randy Meyer, Liza Nash, Chris O'Connor, Maddie O'Keefe, David Orłowski, Holly Parks, Kimberly Penning, Kristi Peterson, Bill Peterson, Steve Randall, Chi Chi Rassieur, Sara Rigel, Sally Russell, Jill Smock, Dewayne Stapes, Sarah Striler, Scheryl and Michael Sylvia, Abbot Thomas, Mia Tiefenbrunn, Molly Webster, David Westfall, Anne Wetzel, Rolla Wetzel, and Goldie Wirth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP & MUSIC

JOINT CHORAL EVENSONG SERVICE

The ninth annual joint Choral Evensong sung by the Choir of the Church of St. Michael and St. George (CSMSG), Clayton, and the St. Peter's Choir will be held here at St. Peter's on Sunday, June 7, at 5:00 p.m. Evensong is a traditional service of scripture, prayer, and music. The choirs will be led by Joseph Arndt, the Organist and Director of Music at CSMSG. All are welcome, and a reception follows the service.

STEWARDSHIP & PARISH LIFE

2026 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

We're getting closer to our goal! Pledges total \$1,026,000 --- 79% towards our \$1,300,000 goal. If you have not yet pledged, please return your card or you may give online at www.specstl.org/give. Every pledge counts!

For more information, please scan the QR code or contact Janet Rouse at janetr@specstl.org



SECOND TUESDAY BREAKFAST: MAY 12

All are welcome to join us in the Undercroft this Tuesday morning at 7:30 a.m. for our Second Tuesday Breakfast. Enjoy a hearty breakfast and good company.

JOIN THE ST. PETER'S FLOWER TEAM

Sunday altar flowers are repurposed into small bouquets after the Sunday services to bring joy and comfort to fellow parishioners at home! Arrangements are made either on Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. service or the next morning (Monday). Join the team as an arranger and/or deliverer! Schedules will be made based on your availability. Questions? Contact Dudley Grove at (314) 550-4500 or dudleyg@mail.com for more information and to sign up!

JOIN A BREAKFAST CREW!

We are in need of a few new members for the Breakfast Crew. It's a great way to serve your fellow parishioners and have fun while cooking. Contact Matt Bouchard at mattbouchard2@gmail.com for more information.

SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS

We are in need of parishioners to sponsor the Sunday altar flowers in August and after. For more information, go to specstl.org/worship/Sunday-altar-flowers/ or call the Church Office at (314) 993-2306.

IN NEED OF A MEAL OR PRAYER?

St. Peter's Cares is a ministry by parishioners for parishioners. 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 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 with parishioners to offer pastoral care, bring Holy Communion, or to come by and say hello. If you would like a visit, please reach out to the office at office@specstl.org or by calling (314) 993-2306.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

NURSERY, CHILDREN'S CHAPEL, AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Nursery is offered in the lower level of the Little Building from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- Children's Chapel is offered in Grace Chapel from 10:15 to 10:25 a.m.
- Sunday School classes begin at 10:30 a.m.

ST. PETER'S YOUTH

The St. Peter's Youth (SPY) group is now on break until it kicks off again in September.

FORMATION

RECTOR'S FORUM AND BREAKFAST

Join us for Rector's Forum as we welcome guest speakers from across our parish and the wider St. Louis community. Come enjoy a hearty breakfast (beginning at 8:45 a.m.) and conversation/speakers (beginning at 9:15 a.m.). The cost of breakfast is \$9. Kids under 5 eat free!



May 10 Linda Locke, Board President of Meds & Foods for Kids

Meds & Foods for Kids has grown from a one-woman effort introducing Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) to Haiti into a Haitian-led organization with a world-class RUTF factory and team of nearly 100. Today, MFK partners with local farmers, healthcare workers, and schools to prevent and treat malnutrition and support healthy learning.



May 17 Melissa Swank - The Wellbeing STL

Parishioner Melissa Swank is a Board Certified Health and Wellness Coach with a master's degree and more than 15 years of experience in public health. After years working on the reactive side of the field, she shifted her focus toward prevention, founding The Well Being to help people maintain their health or reverse early signs of illness. Her passion is helping individuals extend their quality of life with joy, energy, and wellbeing.



May 24 St. Peter's Strategic Plan Update

Members of the St. Peter's Strategic Plan committees will be giving an update on the progress of their work towards the transformation of the church and its community.

LECTIO DIVINA: SPENDING TIME IN GOD'S WORD

You are invited to spend time with biblical readings for the upcoming Sunday each week beginning this Thursday, May 14, and continuing every Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the Elliot Room. This hour is set aside for the meditative, prayerful reading of scripture, an ancient practice also known as "Lectio Divina" (divine reading). It is not an academic bible study, but rather a time to read, meditate, and pray in a small group. You are invited to come as you are able; regular attendance is not required. For more information, please contact the Rev. Susie Skinner (susieckinner@gmail.com) or David Sinden (dsinden@specstl.com).

OUTREACH

OUTREACH COORDINATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

As part of our Strategic Plan Implementation efforts, the Outreach Coordinating Committee has been actively working to expand meaningful outreach beyond our walls. Their continued dedication and collaboration have already borne fruit, resulting in two new outreach opportunities that strengthen our connection to both the church and the wider community. Please read below about the Welcome Neighbor and Urban League opportunities.

WELCOME NEIGHBOR STL SUPPER CLUB

Save the date for an evening of community and cuisine featuring dishes from Afghanistan and Syria! St. Peter's will be the first Episcopal church to host a Welcome Neighbor Supper, on Friday, May 29, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Proceeds from the evening's ticket sales benefit refugee chefs and Welcome Neighbor StL, whose mission is to support refugees and immigrants in St. Louis by connecting them with the people, resources, and opportunities they need to build fulfilling, independent lives. Reserve your seat using the QR code.



URBAN LEAGUE FOOD GIVEAWAY

On Saturday, May 16, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., we will join the Urban League for a Food Giveaway marking the one-year anniversary of the tornado impact on St. Louis. This meaningful outreach offers a chance to stand with our neighbors, remember what our community has endured, and continue the work of care and recovery. Ten volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. Your time and presence will make a tangible difference, and we hope you'll consider being part of this important day of service. The event will be held at the Urban League Headquarters at 1407 North Kingshighway (originally the Sears Department store). Contact Allan Ivie at Allan.Ivie@simmonsbank.com or 314-623-3138 for more information and to volunteer.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Sunday	May 10	The Sixth Sunday of Easter	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 8:45 a.m. Parish Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Nursery Care Opens 9:15 a.m. Rector's Forum 10:15 a.m. Children's Chapel 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour	<i>Undercroft</i> <i>Little Building</i> <i>Undercroft</i> <i>Grace Chapel</i> <i>Classrooms</i>
Tuesday	May 12		7:30 a.m. 2nd Tuesday Breakfast Club 8:30 a.m. Zoom Bible Study 10:30 a.m. St. Peter's Guild	<i>Undercroft</i> <i>Online</i> <i>Undercroft</i>
Wednesday	May 13		7:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist	<i>Elliot Room</i> <i>Grace Chapel</i>
Thursday	May 14		9:00 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. Centering Prayer 2:00 p.m. Lectio Divina 5:15 p.m. Probationers Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Choristers Rehearsal 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<i>Undercroft</i> <i>Grace Chapel</i> <i>Elliot Room</i> <i>Choir Room</i> <i>Choir Room</i> <i>Choir Room</i>
Friday	May 15		8:00 a.m. A.A. 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group	<i>Classroom</i> <i>Elliot Room</i>
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WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S

If you are visiting St. Peter's, we would love to share more information with you about our shared life and ministry! Please take a red welcome 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.



New Visitor Form



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