

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN ESSEX FELLS**  
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*The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday*  
*May 25, 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, open to new ideas, and 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. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

**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 67 may be found on page 675 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

*Fugue in C minor*

*Johann Ludwig Krebs*

Hymn 191 *Hymnal 1982*

LUX EOI

*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, 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 LESSONS

#### First Reading

*Acts 16:9-15*

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.  
*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

BCP page 675; Tone VI

[illegible]

*Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5*

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*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*     *If anyone loves me, he will keep my word; \*  
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.*

Gospel Reading

*John 14:23-29*

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

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

[Jesus said to [Judas (not Iscariot)], “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

*Deacon*     The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

*The Rector*

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

*Please stand and sing*

#### Offertory Hymn

*Alan Ridout*

*Let us with a gladsome mind,  
Praise the Lord for he is kind:*

*Let us blaze his name abroad  
For of gods he is the God:*

*He with all commanding might,  
Filled the new-made world with light:*

*He the golden tressed sun,  
Caused all day his course to run:*

*The horned moon to shine by night,  
Mid her spangled sisters bright:*

*All things living he doth feed,  
His full hand supplies their need:*

*FOR HIS MERCIES SHALL ENDURE, EVER FAITHFUL, EVER SURE.*

*—John Milton, based on Psalm 136*

### 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



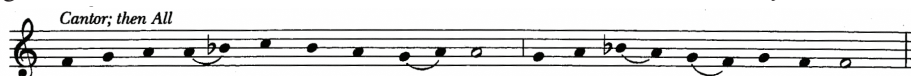
## Lord's Prayer

*Hymnal 1982, S 148*



## Breaking the Bread

*Hymnal 1982, S 167*



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.**

Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand and say together*

**Almighty and everlasting God, you have restored us to eternal life through the resurrection of Jesus Christ your Son: mercifully grant that this Paschal sacrament, which you have given to us as spiritual food, may fill our hearts with love and strengthen us for your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please remain standing and sing*

Hymn 719 *Hymnal 1982*

MATERNA

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>.

TODAY IS ROGATION SUNDAY

For centuries the church has set aside the three days before Ascension Thursday as "Rogation Days," from the Latin *rogare*, which means "to ask." These days were set aside to ask God's blessings on crops and harvests and to grant us temperate weather. This was also the Sunday set aside as a time to "beat the bounds," or trace the geographical boundaries of the parish.

The Book of Common Prayer provides three sets of "propers" for Rogation (prayers and scriptures appointed for a specific day): for fruitful seasons, for commerce and industry, and for the stewardship of creation (pages 258-59). In today's collect, we ask God to pour into our hearts such love, that "we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain [your] promises." The inspiration for the prayer is 1 Corinthians 2:9: "As it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit."

As you leave services today, please take a moment to look at and enjoy our beautiful grounds and give God thanks for the wonders of creation around our parish church.

CONFIRMATION

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

STREET FAIR

Our beloved Street Fair is 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. Contact Mary Shearin ([shearchaos38@gmail.com](mailto:shearchaos38@gmail.com), 973-590-1678).

#### 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@stpetersef.org](mailto:info@stpetersef.org)) for more information.

#### 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](mailto:spefvbs@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 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.*

The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Patsy Coward Colbe and Lee Wescott, and in thanksgiving for the birthday of William Dickerson.

#### MINISTERS TODAY

Karen Mosher, Candace Carr, Diane Waitts, *Altar Guild*; Conor Mulcahy, *Readers*;  
Chris Aliotta, *Crucifer*; Pat Aliotta, *Eucharistic Minister*; Barbara Lopez, *Usher*;  
Michael Barretti, Kevin Johnson, *Cantors*; Mark Trautman, *Director of Music*; Fr. Nate Darville, *Presider*

#### THE VESTRY OF ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Jim Irwin and Mary Shearin, *Wardens*; Christine Albano, David Cowell, Barbara Gargiulo,  
Erika Grothues, Sarah Latson, Kurt Vonderahe, *Vestry Members*

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