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The Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2025

Welcome

We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship today. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We are a church rooted in Christian tradition, and open to new ideas, committed to service in community and world as part of the world-wide Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. The work of worship is shared by all, and we invite you to participate in the said and sung responses as you are able.

Holy Eucharist at 8 o'clock and 4 o'clock, All Saints' Chapel

The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), page 355

The canticle Pascha Nostrum may be found on page 83 of the BCP

The Lessons may be found in the 10 o'clock portion of this worship bulletin (below)

Psalm 30 may be found on page 621 of the BCP

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B, may be found on page 367 of the BCP



Holy Eucharist at 10 o'clock, Church

Voluntary

Hymn 306 Hymnal 1982

Emma Liu, Guest Organist

SURSUM CORDA

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Pascha Nostrum

Oxford Chant



- 1 Alleluia | alle- | luia;
Alleluia | alle- | lu- | ia.
- 2 Christ our Passover has been | sacri- • ficed for | us,
therefore | let us | keep the | feast,

- 3 Not with the old leaven,
the leaven of | malice • and | evil,
but with the unleavened | bread of • sin- | cerity • and | truth.
- 4 Alleluia | alle- | luia;
Alleluia | alle- | **lu-** | ia.
- 5 Christ being raised from the dead will | never • die a- | gain;
death no | longer • has do- | minion | over him.
- 6 The death he died • he died to sin | once for | all;
but the life he | lives he | lives to | God.
- 7 So consider yourselves | dead to | sin,
and alive to God in | Jesus | Christ our | Lord.
- 8 Alleluia | alle- | luia;
Alleluia | alle- | **lu-** | ia.
- 9 Christ has been | raised • from the | dead,
the first fruits of | those who • have | fallen • a- | sleep.
- 10 For since by a | man came | death,
by a man has come also the resur- | rection | of the | dead.
- 11 For as in | Adam • all | die,
even so in Christ shall | all be | made a- | live.
- 12 Alleluia | alle- | luia;
Alleluia | alle- | **lu-** | ia.

Collect of the Day

BCP, page 224

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Reading

Acts 5:27-32

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He asked, “Who are you,

Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 30 *Exaltabo te, Domine*

Text arr. Michael Morgan; tune arr. Hal Hopson



Cantor Lord, we sing with joyful voices; your great power can lift and save;
By your healing touch, revive us; life restore beyond the grave. **Refrain**

Cantor Praise to you, our sure salvation, you, the Holy One above.
End the night so dimmed by anguish, with your light of peace and love. **Refrain**

Cantor Change our sorrow to rejoicing; clothe with gladness all despair;
Cause unsteady feet that stumble now to dance beneath your care. **Refrain**

Cantor Dry our tears we shed in mourning; give us steadfast hope always;
Fill our hearts with expectation; fill our songs with thanks and praise. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

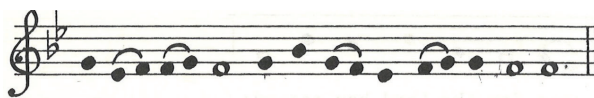
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel Procession

Gradual Alleluia

Tone VIII



Cantor Christ being raised from the dead will never die again *
death no longer has dominion over him.

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

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

Leader Awake...and arise from death.

People **And Christ will give you life!**

At the conclusion, the Presider says

Presider Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, for Christ has burst forth from the tomb, making all things new. Rise, and live, says the Lord. This day God has made for life and all joy! Amen, alleluia!

People **Alleluia, amen!**

The Peace

BCP, page 360

Welcome and Announcements

All are welcome to make a gift and offering in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we have received. To take advantage of our electronic giving options, please follow the QR code with your capable electronic device. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

arr. Richard Proulx

Rise up in early morning;

Go forth ye saints, to meet him;

Sing of the risen Savior.

Light up your lamps of gladness.

Sing tidings of salvation,

With Alleluias ringing,

In cymbalis bene sonantibus.

—after St. John Damascene, ca. 754

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

BCP, page 367

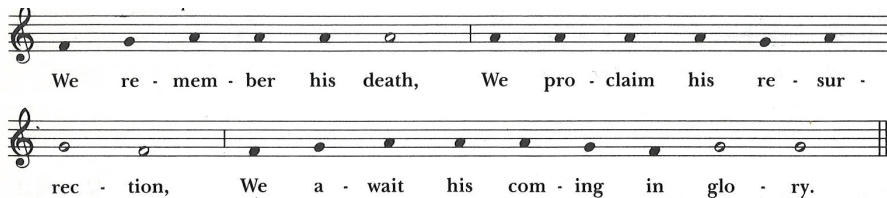
Presider People
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Presider People
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Presider
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Sanctus

Hymnal 1982, S 128

Memorial Acclamation



Great Amen



Lord's Prayer

Hymnal 1982, S 148



Breaking the Bread

Hymnal 1982, S 167



Cantor The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. **Refrain**

Cantor One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. **Refrain**

Invitation

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Bread and Cup to be in communion with God and each other. You may receive only the bread by placing your hands together flat in front of you (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request). Afterwards you may drink wine from the chalice. If you would rather have the bread intinct (dipped) in the wine, you may hand the bread to the person administering the chalice and they will intinct and hand it back to you. If you (or your child) would rather not receive the Sacrament, you may come to the altar rail during Communion and cross your arms on your chest for a blessing. The Bread and Cup are given with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Hymn 661 *Hymnal 1982*

GEORGETOWN

Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand and say together*

Look with favor, O Lord, upon your people: and, as you have refreshed and strengthened us with the Body and Blood of your Son, bring us, we humbly pray, to the eternal glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remain standing and sing

Hymn 208 *Hymnal 1982*

VICTORY

Blessing and Dismissal

At the Dismissal, all respond



Please remain in your pew until the Procession has left the nave

This Week's Parish Notices

STEWARDSHIP 2025

This year's theme is *Walk in Love*, taken from the Letter to the Ephesians: "Walk in love as Christ has loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2). Make your pledge online at <https://stpetersef.org/donate/pledge-form>.

GIFTS AT THE ALTAR: The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Earl Crouse.

WELCOME to Emma Liu, our guest organist today. Mark Trautman will return to St. Peter's this week.

CARE & CONNECT

Join me next Wednesday for *Wednesdays Away*. I have already registered and would be happy to carpool! Wednesdays Away is 9 am-3 pm, cost is \$50, and it is open to all, and a lovely lunch is served. May 7 is Music and Meditation: "Music can provide a way to communicate our feelings, especially when we have no words for them. Since ancient times music has provided an international language to communicate joy, sorrow, praise, and community. We will explore and listen to a variety of music that can be paired with scripture, psalms, and the Christian community." For more information and/or to register you can visit their website (www.crossroadsretreat.com/wednesdaysaway) or reach out to me. Dana Leach, leach@stpetersef.org, c 201-694-6543.

HANDBELL CHOIR

Handbell Choir rehearsals will resume this Wednesday at 7 in the south transept of the nave. This is great fun and fellowship for all. No experience necessary—come and give handbells a try! Speak to Mark Trautman (trautman@stpetersef.org) to find out more.

STREET FAIR

Our beloved Street Fair is back this year, Friday June 6 from 4-10 pm. Please join us in welcoming our community for this fun-filled event. There's plenty of opportunities for everyone to help with this exciting ministry, first held at St. Peter's in the early 1930s. Contact Mary Shearin (shearchaos38@gmail.com, 973-590-1678), sign up: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4BAAAAB2AAAF4C43-54421713-saint#.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration is now open for VBS! Our 2025 theme is *Road Trip: On The Go With God*. Our fun-filled camp will be held August 4-8 from 9 am to 12 pm. It is designed for children in Pre-K (at least age 3 and fully potty-trained) through 5th grade. Anyone entering 6th grade or older can serve as a volunteer. The cost is \$75 per camper until June 30 (\$15 late fee after that); there is no fee for volunteers. Need-based scholarships are available upon request. Please register at <https://stpetersessefells.mycokesburyvbs.com>—Sarah, Jack, and Luke Latson (spfvbs@gmail.com)

PRAYER LIST

Laurie Alcott, Stanley Au, Amye Becker, Duffy Bell, Grace Bishop, Nancy Bivona, Kris Blake, Carl, Murriel Bowness, Kathy Calfee, Martha Capel, Adele Corcoran, Gabriel Cowell, Wayne Hill, Tania Jenkins, Sheila & Norman Johnson, Eddie K., Jeffrey Kamel, Katherine Kamen, Ed Kamper, Colin Kelley, Katie King, Julie Lanning, Lauren L., Laurieann, Sally L., Mark Lewis, Ben M., Marino Family, Tom Marriott, Nunno Family, Lisa & Gary Pyne, Richardson & Dickhaus families, Craig Roper, Ruth Ann, Sarah, Jean Whiting Smith, Kathy Stanton, Frank Zupa.

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

<i>Altar Guild</i>	Alice Samuels, Candace Carr, Debra Chance
<i>Ushers</i>	Barbara Gargiulo Chris Shearin
<i>Acolytes</i>	
<i>Readers</i>	Valerie Felix, Jonathan Lace
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	
<i>Cantors</i>	Kevin Johnson, Meghan Tannella, Michael Barretti
<i>Director of Music</i>	Emma Liu
<i>Presiding</i>	The Reverend Nathaniel Darville

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