



ST. PETER'S

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Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:30 am | May 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St. Peter's! From the moment you walk through these doors, you are part of our 136-year story. Many like you have come here before. Some seeking solace. Some seeking community. Some who are young. Some who are old. Some with deep faith. Some with deep doubt. Some who are here for a short time. Some who are here for their whole lives. Together, we are the saints of St. Peter's, and we share the story of this place.

In the Episcopal tradition, our worship is guided by *The Book of Common Prayer*, which can be found in the pews, along with the *Hymnal 1982*, but everything for today's service can also be found in this leaflet.

Restrooms are available in Bender Hall, through the north doors and down the ramp. There you will find individual restrooms on the left and men's and women's restrooms with changing tables through the second door and to your far right.

This service is live streamed on YouTube. Please be aware you may be seen or heard by those worshipping with us online.



St. Peter's is equipped with a hearing loop for those using hearing aids.

If you would like to learn more about St. Peter's or to have a prayerful conversation, please don't hesitate to reach out! You can find my contact information on the back of this leaflet. And again, welcome!

The Rev. Derek Larson, TSSF

The congregation, both children and adults, is invited to worship through art, if desired, by drawing a picture of one of the Scripture readings for the day. At the offertory the art will be brought forth to adorn the altar for Communion. Clipboards and coloring utensils may be found at each entrance.

Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (H1982 #460)

1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

The Word of God

Celebrant ✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Canticle 13

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A Song of Praise

Benedictus es, Domine

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord
 God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;
 glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____
 _____ for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will
 praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your
 tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
 you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be -
 tween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -
5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; _____ in the high vault of
depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____
you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you. Glo - ry to you! _____
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14 *(Please be seated)*

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter: Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 *people respond singing bold text*

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him *flee* before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the *God* of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision *for* the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises *to* the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is *in* the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: When Christ was Lifted from the Earth (H1982 #603)

When Christ was lifted from the earth, his arms stretched out above
through every culture, every birth, to draw an answering love.

Still east and west his love extends and always, near or far,
he calls and claims us as his friends and loves us as we are.

Where generation, class, or race divide us to our shame,
he sees not labels but a face, a person, and a name.

Thus freely loved, though fully known, may I in Christ be free
to welcome and accept his own as Christ accepted me.

The Gospel: John 17:1-11 *(Please stand)*

Gospeller The ✠ Holy Gospel of our ✠ Lord Jesus ✠ Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

Homily: The Rev. Pam Smith *(Please be seated)*

A moment of quiet reflection will follow the homily.

The Nicene Creed (*standing*)

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 X resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (*Form IV; BCP p.387*)

Celebrant

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially our presiding bishop, Sean, our diocesan bishop, Doug, and our clergy; the Diocese of Southwest Florida and our companion dioceses: Dominican Republic, Georgia, South Carolina, and Western Louisiana; and for those named in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. Give thy heavenly grace to those named on the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Edmund's in Arcadia; Christ Church, St. George's, and St. Mary Magdalene in Bradenton; Church of the Annunciation in Holmes Beach; All Angels by the Sea in Longboat Key; and Holy Spirit in Osprey.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died ✠, especially Mary Katherine Bellis, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace *(Please stand)*

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Prayer for birthdays, anniversaries, and milestones:

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offertory



The congregation is invited to offer gifts to God through the mission of St. Peter’s. Our ushers will pass an offering basin for your gifts, or you may give online using the QR code to your left or on our website. Thank you for your ministry of giving.

Offertory Sentence: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Anthem: We Are Singing, for the Lord is our Light – *arr. Hal Hopson*

Doxology *(please stand)*

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. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (*Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p.367 – standing*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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:

Celebrant and People (H1982 S-125)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel, as able

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being ✠ sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Peter and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

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

Fraction Anthem: S-154 *All singing together*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant ✠ The Gifts of God for the People of God.

You are invited to receive communion this morning, an ancient practice intended for all baptized Christians, no matter your tradition. You may receive just the bread (which is full participation in the sacrament), or both the bread and the wine by sipping directly from the chalice. You may also receive by intinction, in which case the minister will dip the bread in the chalice for you. You may receive the bread in your hand or on your tongue.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

If you would prefer not to receive communion, you may also come forward and cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.

Communion Hymn: Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray

Thou who at thy first Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."

O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love;
more blessed still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.

Prayer after Communion

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.

Please be seated for a few announcements

Invitation to Mission

Some brief announcements for the mission of the church are offered.

Our Parish Mission *(Please stand)*

We, at St. Peter's, strive to be a welcoming Christian community of all ages that embodies God's word and sacraments, invites spiritual curiosity, celebrates children and youth, and embraces the world with God's Love.

The Priest blesses the people

People **Amen**

Hymn: Crown Him With Many Crowns (H1982 #494)

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began,
and ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man;
who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him of lords the Lord, who over all doth reign,
who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain,
now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing
their songs before him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above;
crown him the King, to whom is given, the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall,
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

Dismissal

Celebrant dismisses the people

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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Ministers Serving Today:

Celebrant: The Rev. Pam Smith

Organist: Helen Jones

Crucifer: Karen Price

Lectors: Meredith Prokuski, Sally Fuhrman

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Conner

Ushers: Sally Fuhrman, Ron Everett

Deacon: The Rev. Denise Healy
St. Peter's Choir

Intercessor: Christy Wilson
Altar Guild

Are you on our email list? More announcements can be found in our weekly "This Week at St. Peter's" email. Remember that you can also check <https://www.stpetersplantcity.com/calendar> for up-to-date calendar listings.

By the Numbers:

Attendance Last Week: 108 (including 8 online)

Average Sunday Attendance: 127

Readings for next Sunday, May 24:

Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:25-35, 37, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, John 20:19-23

Take note:

- Today at 9:15am - Youth and Children's Sunday School with classes for toddlers, elementary schoolers, and teenagers!
- Pathfinders: Join our adult Sunday School class each Sunday at 9:15am
- For the month of May, join us for Morning Prayer (8:00am) and Evening Prayer (5:15pm) on **Wednesday and Thursday** of each week in the Church.
- Bible Study with Pastor Pam Wednesday at 10:30 in the Guild Room.
- Engage Café Wednesday at 5:30 in Bender Hall. RSVP by noon Monday.
- Be sure to see the TW@SP weekly email for our many Outreach opportunities.

Please Pray For:

- Alyssa, Amanda, Amber, Anthony, Belinda, Bernice, Betty, Bill, Bruce, Bud, Carol, Carolyn, Charley, Chris, Darlene, Daryll, David, David, Don, Dorothy, Drex, Ellie, Evelyn, Evon & Jason, Fred, Glenn, Gregg; Jack, Erika & Nate; Jackie, James, Janet, Janice, Jeff, Jenna, Jimmie, John, John & Jane, Jonathan & Leslie, June & Don, Linda, Luke, Marilyn & Jim, Mary, Mary, Nora, Odin and the Sepe Family, Paulette, Priscilla & Robert, Richard, Rosemary, Sally, Sandra, Sarah, Shirley, Stephanie, Steve & Jennifer, Su, Susan, Susan, Susanne, Thomas, Tim, Tim, Tracey, Vernette
- Our Neighbors at Laundry Love and Friends in the Park
- The victims of violence and injustice in our own country and around the world.
- People of the Middle East
- The recently departed: Mary Katherine Bellis
- The newly born: Riley Jo Wilhelm 05/07 (Grandparents Bob & Sherlyn Eukovich)
- Those celebrating birthdays: Brian Reid 05/17, Neal Ward 05/19
- Those celebrating anniversaries: Jane & John Williams 05/21
- Those expecting a child and their families: Laura Booher Benton (7/26), Carley Sicignano (7/26)
- St. Peter's Vestry: Brian, Chris, Christy, Diana, Eda, Lindsay, Mark, Ron, Sandy
- Members of our community serving in the armed forces: Aden, Andrew, Austin, Brantley, Brendan, Conor, Forrest, Matt, Matthew, Sarah, Trace

PRector: The Rev. Derek Larson, TSSF **Deacon:** The Rev. Denise Healy
Assisting Clergy: The Rev. Pam Smith
Parish Administrator: Sarah Dean **Treasurer:** Trey Stevens
Director of Music Ministries: Helen Jones **Sexton:** Tony Wilson
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Lindsay Hunt, Diana Johnson, Christy Lyle (Senior Warden),
Brian Reid, Eda Snyder, Chris Thomas



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DID YOU FIND OUR CHURCH MICE?



St. Peter's has three resident mice clergy for our mouse congregation! Find all three and after mass tell Fr. Derek where they are for a cute sticker.