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The Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday
May 11, 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 23 may be found on page 476 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

Prière à Notre Dame

Léon Boëllmann

Hymn 523 *Hymnal 1982*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

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 225

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Reading

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the

widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

*Bobby McFerrin
Sung by the Parish Choir*

*The LORD is my Shepherd, I have all I need,
She makes me lie down in green meadows,
Beside the still waters, She will lead.
She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,
She leads me in a path of good things,
And fills my heart with songs.
Even though I walk through a dark and dreary land,
There is nothing that can shake me,
She has said She won't forsake me, I'm in Her hand.
She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,
She anoints my head with oil, and my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and kindness will follow me,
All the days of my life,
And I will live in Her house, forever and ever.
Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter,
And to the Holy of Holies,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World, without end. Amen.*

—Psalm 23 and Gloria Patri, adapt. by the composer

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel Procession

Gradual Alleluia

Tone VIII



Nicene Creed

BCP, page 358

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

MOTET

Simon Lindley

Ave Maria gratia plena Dominus tecum.

Benedicta tu in mulieribus

et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.

Sancta Maria, mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus

nunc et in hora mortis nostræ. Amen.

[Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women

and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners,

now and in the hour of our death. Amen.]

—based on Luke 1:28

Please stand for the Great Thanksgiving

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.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Hymnal 1982, S 128

Memorial Acclamation

We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

Great Amen

A - men. A - men. A - men.

Lord's Prayer

Hymnal 1982, S 148

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,
now and for ev - er. A - men.

Breaking the Bread

Hymnal 1982, S 167

Cantor; then All

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

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 278 *Hymnal 1982*

RUSTINGTON

Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand and say together*

Incline your ear to the prayers of your flock, good Shepherd: and gather into your heavenly fold the sheep redeemed by the precious blood of your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Please remain standing and sing

Hymn

OMNI DIE

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1986

Tune: Gross Catholisch Gesangbuch, alt.

1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

Blessing and Dismissal

At the Dismissal, all respond

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

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>. Contact a member of the Vestry or Father Nate to find out more about how you can *Walk in Love* at St. Peter's.

TODAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is commonly known as "Good Shepherd Sunday" because of the Epistle and Gospel associated with this day for centuries. In the first years of persecution in the church, the most common representation of our Lord in Christian art was the Good Shepherd. The scriptures, prayers, and hymns today serve to remind us that Jesus is the "Good Shepherd of his people" who "lays down His life for the sheep."

CARE & CONNECT

Prayer Circle: Join us *today* as we gather to focus our prayers of healing and thanksgiving for ourselves and others, both aloud and quietly in our hearts and minds. We meet in the All Saints' Chapel on the second and fourth Sundays of each month following the 10 am service. There is plenty of time following our Prayer Circle to enjoy the special fellowship of coffee hour. Feel free to reach out to me if you'd like to add an intention.

Wednesdays Away: Wednesdays Away is 9 am-3 pm, cost is \$50, and it is open to all, and a lovely lunch is served. June 4 is Move Like the Wind: "At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is said to have come as a great wind, reminiscent of Jesus' description of the Spirit in us (John 3:8). Wind carries things away. Wind fans flames, fills sails, brings rain, makes waves, and carries seeds and pollen through the air to germinate new life. How is the Holy Spirit moving like a wind in you?" This session will be led by Laurie Matarazzo who grew up at St. Peter's and whose father was the Reverend Norman Rice, associate rector under the Reverend Harold Onderdonk in the 1960s. Find out more at www.crossroadsretreat.com/wednesdays-away or reach out to me.—*Dana Leach*, leach@stpetersef.org, 201-694-6543

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. We are

looking for donations of gently used stuffed animals and old china. ***Please note:*** If you have a street fair lawn sign from last year (maybe in your garage or basement) to please return it to the church on Sunday so that they can be updated and used to promote this years event. We need them out on lawns *asap* to raise awareness for the Fair! Contact Mary Shearin (shearchaos38@gmail.com, 973-590-1678).

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)

COFFEE HOUR HOST

Help make St. Peter's a welcoming place by signing up to be a Coffee Hour host! This is an important time for us to connect with one another and meet our guests and visitors. Please either sign up on the sheet posted in the Upper Room or contact Mary Shearin with the date you prefer. *Feel free to sign up with a friend!*

May 11: Mother's Day, no coffee hour

May 18: Dana Leach

May 26: Memorial Day Weekend, no coffee hour

CONFIRMATION

Please pray for Colin Carr, Matthew Grothues, and Koen Vonderahe who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 31 (The Feast of the Visitation) at the Church of Our Saviour in Denville.

HOLY BAPTISM—THE DAY OF PENTECOST

The Day of Pentecost will be celebrated on June 8, 2025. This is one of the four principal Baptismal feasts in the Church Year. Reach out to the Parish Office (info@stpeters.org) if you or someone you know desires the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

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 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>	Jim Irwin, Maggie Wohltmann
<i>Acolytes</i>	
<i>Readers</i>	Mary Shearin
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Mary Shearin
<i>Cantors</i>	Michael Barretti, Kevin Johnson
<i>Director of Music</i>	Mark A. Trautman
<i>Presiding</i>	The Reverend Nathaniel Darville

ST. PETER'S STREET FAIR

● **FRIDAY ONLY** ●

June 6 ● 4 - 10 pm

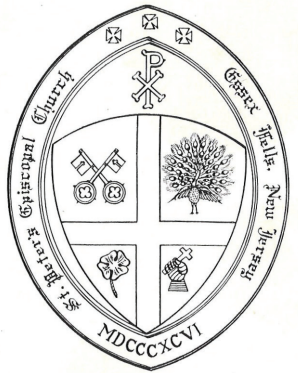
Volunteers Needed



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