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The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 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 148 may be found on page 805 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

Adagio in E-flat, K. 282

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Hymn 178 *Hymnal 1982*

ALLELUIA NO. I

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. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised

men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

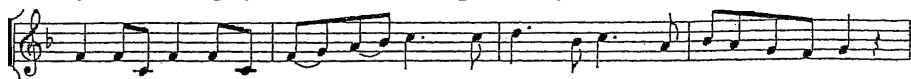
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

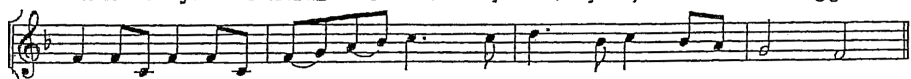
Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

Natalie Sleeth

The refrain is sung by a Cantor then repeated by all



This is the day that the Lord hath made! Re-joice! Re-joyce, and be ex-ceed-ing glad!



This is the day that the Lord hath made! Re-joice! Re-joyce! Hal-le-lu - jah!

Cantor Shout with joy unto the Lord, sing to God throughout the Land,
Oh lift up your voices high, all rejoice and sing to God. **Refrain**

Cantor Let the rivers clap their hands, let the hills ring out with joy,
Raise your voice before the Lord, when he comes to judge the Earth. **Refrain**

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel Procession

Gradual Alleluia

Tone VIII



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

*Cantor A new commandment I give to you; *
love one another as I have loved you.*

Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35

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

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

[At the last supper, when] he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon
Nicene Creed
Prayers of the People

The Rector
BCP, page 358

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

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.

BCP page 360



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please stand and sing

Offertory Hymn

LEVAS II Hymnal, 42
Alfred H. Ackley, 1933

- 1 I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever others say;
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him He's always near.
He lives, He lives!
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.
- 2 In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair;
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last. **Refrain**

- 3 Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing:
 Eternal Alleluias to Jesus Christ, the King!
 The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find,
 None other is so loving, so good and kind. **Refrain**

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

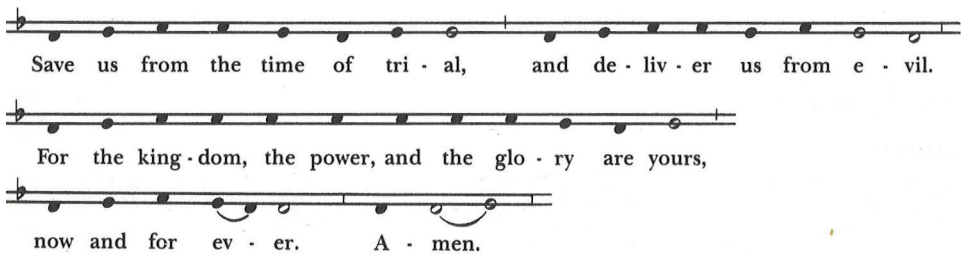
Hymnal 1982, S 148

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.



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 intincted (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.**

Motet

Thomas Tallis

*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

Postcommunion Prayer Please stand and say together

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your people: and grant that we who have received these heavenly mysteries may pass from the old life of sin to the new life of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remain standing and sing

Hymn 210 *Hymnal 1982*

ELLACOMBE

Blessing and Dismissal

At the Dismissal, all respond

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

Voluntary

Plein Jeu, du Troisième Ton

Jacques Boyvin

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.

COMMUNION RECEPTION

Congratulations to Aidan Ramos and Jule Alexander Darville on completing the Communion Recognition Class and First Holy Communion today.

FAMILY EUCHARIST SUNDAY

This Sunday is Family Eucharist at 10 am, a time when youth take leadership roles in the liturgy. Youths serve as lay readers (reading the lessons), ushers, and oblationers (bringing the elements forward at the offertory). This ministry is a vital part of our worship on Sunday, and a wonderful opportunity for our youth. Contact Father Nate for more information. *The last Family Eucharist for the school year will be Sunday, June 8, Pentecost.*

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 18: Dana Leach

May 26: Memorial Day Weekend, no coffee hour

June 1: Open

JOIN A CHOIR

The Parish Choir (Adults and older teens) rehearses Thursdays at 7:30 in the Choir Room. The Handbell Choir rehearses Wednesdays at 7 pm in the south transept. Choir is great fun, Christian formation, and a wonderful way to be a part of a great community. For more information, contact Mark Trautman (trautman@stpetersef.org). Everyone is welcome!

CONFIRMATION

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

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).

CARE & CONNECT

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

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.

PENTECOST PRIDE MASS & RECEPTION

On Pentecost Sunday, June 8, at 6 pm, the Episcopal Diocese of Newark LGBTQ+ Action Group / Taskforce invites members of the LGBTQ+ Community and allies throughout the diocese to a special service of Holy Eucharist with reception and fellowship to follow. This year the service and reception will be held at Grace Church, 200 Highfield Lane, Nutley. Find out more at <https://oaisisNewark.org>.

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-noon. 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. Register at <https://stpetersessefells.mycokesburyvbs.com>—Sarah, Jack, & Luke Latson (spefvbs@gmail.com)*

USHERS

Grow our St. Peter's community—join the ministry of users! This work is important as we are the first impression people have as they arrive at Church. The commitment is not more than once per month and schedules are worked around your availability. Contact Wayne Copeland (waynecopeland@keyconsult.com).

FLOWER MINISTRY

Beautiful flowers adorn our church weekly. Flowers may be given at any time in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one, or any other occasion of thankfulness for God's creation. A check for \$50 may be made to St. Peter's—put 'altar flowers' in the memo. To reserve a date, use the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or email Alice Samuels (inkyretired@aol.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 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>	Nancy Connor, Eloise Monzillo Hiris, Diane Waitts
<i>Ushers</i>	Wayne Copeland
<i>Acolytes</i>	Xxxx
<i>Readers</i>	Mary Shearin
<i>Oblationers</i>	Vivian Thompson, Penelope Thompson
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Eloise Monzillo Hiris
<i>Cantors</i>	Michael Barretti, Kevin Johnson, Meghan Tannella
<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

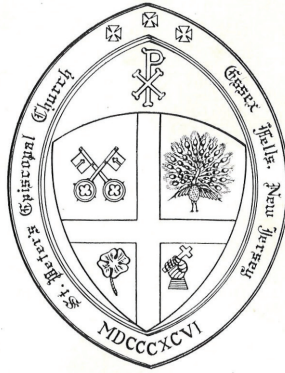
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