

The Feast of Pentecost Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Yr. C

Sunday, June 8, 2025, 10:00 am

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About this Service The Feast Day of Pentecost

The feast of Pentecost is an observance of the story of how the Apostles, retreating together into the safety of an enclosed room following the miracle of the Ascension of the resurrected Jesus to heaven. They did not know what to do when faced with the mystery of the resurrection and ascension of our Lord; and so they gathered together to pray.

Soon tongues of fire enveloped them as they were blessed with gifts that enabled them to communicate across differences; and they were sent out of that room, out into the world to be the church. The people face the back of the sanctuary as the service begins and gradually turn their bodies to face the cross as it moves to the chancel, bowing to it optionally as it passes.



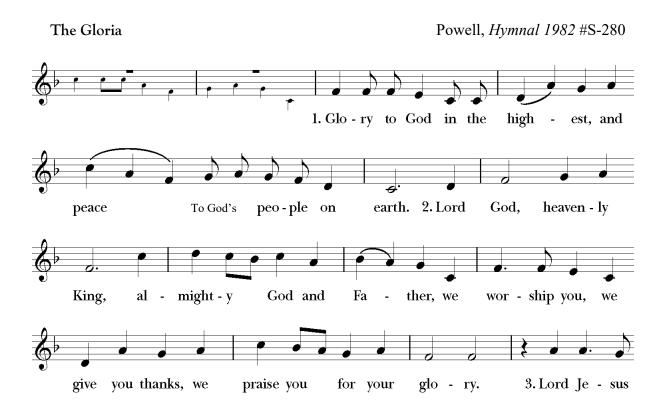
The Opening Acclamation

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.*





The Collect of the Day

a "Collect" (CALLect) is a prayer said by one person on behalf of the entire gathering

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

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 Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant

Let us be seated for the lessons

The First Lesson

Acts 16:16-34

Lector

A reading from the book of the book of the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

`In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "
The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalms 104:25-35, 37

The Lector and the People will read responsively (marked by an asterisk*).

- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! * in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, * which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you * to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; * you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; * you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; * and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; * may the LORD rejoice in all [the LORD's] works.

- 33 The LORD looks at the earth and it trembles; * [the LORD] touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; * I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please [my God]; * I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. * Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Revelation 8:14-17

Lector:

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ~ if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn

Spirit of the living God LEVAS # 115

The People stand. A member of the clergy carries the Gospel among the People for the Proclamation. The People turn to face the Gospel.

The service continues on the following page.



Traditionally, as the clergy member says "The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ at the beginning of the proclamation, the people may make three small crosses over the forehead, lips, and heart.

The Gospel Lesson

John 14:8-17

Clergy:

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

People:

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Clergy:

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, `Show us the Father? Do you not believe that I am

in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

["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."]

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Pamela Stevens

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP, Page 304

The People stand.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion

of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the

life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking

of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent

and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as

yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the

dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give [God] thanks and praise.

Celebrant We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit

moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share

in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Ritual of Asperges

Following the renewal of contemplation of the baptismal covenant, the Celebrant asperges (sprinkles Holy Water on) all those present.

The Prayers of the People

Common Worship, Church of England, p. 497, adapted

Intercessor

Let us pray for God to fill us with the Spirit.

Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we and those who lead among us may be strengthened to serve you better, remembering especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Austin our Bishop, Pamela our priest, Skip, our deacon; Nancy, Dianne, Paul, Teri, RuthAnne, Elaine, and Deborah our vestry members; and all serving in the church.

People

Lord, bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

Intercessor

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to grant us insight to understand your will. Bless with discernment and moderation those who bear the authority of government.

People

Lord, bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

Intercessor

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us. Encourage and protect all those working today for the good of their communities and the health of the world.

People

Lord, bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

Intercessor

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness wherever there is division, sickness, and sorrow. We pray for all those around the world affected by war, violence, and oppression, and for those who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially Jose Padilla, Irene A Znaor, Jenny Cornell, Karina, Vicki Martell, Ellen Berning, Jenille Oribello, Martin Shepherd, Pamela Stevens and family, Jim Redman, Phil Boland, Esmerelda Berrera, Nick Boyce, Alejandro Mejia, Ken Spira, Joanne Runyeon, Eva Mejia, Wendy Dickman, Jerry Berning, Fr. Vern Jones, David Elms, Joan Brumleve, and those we name now, silently or aloud.

The People reflect on those whom know they who face challenges, and offer their names for prayer.

Intercessor

We lift these to your care, O God.

People

Lord, bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

Intercessor

We thank you for the comfort of your Holy Spirit. We pray for all who have died, especially Diane Robertson, Pope Francis, Karen Weiske, David Malm, Dennis Bleything, Kerry Stratton, Nancy Stevens, Wally Currey, Peggie Trei, and those we name now, silently or aloud.

The People reflect on those whom they who have died, offering their names for prayer.

Intercessor

that they may rest with you in eternal light and love.

People

Lord, bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

Intercessor

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us. Commit this parish afresh to its core values of faith, inclusiveness, compassion, social justice, and outreach.

People

Lord, bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

Intercessor

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal the love of Jesus through us in our lives. Lord, bless us and fill us with your Spirit. We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit, given us by the risen Lord. We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life.

Peoble

Lord, bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

Silence

Celebrant

Generous and loving God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples where you found them. Fill us with your Spirit; hear our prayer. **Amen**.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People exchange a sign of the peace, typically hands in prayer position with a small bow saying, "Peace," or some other greeting such as "May the Peace of the Lord be with you."

Observances of Life Events

The Celebrant will invite the congregation to offer prayers for blessings of those with birthdays and anniversaries with the following prayers.

For Birthdays

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* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Marriage Anniversaries

O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants N. and N., that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel [in particular ______]; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

News and Announcements

The Celebrant and Sr. Warden will share the news of the day and upcoming events.

The Offertory

The Celebrant will announce the commencement of the Offertory.

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

Ushers will pass the plate for an optional offering to the church for its mission and ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

Electronic donations are welcome:



The Offertory Hymn

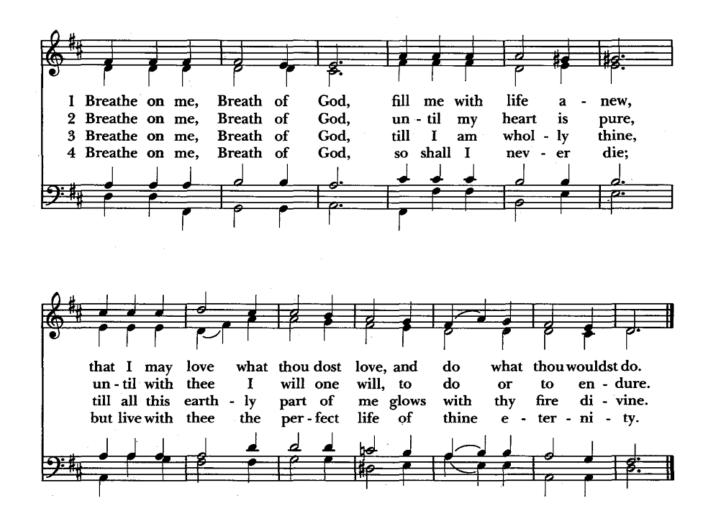
Breathe on me breath of God Hymnal 1982 #508

The service continues on the next page with the hymn. The People remain seated for the hymn, then stand at its conclusion as the musician begins the Doxology and the gifts are presented at the altar.

The Offertory Hymn

Breathe on me breath of God Hymnal 1982 #508

The Offertory hymn appears on the following page.



The Doxology and the Presentation of Gifts

The People stand as the Doxology plays.

The service continues on the following page.



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP

The People stand.

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.

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.

In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down on this day from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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 people stand or kneel. 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 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.

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, 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. Mary and 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.**

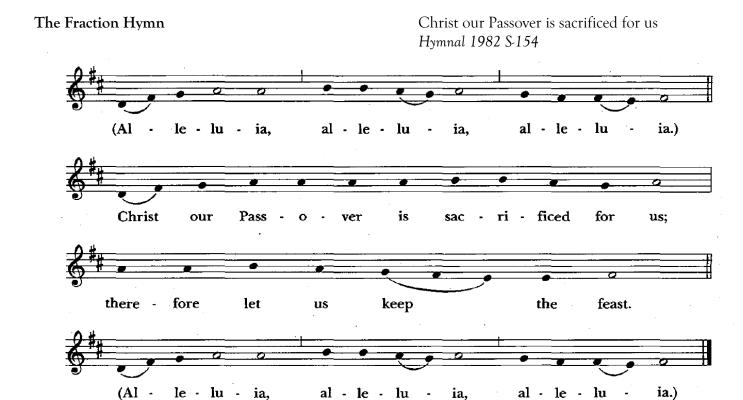
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant
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.



Setting: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

Celebrant

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Administration of Communion

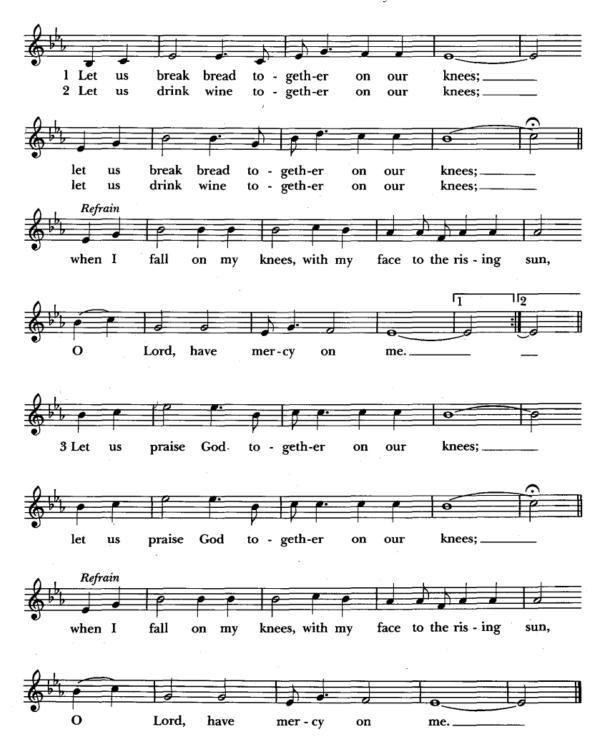
At St. Peter's it is our practice is to receive the host, then dip (intinct) it into the wine before consuming it. Wine and grape juice are available, as is gluten-free host.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

The Communion Hymn

Let us break bread together on our knees Hymnal 1982 #325



The Prayer After Communion

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

Celebrant

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters at the dawn of creation; who chose Mary so that the eternal Son came to be among us; and who set the Church on fire on the first Pentecost, make you joyful in service and bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.. Amen.

The Recessional Hymn

Holy Ghost, dispel our sadness, Hymnal 1982 #515

The altar party will recess, following the cross. The People, following the cross, turn to face the back of the sanctuary. The dismissal follows the hymn.

The hymn follows on the next page.



The Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God Alleluia, Alleluia.



Upcoming Events at St. Peter's Redwood City

June 8, 2025,

The Feast of Pentecost

- Wear red to church for this "big red" feast day, the birthday of the church when we observe the descent of the Holy Spirit at our 10:00 am service.
- We'll enjoy a potluck brunch after the service in the parish hall.

June 14, 2025, Saturday

San Mateo Pride Parade

- 10:30 am 11:30 am
- Parade Start 2nd & B Street intersection; Parade End is at San Mateo Central Park
- This event is free to all to attend; the route opens for spectators at 9:30 am
- The Peninsula Solidarity Cohort invites all to stand together, hopefully behind a banner that says Peninsula Solidarity Cohort"
- The Solidarity Cohort also asks participants to remain in the area for the Pride Festival in the park.
- Sign-up here: Sign-up sheet

<u>June 14, 2025, Friday</u>

No Kings Day Protest

- 4pm 6pm , 3011 S. El Camino at the corner of 3rd Street in San Mateo, in front of Ana's Furniture.
- Read more <u>here</u>.
- No Kings Day demonstration on Flag Day to reclaim the flag as a symbol for democracy, in response to increasing government authority.
- The organizers request that participants bring signs and selves

June 20, 2025, Friday

Parish Game Night

- 6pm Pot luck dinner
- 6:45 pm the board games come out!
- We will debut Episcopoly, a Monopoly-style game based on The Episcopal Church, and in addition we will have Uno, Mexican Train, and any other games that people want to play

June 22, 2025, Sunday

Fog City Singers Concert: Breakthroughs

- 2:30 pm in the Sanctuary
- This is a large and very energetic choral group that puts on an amazing show!
- The St. Peter's Redwood City concert will feature a few newly formed **Fog City breakout ensembles** looking to make a *breakthrough* of their own.

June 29, 2025, Sunday

St. Peter's Swag Team

- Volunteers are needed to meet over food at coffee hour to discuss designs, both serious and cheeky, for St. Peter's "swag" (gifts) to sell, including t-shirts, key chains, bumper stickers, and water flasks, and mugs, as a fundraiser.
- We will sit around a table and come up with ideas for research into cost and sales mechanisms, with the hope of launching our sales in August 2025.

• We hope to channel both the weight of our faith and also the joy of our sense of humor in crafting these items that might have wider appeal.

<u>July 4, 2025, Friday</u>

Fourth of July Parade

- Redwood City will celebrate Independence Day with its highly rated annual parade.
- The Redwood City Fourth of July parade, a long-standing tradition in the city, takes place on July 4th, 2025, starting at 10:00 AM.
- The parade route is approximately 1.3 miles long and winds through historic downtown Redwood City. The parade is known as the largest Independence Day parade in Northern California and attracts thousands of spectators
- St. Peter's has applied to participate, and will advise with further details.