



Saint Peter's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Season of Easter 2024

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Welcome!



Whether you are a longtime member, visiting for the first time, or just passing through, we welcome you this morning. Your presence is what makes us who we are. It is God's invitation that we extend to all who come. All are welcome. No exceptions.

At St. Peter's we worship God with energy and joy, seek a deeper faith in Jesus Christ, minister to those in need, and reach out to welcome others into our community of faith. We enjoy music and laughter, and place a high value on Christian formation. Our youth are actively involved in all dimensions of our life together. We are a community of all ages, committed to using our gifts in service of others and to the glory of God.

If you are a first-time visitor, we'd love to connect and invite you to complete a visitor card tucked into a Hymnal (the blue book on the back of the chair in front of you). Give the completed card to an usher, place it in the offering plate passed midway through worship or in the white visitor card box in the foyer. Again, welcome!



Children in Worship

St. Peter's loves the sound of children in worship. By participating in worship, children experience the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of a community gathered around God's Table and come to know themselves as essential members of the family. Gradually, they learn the practices of worship. Children remind us of the spirit of joy and wonder that is ours as children of God. Children may remain in worship the entire service, or may leave for Children's chapel at the gospel for their own message and prayers. They will return at the Peace. Children are welcome here!



Music Ministry

Music is essential to our worship at St. Peter's with a number of choirs, congregational singing, and special instrumental offerings throughout the year. Bask in the beauty of song by the Adult Choir, St. Peter's Singers (a dedicated ad hoc group), and St. Cecilia Choir (children and youth) every Sunday. We invite everyone to make a joyful noise unto God.

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer, p. 351

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Song of Praise

Hymnal S-278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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The Collect of the Day

The Collect (pronounced “kol-ect”) of the Day is an appointed prayer that collects the theme of the day in the Church year found in the readings.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Lessons: Old Testament and Epistle

The first reading is typically from the Old Testament (or Hebrew Scriptures), which Jesus knew and from which he often quoted. The second reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter to the early Church.

The Reader begins by saying, “A Reading from _____.” and ends with “The Word of the Lord.” The people respond, “Thanks be to God.”

The Psalm

Between the two readings we chant a psalm. The psalms are poems from the Old Testament (or Hebrew Scriptures). Psalms express the breadth of human emotions and reflect our relationship with God and one another. See the bulletin insert for this week’s psalm.

Children’s Chapel

Following the second reading, children three years of age to second grade are welcome to follow the cross to the downstairs meeting room for Children’s Chapel. They will return at The Peace. On the first Sunday of the month the children remain for a children’s sermon.

Sequence Hymn

The Gospel Lesson

This reading is from one of the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which narrate the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. We stand as we are able for the Gospel.

The gospeller begins by saying, "The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____." And the people respond, "Glory to you, Lord Christ." The gospeller ends by saying "The Gospel of the Lord." The people respond, "Praise to you, Lord Christ."

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

The Nicene Creed, originally composed in the late fourth century, expresses our core beliefs as Christians. When reciting the Nicene Creed we narrate what God has done, and continues to do, for us.

**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

Having proclaimed all that God has done for us, we express before God how the world is not as it should be. We pray for the Church, our country, the welfare of the world, the concerns of the community, those who suffer, and the departed. The responses by the people to the prayers are found in your insert.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

At the Offertory, we gratefully return to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

On the first Sunday of every month, loose plate will be directed to the Clergy Discretionary Fund to benefit the poor. Loose plate includes cash as well as checks and other donations with "loose plate" in the memo line.

To contribute to your pledge, text the word Pledge to 703-420-1866. To donate to St. Peter's, text the word Give to 703-420-1866. Those who give online are invited to place a red offertory coin found at the entrance in the giving plate as a sign of their gift. Those live streaming can give online: [Click Here](#)

Offertory Music

Presentation Hymn

Hymnal 380, vs 3

**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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The word Eucharist comes from the Greek, meaning "thanksgiving." In the Great Thanksgiving, we thank God, recall all that God has done for us in Christ, and are made a new creation, equipped to do God's work in the world.

The Sursum Corda

Hymnal S-120

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

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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:

The Sanctus

Hymnal S-124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant and People

**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.**

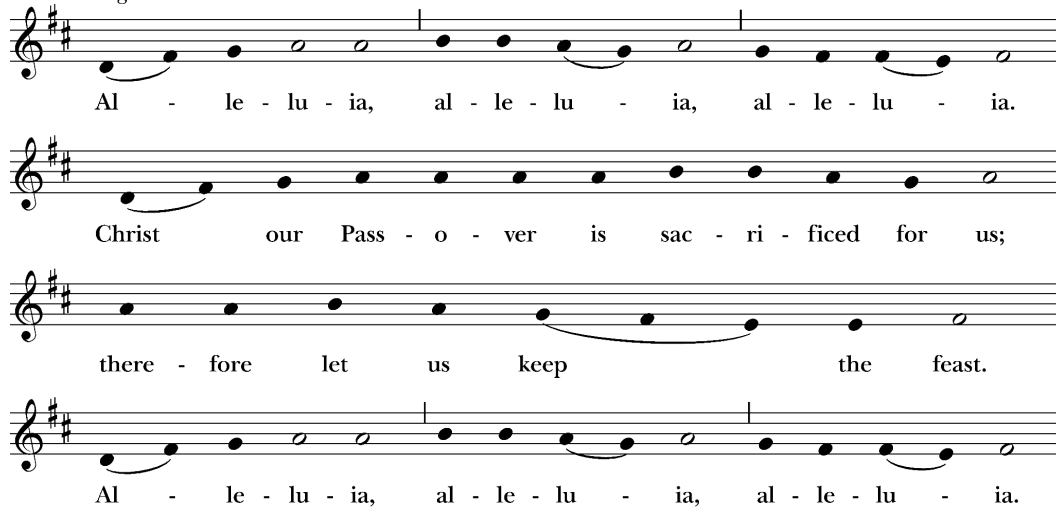
The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread in silence.

The Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-154

This setting is not used in Lent.



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

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The Invitation to Holy Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome at the Lord's table. To receive a blessing rather than communion simply cross your arms when the clergy approaches. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. After receiving the bread, you may sip from the cup or hold up your wafer and the lay eucharistic minister will dip the wafer into the wine for you. Alternatively, you may touch the base of the cup as a sign of receiving the wine. Receiving the bread alone is considered full participation in the sacrament.

Communion Hymns

Sending the Eucharistic Visitor

On occasion, a member of the congregation is commissioned to take consecrated bread and wine to a person or persons who are unable to be with us this morning.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Postcommunion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer, p. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

The 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.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn

Dismissal

Book of Common Prayer, p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

Postlude

Seasons of the Church Year

Changes You See and Hear in Worship during Easter at St. Peter's

White and Gold: The liturgical color for Easter is typically white or gold, symbolizing celebration. Notice how the colors of the frontal at the altar and at the pulpit change with the seasons of the Church year. On Pentecost Day, the color will be red.

Alleluia: The Alleluias have returned. Alleluia is a joyful word of praise derived from the ancient Hebrew "hallelujah" and our most festive word. We sing Alleluia out of joy for the risen Christ.

Confession: It is the custom of the Episcopal Church to omit the confession during Easter. The reason is that the 50 days of Easter are a time of great celebration of the risen Christ. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection we have been forgiven of our sins. Omitting the confession acknowledges that we stand as a people forgiven by God, for which we give great thanks. The confession will return at Pentecost and remain until next Easter.

Eucharistic Prayer A: The Episcopal Church has nine Eucharistic Prayers from which to choose for our principal Sunday service found in the *Book of Common Prayer* and *Enriching Our Worship*. Prayers are chosen based on the season of the church year and sometimes the observance of the day. During Lent we used Eucharistic Prayer 1 from *Enriching Our Worship*. During Easter we return to a more familiar prayer found in the *Book of Common Prayer* with a preface appropriate for Easter.

Singing the Eucharistic Prayer: Because Easter is a time of great joy, we are singing portions of the Eucharistic Prayer.

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Vestry

The Vestry is the governing body of a parish. Members of the vestry are elected for three year terms.

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St. Peter's Mission Prayer



Almighty and eternal God, you call us to be more than ourselves, so guide us to be like our patron, Saint Peter, the rock on whom you built your Church. Grant us the courage and grace to pursue your kingdom and minister to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy. Where, with one mind, one body, and one heart we are called together in Christ, transformed by God's grace, and sent by the Spirit to serve, in order to make a world, a Church, and a community where all are welcome because all belong.

Welcome Visitors



Thank you for visiting us today. We are glad you are here. Please feel free to use this QR code to complete the visitor card online, or you can fill out one of the cards available in your Hymnal.

As you exit the church please return this booklet to one of the baskets to be reused next week.

The weekly insert can be placed in the recycle bin. Thank you!