

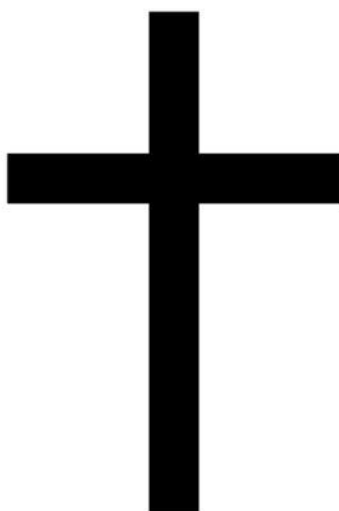
# SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite II



## **Welcome to St. Peter's!**

Our Mission: One body of transformation  
embracing all people through Christ's love.

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us! All baptized Christians (any church) are invited to receive Holy Communion. We offer two options for receiving consecrated wine, the first is to dip the edge of the consecrated wafer you have received into the chalice; the second is to consume your wafer and then take a small sip from the chalice. Please choose the option you prefer. If you would simply prefer a blessing from a priest, indicate by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten free wafers are available; indicate your need to the priest.

In general we stand to sing, sit to listen, and kneel or stand to pray (though there are exceptions). Some people choose to bow at the cross as a sign of reverence for the grace it represents. Others make the sign of the cross on themselves as a way of uniting themselves to the words being said. The traditional times for making the sign of the cross are marked in the bulletin with a small cross (†). None of the externals are required and you will notice that some parishioners use them and others do not.

## PRELUDE

*Please listen quietly as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship. At the sound of the bell, please stand.*

## HYMN 645—*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Presider says*

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.**

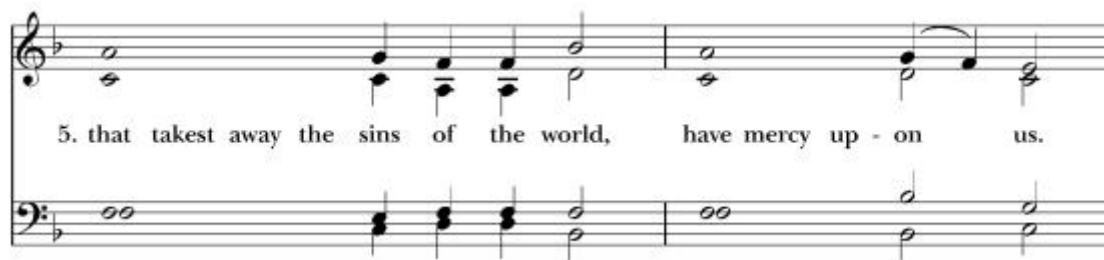
1. Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

2. We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks

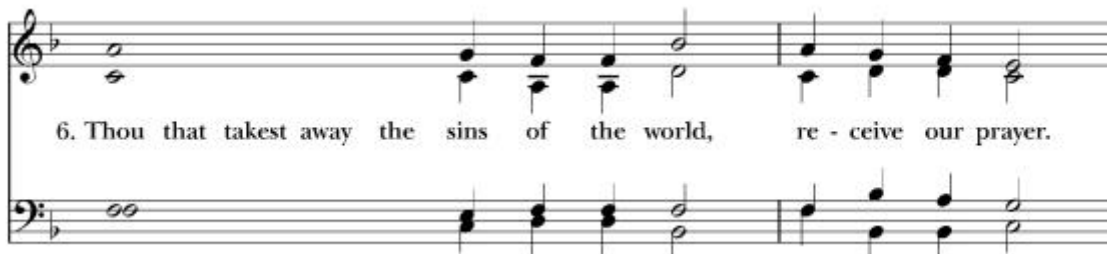
to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly King,

God the Father Al-might - y. 4. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,



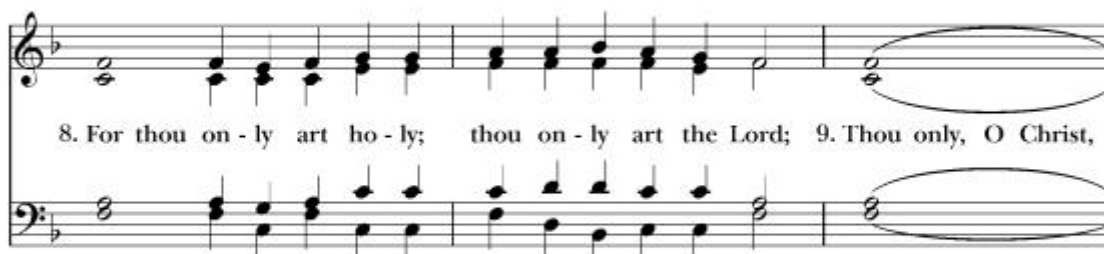
5. that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us.



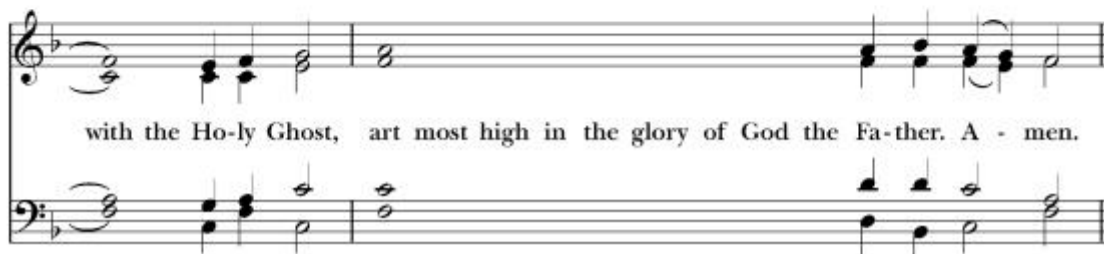
6. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up - on us.



8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. Thou only, O Christ,



with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord 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

*The people sit.*

### The First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

### Psalm 23



- 1 The LORD is my | shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in | want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green | pastures \*  
and leads me beside still | waters.
- 3 He revives my | soul \*  
**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's | sake.**
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**  
I shall fear no | evil; \*  
**for you are with me;**  
**your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running | over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my | life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for | ever.

## The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN 708—*Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

## The Gospel

John 10:1-10

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

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Presider        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Sarah Carver

*(A brief period of silence follows the Sermon)*

## THE NICENE CREED

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, FORM IV

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 388*

*The Congregation concludes,*

**Almighty God, when you speak there is light and life, when you act there is justice and love; strengthen this community for the work you have entrusted to us and sustain all who bear responsibilities of leadership and care. Bless our mission and ministry in the world; renew our courage, deepen our unity, and guide us as we walk through this season, trusting the future you are preparing for us, that our life together may reflect your redeeming love. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Presider     The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People     **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE REDEDICATION OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

**Priest:** Members of The Order of the Daughters of the King<sup>®</sup> are gathered here in the sight of God to rededicate themselves to their Rule of Life a vow of daily prayer, service, and evangelism.

The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also, with you.

**Priest:** Oh Lord, show us your mercy.

**All:** And grant us your salvation.

**Priest:** O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

**Daughters:** Strengthen us O Lord, to think, do, and say always those things that are right. Enable us, who cannot exist without you, to live according to your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**Priest:** The Order of the Daughters of the King is an Order for women whose mission is the spread of Christ's kingdom, especially among women and girls, through prayer, service, and evangelism. Do you desire to continue your membership in The Order?

**Daughters:** I do with God's help.

**Priest:** Are you ready, so long as you remain a member of The Order, to wear its cross faithfully and to work for its purposes, as God may give you the opportunity?

**Daughters:** I am with God's help.

**Priest:** Almighty and merciful God, since it is only by your gift of grace that your faithful people do true and praiseworthy service, bless your servants who have signified their desire to continue in your holy services as members of The Order of the Daughters of the King. Guide them to lead godly lives and to labor faithfully for the spread of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Daughters:** Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we here dedicate our whole being to you and your service in faith and joy and love. We pray that you will confirm and strengthen us in this purpose, O merciful God, that as we grow in age we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our King, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. *Amen.*

**Priest:** May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of Christ. *Amen.*

## **BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**OFFERTORY—***The Lord is my Shepherd*

Gordon Young

*If you'd like to make your offering online, please use this QR code:*



*As the Offering is presented, the People stand and sing*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,**

**Praise him all creatures here below.**

**Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST Prayer B

*The people remain standing.*

The Lord be with you.

**People**      **And also with you.**

Presider      Lift up your hearts.

**People**      **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Presider proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The Presider continues with a proper preface*

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:

*Presider and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Presider 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,

*Presider and People*

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

*The Presider 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 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,

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 364*

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

**HYMN 383**—*Fairest, Lord Jesus*

**HYMN 385**—*Many and Great*

*The People kneel or stand.*

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Presider     Let us pray.

*Presider 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 EASTER BLESSING**

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.**

**HYMN 473**—*Lift High the Cross*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Presider     Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia!  
People       **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

### Those Who Serve Today

<b>Ushers:</b>	Tony Scalzitti, Bill Hawkins
<b>Lector:</b>	Judy Taylor & Ginger Strong-Tidman
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Carolyn Foster & Shannon Sports
<b>Crucifer/Server:</b>	Jack Forbes & Matthew Purvis
<b>Torchbearers:</b>	Sadie Allison & Ava Pelino
<b>VPOD:</b>	Shannon Sports
<b>Organist:</b>	Carla Padgett
<b>Celebrant:</b>	The Rev. Sarah Carver
<b>Preacher:</b>	The Rev. Sarah Carver
<b>Opener:</b>	Palmer Brown
<b>Closer:</b>	Bill Hawkins
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Marilyn Jones, Martha Venters, Kathy Greenan
<b>Technology Guild:</b>	Todd LaFrance & Marilyn Jones

Vestry: Tom Priddy—Sr. Warden, Shannon Sports—Jr. Warden,  
Debbie Cannada, Todd LaFrance, Shannon Sports, Gayle McKee – '26 Nick Morse, Tom Priddy,  
Tim Wilkerson, Mary Wright – '27 Frank Boineau, Gina Pelino, Ken Shabel - '28  
Harrison Hitner—Youth Rep., Gil Harper—Treasurer, Holly Kraus—Clerk

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Teresa Burns	Franca George	Melinda Long	Heather Saccamano
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Jody Fails	Sharon Kruse	Bev Myatt	Olga Torres
Wain Fallow		Elizabeth Norris	Shirley Twiss
		George Paszkiewicz	John Wagoner
			Louisa Wagoner

The Altar Flowers are given today by Loretta & Bill Hartzell to the  
Glory of God and in celebration of Loretta's sister Barb Taylor's milestone birthday.

The Sanctuary Candle is given today in thanksgiving for The Peace of the Holy  
Comforter Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King at St. Peter's  
Episcopal Church.