

Sixth Sunday of Easter

22 May 2022 • 10 am

Welcome to St. Peter's! We are pleased and honored that you have chosen to worship with St. Peter's.

We are celebrating Eastertide. It is the fifty days after Easter Day, also known as the "The great fifty days." This is a joyous festive season that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Resurrection is not simply about the afterlife, but holds insight for our lives here and now. We proclaim that death no longer has the final say. We believe that new life comes from death. We practice resurrection every time we greet the morning with hope for the day.

Everything your need for the service is in this leaflet. 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.

If you would like to know more about St. Peter's, the Rev. Iain Stanford would be happy to have a chat. He can be contacted at rector@stpetersrwc.org.

To keep everyone safe, we ask you to keep your mask on throughout the service. You can lift it briefly at communion to consume the host. 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 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 to 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.

Hymn

Sung by all, standing as able.

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
 2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
 3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.
 5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

text: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), rev. | Music: *Truro*.

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 - mighty 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.**

Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding; Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

The First Reading

The people sit.

Acts 16:9-15

Reader A reading from the book of Acts.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

- 1 Be merciful to us, O God, and bless us; *
show us the light of your countenance and come to us.**
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.**
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.**
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.**
- 6 The earth has brought forth its increase; *
may you, our own God, give us your blessing.**
- 7 May you give us your blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you.**

St. Helena Breviary

The Second Reading

The people sit.

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Reader A reading from the book of Revelation

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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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

John 5:1-9

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

People **Glory to you, O Christ**

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

The people sit.

The Rev. Skip Bushee,

An Affirmation of Faith

The people stand.

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God.
We worship you.**

The New Zealand Prayer Book

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 hearts and wills to change the structures of society 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 Laurel Ericksen, Deborah Runyeon, Su Boocock, John Helman, Ivette Melendez, Sylvia Dorsey, Samantha Clare, Carla Jones, Elizabeth Lewis, Ray and Alma Szpadzinski, Heriberto Madrigal, David Charnack, Scott Weber, Jim Runyeon, David Elms, Peggy Trei, Tom Kennedy, Emily Thomann, 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 Carolynn Ericksen 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.

Hymn

Sung by all, standing.

There_ is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound - ed

whole; There_ is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul. Fine

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And_ think my work's in vain,___ But___
 2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul,___ You can
 3. Don't___ ev - er be dis - cour-aged For___ Je - sus is your friend,___ And___

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain._____
 2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all._____
 3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend._____

D.C.

Text: Traditional Music: American Melody; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals

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.

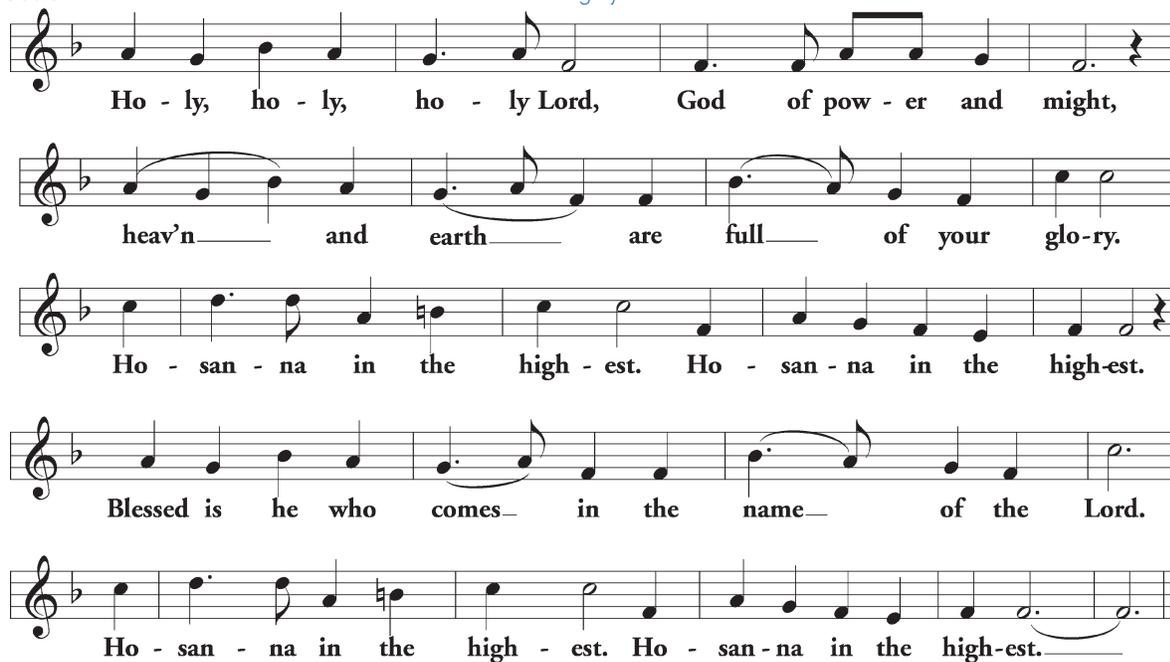
Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation

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.**

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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.

Hymn

Sung by all, standing.

1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to
2 From ev - ery ail - ment flesh en - dures our
3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we
4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in

pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to
bod - ies clam - or to be freed; yet in our hearts we
rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease; our com - mon life de -
your com - mu - ni - ty may find the whole - ness that, en -

be re - stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.
clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

Text: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) | Music: *Canon bury*, Robert A. Schumann (1810-1856)

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 Blessing

Presider May the living God remove the suffocating shroud that lies upon our world;
may the risen Savior draw the string 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**

Hymn

Sung by all, standing.

1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;

from this meal of love and grace;
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
 God has called us to re - ceive;
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;

may we through such love en - vi - sion
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion

whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 to re - lease and to con - sole.
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.
 from this day and un - to death.

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

God, the won - der of our days.
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien (b. 1953) | Music Timothy J. Strand (b. 1958)

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia**



Serving St. Peter's Worship Ministry

Special Thanks

to the Rev. Stacey Grossman
who was today's guest presider and preacher!

Clergy

Rev. Iain Stanford, Rector
Rev. Skip Bushee, Deacon (Retired)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Paul Berning
Jim Redman
Eli Serumalani

Readers

Paul Berning
Su Boocock
Dianne Brien
Elaine Elms
Joan Debrine
Trendalyn Hallesy
Susan Mitchell
Jim Redman
Deborah Runyeon
Eli Serumalani

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Susan Mitchell

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Cari Pang Chen
Alejandro Mejia
Trendalyn Hallesy

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Teresa Chin
Elaine Elms
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Flowers & Candles

Su Boocock
Nancy Oliver

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