

# St. Peter's Episcopal Church



**Easter Season Eucharist**  
**2024 ❖ 10 am**

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Welcome to St. Peter's. We are pleased and honored that you have chosen to worship with St. Peter's. Everything you need for the service is in this leaflet, readings, and hymn sheets. If you are new to Episcopal worship services, we realize that it can be confusing at times. Don't worry about not knowing all the gestures! It is our hope that the rhythm of the liturgy will carry you and that you will drink deeply from God's well.

Restrooms are located in the attached building to your right. To access them go through the door on the right side of the church. Proceed to the end of the hall and up the stairs... There is an accessible/all gender restroom to your left, and gendered restrooms to your right. If you are unable to use stairs, then after entering the hallway, take the first door to your right into the courtyard.

There is a ramp located to your left, which will take you into the attached building.

To your left, you will find the restrooms.

## Welcome

No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

## The Gathering

The people stand as the procession enters.

## Opening Hymn

Sung by all.

## Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

People **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Hymn

Sung by all.

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.

text: traditional prayer | Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev.

### Collect of the Day

The people remain standing as they are able.

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. ...

## The Word of God

### The First Reading

The people sit.

Reader A reading from ...

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm of the Day

### The Second Reading

The people sit.

Reader A reading from ...

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### Hymn

Sung by all, standing as able.

Celtic Alleluia

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

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

text: Celtic Alleluia

### The Holy Gospel

Presider Hear the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according ...

People **Glory to you, O Christ**

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Homily

The people sit.

## 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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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 who with the Father and the son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

The people stand as they are able.

- Presider** God of glory, we thank you and celebrate the joy of your resurrection, which gives us true life in your love. Help us to receive and reflect your glory in our own lives as we pray, O God, we live in your love.
- Intercessor** Send your Spirit upon your church that we might grow to see your presence in all people, learn to serve all who have need, and strive to build the beloved community so that all may have abundant life. We pray,
- People** **O God, we live in your love.**
- Intercessor** Teach those who govern our city, state and nation the power of servant leadership that they may work selflessly for the good of all, and have the wisdom to strive for peace around the world, especially in Ukraine. We pray,
- People** **O God, we live in your love.**
- Intercessor** Bring all who proclaim your name as Savior into the way of love, that we may heal the divisions among us, and forge God's justice wherever we go. We pray,
- People** **O God, we live in your love.**
- Intercessor** Bring comfort and aid to all those who hunger in body and live with inadequate shelter, and give us the hearts and wills to change the world that all may flourish. We pray,
- People** **O God, we live in your love.**
- Intercessor** Uphold all those who suffer in mind, body or spirit, and bring them your healing power to restore and renew, especially ... and those we name now (pause)...we pray,
- People** **O God, we live in your love.**
- Intercessor** Bring all those who have departed this life with you into eternal glory, especially,,, and for those we name now (pause)...; and for all those who mourn, that they be consoled. We pray,
- People** **O God, we live in your love.**

Presider O God, your love knows no bounds, you showed us its power to vanquish sin and evil from our world; give us your spirit of love that we may live in you always, and bless others in your Holy Name. **Amen.**

## The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

All may greet each other in the name of Christ. Due to Covid, we ask that you offer each other a physically distanced sign of peace: you may bow, wave, or use the peace sign.

## Blessings

Birthday Prayer **Watch over thy child, 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 thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Marriage Prayer **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, 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.**

Travel Prayer **O God, our heavenly maker, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; 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.**

## Announcements

### Holy Communion

#### Offertory

An offering will be collected. Thank you for your generosity.

#### Offertory Hymn

Sung by all, standing.

## The Great Thanksgiving

Presider Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed.**

Lift up your hearts.

**where Christ in glory reigns**

Let us give thanks to God.

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

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.**

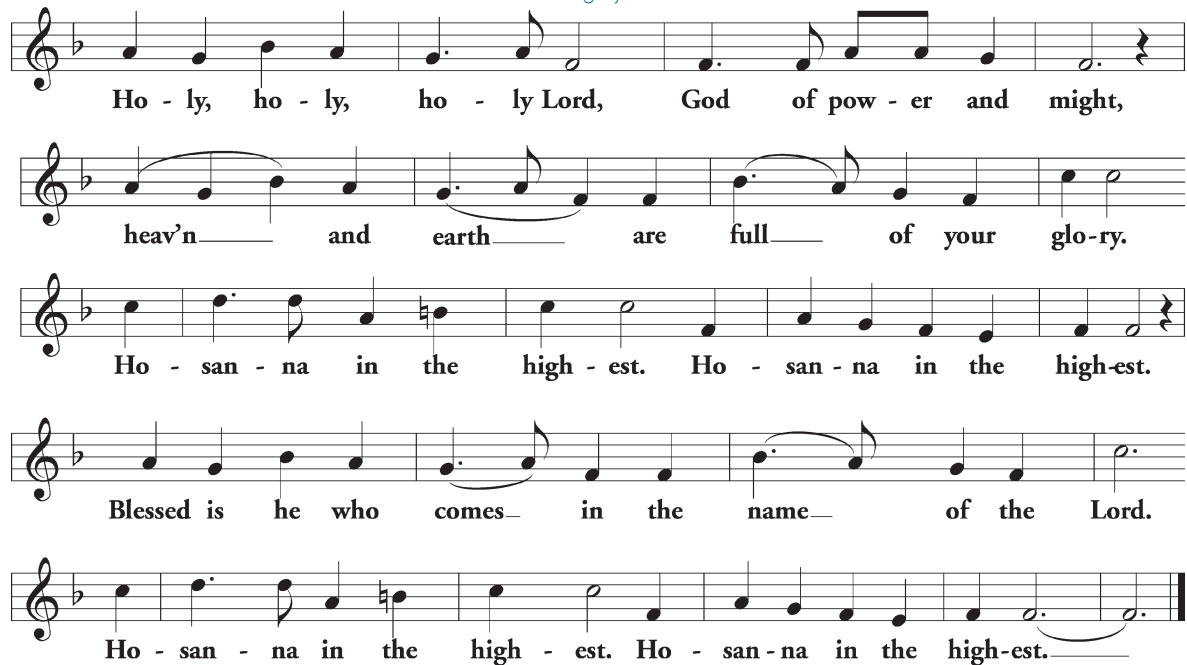
**By his wounds we are healed.**

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### Sanctus

Sung by all.

Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

text: trad.; music: from A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Presider And so, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."



Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Presider Lord God of our ancestors: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God of Hagar, Sarah, Rachel, Rebecca, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in your name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

Presider Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
All **Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

The New Zealand Prayer Book

## The Breaking of the Bread

The Bread is broken; silence is kept.

Enriching Our Worship

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All **We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

## Invitation to Communion

Presider Behold who you are, may you become what you receive.

Following best practices for health safety due to Covid., we will share the bread only. We believe that reception of one element is sufficient for the full reception of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Please physically distance while in line for communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. You may lift your mask briefly to consume the host.

## Communion Hymn

Sung by all.

**Post-Communion Prayer** After all have received Communion, the people stand.

Presider Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, O God, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Sending

### The Blessing

Presider May the living God remove the suffocating shroud that lies upon our world; may the risen Savior draw the sting of death, bringing all to life in him; may the flowing Spirit set us and all creation free and seal our hearts with faith; and the blessing of God, one Holy and undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen**

### Closing Hymn

Sung by all.

### The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia

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

