

St. Peter's Episcopal Church and School

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 21

5:00 pm – The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Sunday, May 25

8:00 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
(also streamed)

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Confirmation with

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

May 18, 2025

10:00AM

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church as we begin the fifth week of celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Each Sunday in the fifty days between Easter and Pentecost, we explore the implications of Jesus' dying and rising for our lives.

Today we hear from John's Gospel some of the Lord's words on the night before his death. The Lord tells his friends that he is going away and gives them his final instructions, "the new commandment" to love one another as he loves us.

This Sunday's reading from the book of Revelation is a vision of the final consummation of God's Kingdom as the new Jerusalem. The redeemed rejoice, for God dwells with them and does away forever with death and grief and weeping.

Today's reading from Acts traces further the extension of the proclamation of Christ's resurrection. Peter describes to the leaders of the church in Jerusalem the astounding discovery that God's call is not only to Jews but to the Gentiles as well, as he tells of the conversion and baptism of Cornelius, the first Gentile Christian.

It is in our relationship of union with Christ in baptism and communion that his love for us is revealed. Our liturgy here equips us to carry out our larger liturgy, our work as God's people, in loving others through ministry, service, and prayer. In that way, the work of extending God's Kingdom will continue to spread in and through us, the Body of the Risen Christ, as we follow his command to love others as he loves us.

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Our hymns are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982*
as printed selections from it and other supplemental hymnals,
including, but not limited to, *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (LEVAS),
Voices Found (VF), *Wonder, Love, Praise* (WLP),
My Heart Sings Out (MHOS) and *Enriching Our Music* (EOM)

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Confirmation with The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Gathering Music

How great is our God

1 The splen - dor of the King, clothed in maj - es - ty;
(2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

4 C2
Let all the earth re - joice, all the earth re - joice. He wraps
Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -

7 G Em7
Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide,
head, three in one, Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

10 C2
and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at His voice. How great
the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb. How great

13 G Em7
is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

16 Cmaj7 D G2
And all will see how great, how great is our God! 2 And

Last time to Coda

21 **G** **Em7**

Name a - bove _____ all names, _____ wor - thy of _____ all praise. _____

25 **Cmaj7** **D** **G**

_____ My heart will sing: _____ How great _____ is our God! _____

30 **D** **G** *D.S. al Coda*

_____ is our God! _____ How great _____

Coda 33 **D** **G2**

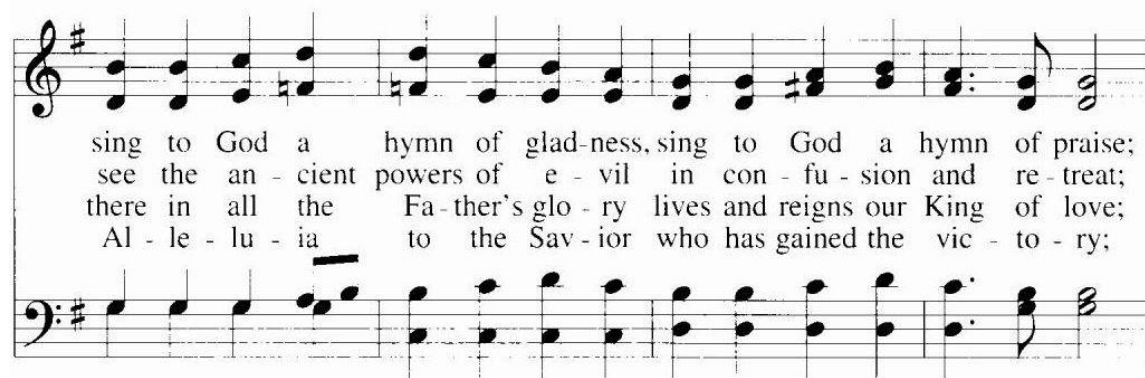
_____ is our God! _____

Processional Hymn

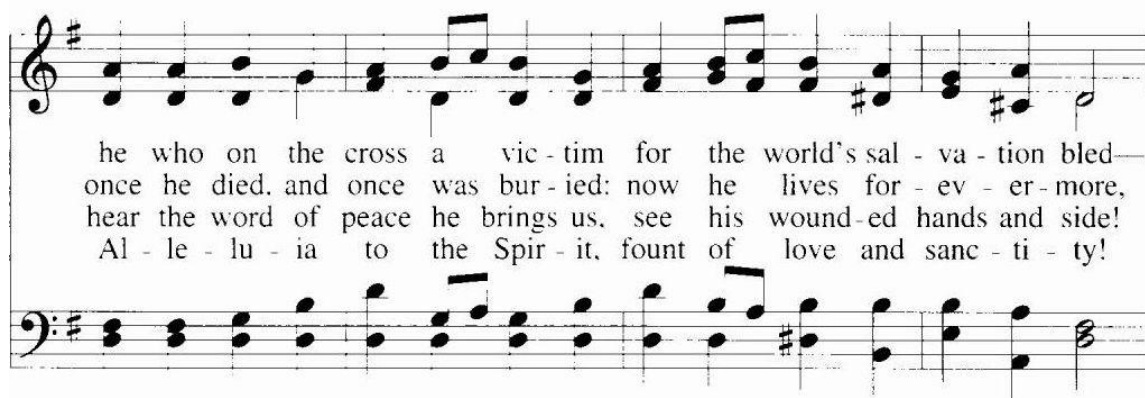
Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven



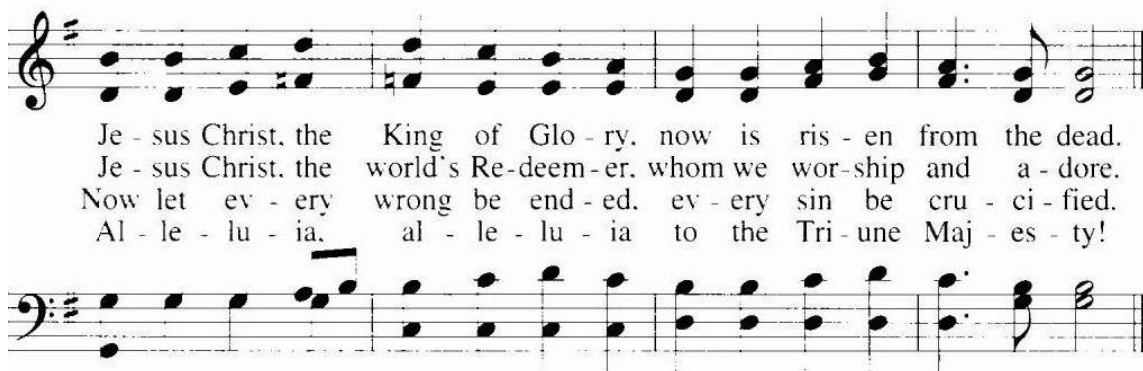
1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and voic - es raise:
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat;
 3 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Set your hearts on things a - bove;
 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
 see the an - cient powers of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat;
 there in all the Fa - ther's glo - ry lives and reigns our King of love;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry;



he who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled—
 once he died, and once was bur - ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,
 hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wound - ed hands and side!
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Bishop says

Alleluia, Christ is Risen.

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

The Bishop then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

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

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

***People* One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Bishop The Lord be with you.

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

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The people sit.

The First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

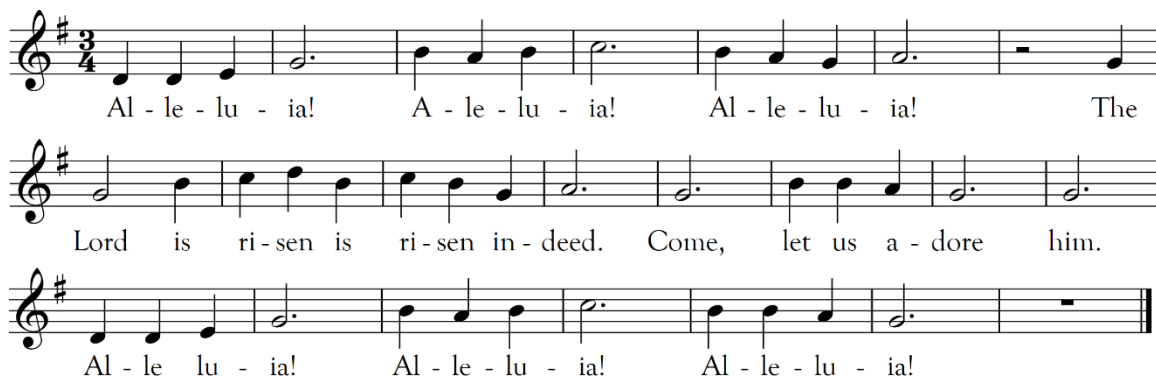
Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers

criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

Psalm 148

The antiphon is sung by all. The Psalm is then said responsively by whole verse.



Al - le - lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! The

Lord is ri - sen is ri - sen in - deed. Come, let us a - dore him.

Al - le lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

**2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.**

3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

**4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

**6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

**10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;**

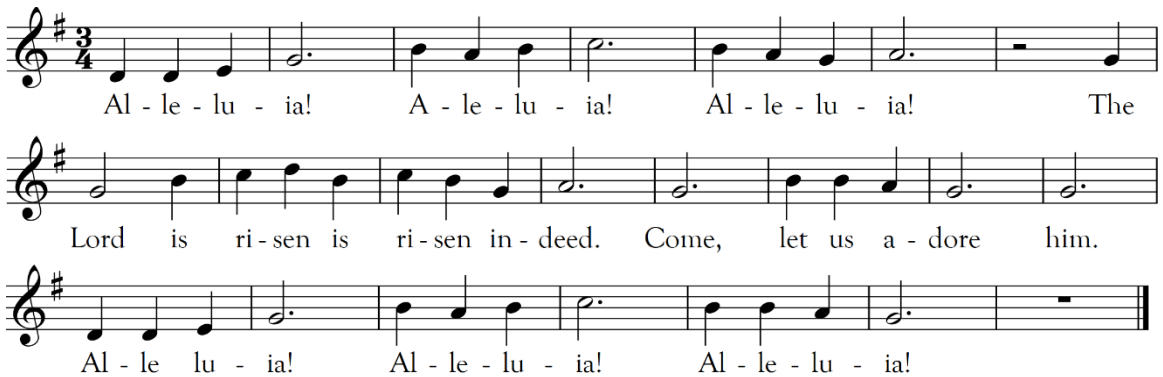
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

**12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.**

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

**14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, ***

the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!



The Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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

All stand.



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,

all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!

thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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The Holy Gospel

John 13:31-35

Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

Bishop's Children's Message

The Rt. Rev. Rayford B. High Jr.

Youth Sunday Speaker

Ms. Lucy Stebbins

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Bishop says

The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenter I present *these persons* for Confirmation.

or I present *these persons* to be received into Communion.

or I present *these persons* who *desire* to reaffirm *their* baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate **I do.**

Bishop

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Bishop then says these words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Jesus Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

<i>Bishop</i>	Do you believe in God the Father?
<i>People</i>	I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
<i>Bishop</i>	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
<i>People</i>	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.
<i>Bishop</i>	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
<i>People</i>	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.
<i>Bishop</i>	Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Bishop</i>	Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Bishop</i>	Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
<i>People</i>	I will, with God's help.
<i>Bishop</i>	Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop 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.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Jesus Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open *their* hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

A period of silence follows. Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower *him/her* for your service; and sustain *him/her* all the days of his life. **Amen.**

or this

Defend, O Lord, your servant N. with your heavenly grace, that *he/she* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he/she* comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

For Reaffirmation

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand.

The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Anthem

From the day you were born

Russell Nagy

From the day you were born, I have been here beside you;
as your life passes by, I will stand by your side.

Though today as you try, you may worry and sigh,
every day hear me say "Here am I."

Here am I, come to me; take my hand, new life is free,
please believe me, receive me, together forever we'll be.

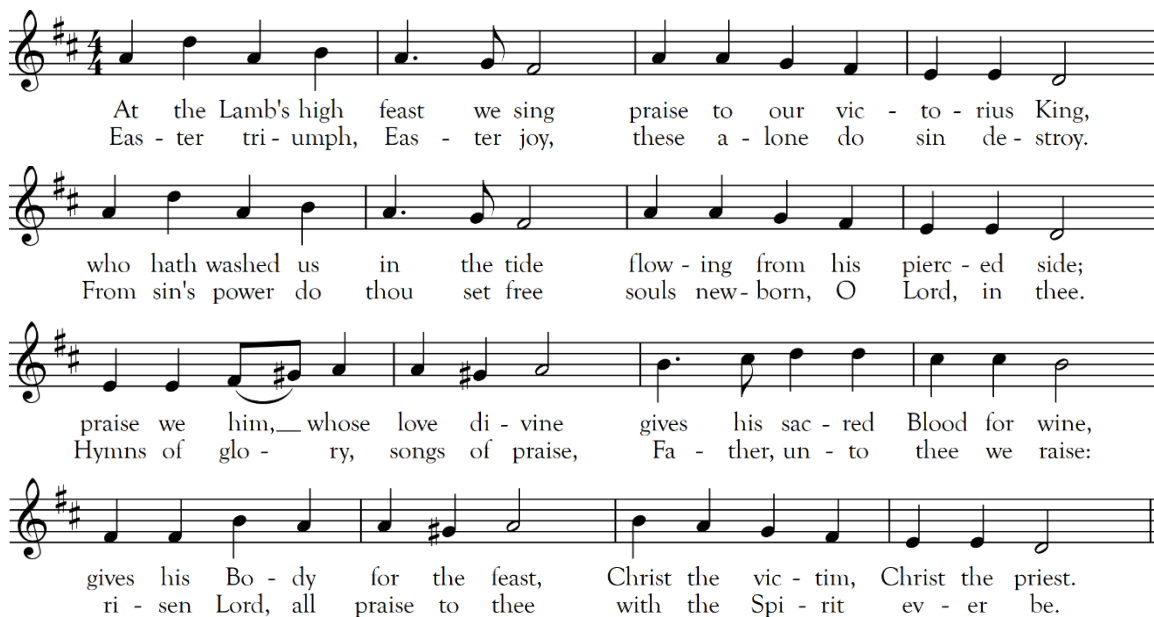
Every day, for all time, when you call, I am near you,
when you're lost, here am I, standing right by your side,
every time, when you cry, when you ask yourself "Why?"
Every day hear me say "Here am I."

Presentation of the Offerings

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Hymn 174

Verses 1 & 4



At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rius King,
Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.

praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sac - red Blood for wine,
Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
ri - sen Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

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

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Bishop proceeds

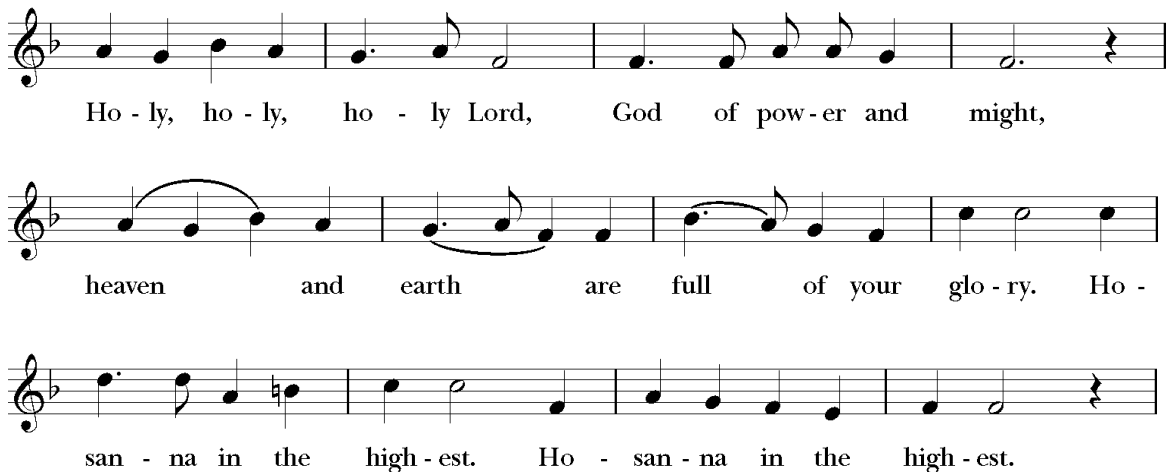
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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.

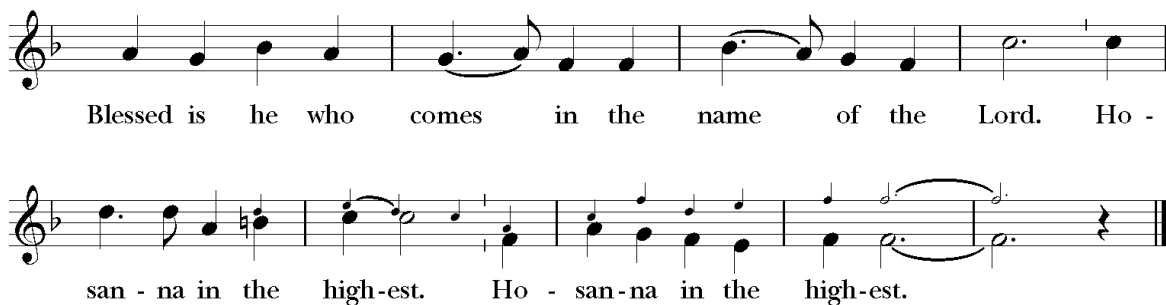
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



The Bishop 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,

Bishop and People

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

The Bishop 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 blessed 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.**

The Bishop continues

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

People and Bishop

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

Bishop

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

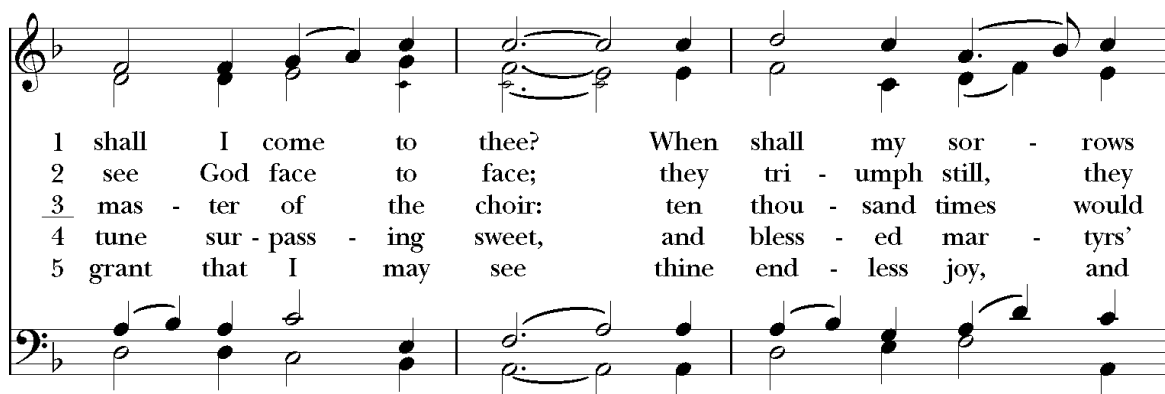
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Communion



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
 2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
 3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
 4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God



1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
 3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and



1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 2 still re - joice in that most hap - py place.
 3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
 4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
 5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

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1. In re - mem - brance of me,
2. (In re -) mem - brance of me,

1. eat this bread. In re - mem - brance of me, drink this wine. In re -
2. heal the sick. In re - mem - brance of me, feed the poor. In re -

1. mem - brance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is
2. mem - brance of me, o - pen the door and let your broth - er

1. done. In re -
2. in, Let him in.

Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed; drink and re - mem - ber

too. That this in my bod-y and pre - cious blood shed for

you, shed for you. In re - mem-brance of me

search for truth. In re - mem-brance of me al-ways love. In re -

mem-brance of me, don't look a - bove, but in your heart

look for God. Do this in re - mem-brance of me.

Communion Hymn

Be Glorified

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VERSE

C G/B Am Em Dm G^{SUS} G B \flat G^{7SUS} G⁷

1. In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 2. In my song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 3. In Your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 4. In our home, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;

5

C G/B Am Em Dm⁷ G^{7SUS} G⁷ F/G C

In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 In my song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 In Your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 In our home, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

When Eucharistic Visitors are sent, the Deacon says

In the name of St. Peter's Congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**
Deacon Go in peace.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Bishop Let us pray.

**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.**

Easter Blessing

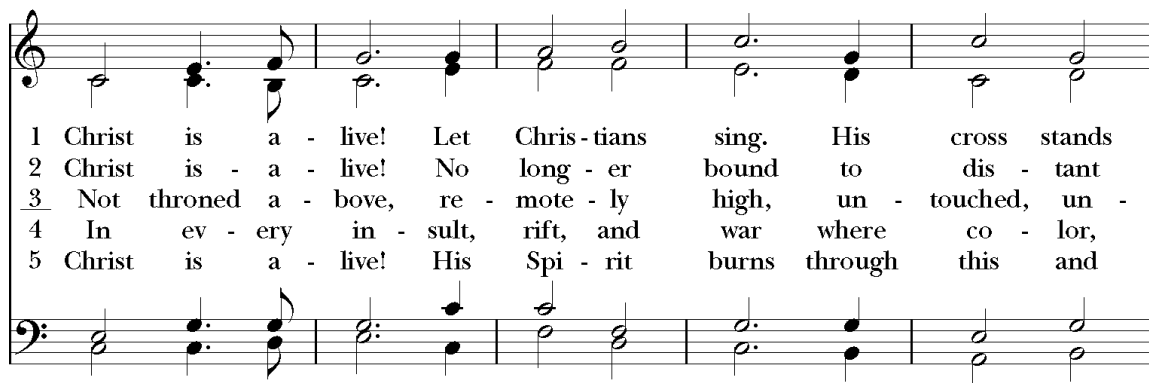
The Bishop blesses the people, concluding

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

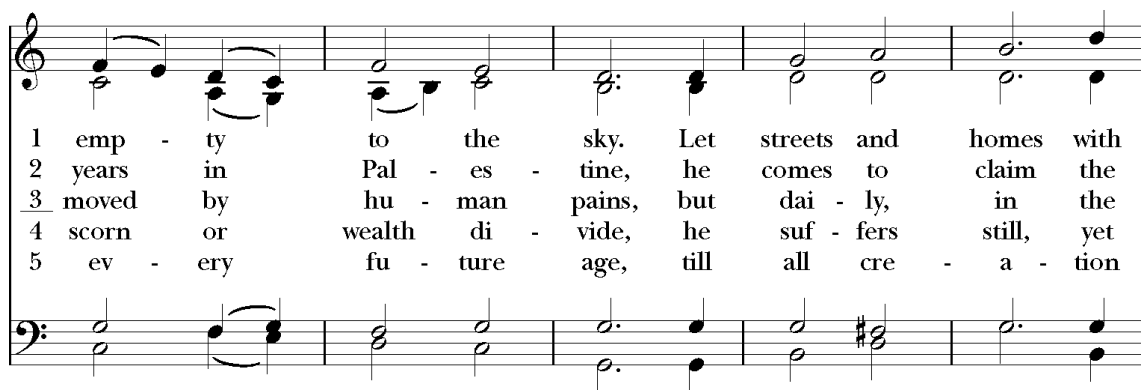
May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

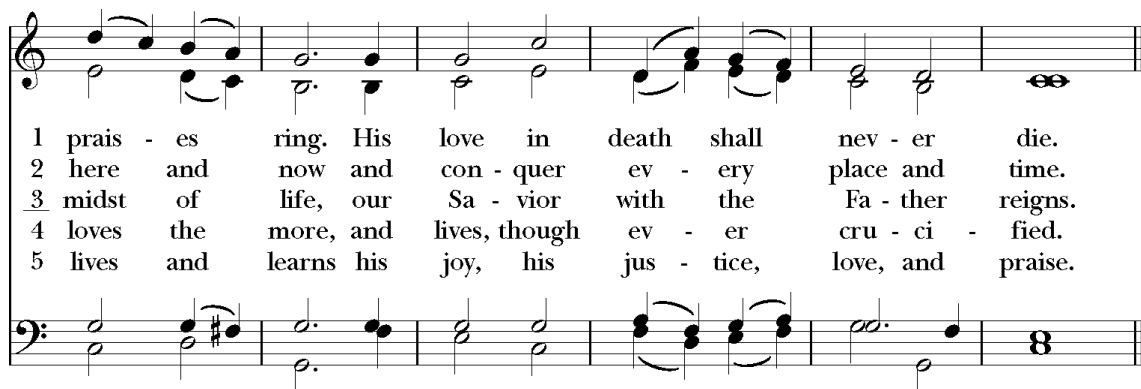
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**



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.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Voluntary *Improvisation*

*The flowers on our altar today are given to the Glory of God by
Gus and Lori Schreiner in celebration of the marriage of Audrey and Jared Zirkel
here at St. Peter's on May 17, 2025.*

Rector
 Associate Rector
 Director of the CFC
 Director of Music/Organist
 Chancel Choir Director
 Praise Team Leader

The Reverend Bert Baetz
 The Reverend J. Michael Wheeler
 The Rev. Rich Nelson
 David Miron
 Claire Rabson
 Danny Burgess

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday through 9/7/25

8:00 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (*also streamed online*)

Wednesday

5:00 pm – The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Ministries–May 18 8:00 am 10:00 am

Eucharistic Ministers	Kim Chatelain	Amanda McDonald, Catherine Kern and Ken O’Neal
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Vestry Rep.	Betty Mosty	Herb Williamson
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Ushers	Hank Grant	Sarah & Junior
	Bill Vaughan	Joseph Blalock
		Wynn Kilgore
		Sue & Doug Whinnery

Altar Guild - Beverley Martin, Sharon Evans, Margaret Galloway, Betsy Matz, Beverly Dodds, Debbie Wilson, and Kim Marks.

Ministries–May 25 8:00 am 10:00 am

Eucharistic	Lou Ann Maxwell	Kay Hayes, Rita Self and Dave Weekley
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Vestry Rep.	Betty Mosty	Herb Williamson
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Ushers	Hank Grant	Mark Haufler
	Bill Vaughan	John Elliott
		Sharon McClure

Altar Guild - Beverley Martin, Sharon Evans, Margaret Galloway, Betsy Matz, Beverly Dodds, Debbie Wilson, and Kim Marks.

Long Term Prayer List: Nancy, Sarah, Wyatt, Olivia, Adam and family, Dan and Laura, Jerry and Stacy Kramer, Kathleen, the Campos Family, Abel, Gail, Jahmir, Dorothy, Cedi, Jerry, Jeremy.

Short Term Prayer List: Kym, the Cagle family, the Carter family.

Military and Diplomatic Service Prayer List: Kareen Hart, George Hart, Justin Augustine, Elison Crum, Ross Davis, Kevin DeVore, Jr., Jason Horne and family, Emily Matz Corbin, Joshua Bosworth, Nate Munton, Eric Wood, John Christy, Brittany Vinson, Ian Nix, Anna Heiligenstein, Sgt. Hunter Green, and all who serve our country.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Holy Spirit, San Antonio; Church of the Holy Spirit, Dripping Springs.

Worship Attendance:

Sunday May 11: 8AM:28; 9:15AM: 149; 11:15AM: 90

Wednesday May 14: 5PM:12

Monthly Giving as of 5/12/25:

Current month giving \$35,538

Current month budgeted \$85,000

YTD giving \$439,408

YTD budgeted \$425,000

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, May 18

8:00 am	The Holy Eucharist: Rite One Traditional Service – no music
9:00 am	Coffee & Fellowship – Tucker Hall
9:45 am	Nursery opens – Rm. 95 by the chapel
10:00 am	The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two Combined Service
11:00 am	Reception for Bishop High, Graduating Seniors, and all our Confirmants! – Tucker Hall

MONDAY, May 19

8:00 am – 3:00 pm	Cottage Shop Volunteer workday & receiving donations. Call 830-257-0290 to make an appointment for consignments, accepted on Mondays only from 8AM – 11 AM.
5:30 pm	St. Peter's Vestry Meeting – MPR

TUESDAY, May 20

9:00 am – 4:30 pm	Cottage Shop Open – Donations gratefully received without an appointment. We welcome all who would be interested in volunteering to serve in our Cottage Shop. To volunteer, please contact Marsha Hofland or Margaret Galloway at 830-257-0290.
12:00 pm	Prayers, Fellowship & Football –Tucker Hall P.F.F. is a men's lunch group with no agenda. It's purely social and men of all ages are welcome. Join us for a delicious \$8.00 lunch and lively conversation! If you need more information, please feel free to call Jon Wilems at (281) 723-9671 or John Elliott at (830) 238-4958. An RSVP is appreciated, but not necessary.
1:00 pm	The Brotherhood of St. Andrew – Library. This men's organization is based on the threefold disciplines of Prayer, Study, and Service while spreading Christ's Kingdom among men in the Episcopal Communion. We meet in the Library in the church office on the 1 st and 3 rd Tuesday of each month at 1PM. For more information, contact Don Glover at 512-650-0635 or donauldglowersr@gmail.com .
2:00 pm	Contemplative Prayer – Parlor- Everyone is welcome. Our goal is to support one another in private contemplative prayer and meditation and share our faith journeys. Susan Parker at 830-285-3874.

WEDNESDAY, May 21

10:30 am	Path of Life Women's Bible Study – MPR. Path of Life (POL)
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We're studying 1st and 2nd Peter. Everyone is welcome to join this learning, caring, and fun group.

5:00 pm

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

THURSDAY, May 22

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Cottage Shop Open – Donations gratefully received without an appointment. To volunteer, please contact Marsha Hofland or Margaret Galloway at 830-257-0290.

1:00 pm

St. Peter's Buildings and Grounds Commission – AV Room

FRIDAY, May 23

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Cottage Shop Open – Donations gratefully received without an appointment. We welcome all who would be interested in volunteering to serve in our Cottage Shop. To volunteer, please contact Marsha Hofland or Margaret Galloway at 830-257-0290.

11:00 am

Book Study – The Friday Book Study group meets in the AV room on the second floor of the church office, and also via Zoom. Ours is an ecumenical group; all are welcome. Contact Susan Parker, parkers710@gmail.com or 830-285-3874.

1:00 pm

Burial Service for Cecil Carter – followed by a gathering in Tucker Hall

SPECIAL OFFERING

for St. Peter's School

This Sunday, May 18, is our quarterly special offering for St. Peter's School!

All our donations are designated to our school's scholarship program, as we work to meet the needs of our young families.

Thank you for supporting St. Peter's School's mission as an outreach into our community to provide young children an enriched early childhood education in a caring Christian environment!



THE COMMUNITY OF SAINTS FRANCIS AND CLARE

Fall Pilgrimage to Assisi

October 4-11, 2025

As we prepare to launch the Community of Saints Francis and Clare (CFC), we are planning a pilgrimage for St. Peter's parishioners to go to Assisi, Italy, this fall. We will visit the places where these two saints started their young adult communities that transformed Christianity. Join CFC Director, the Rev. Rich Nelson, as we travel to Florence, the Sanctuary at La Verna, and on to Assisi to learn more about Francis and Clare's message of simplicity, spirituality, and service.

We are limited in the number of people we can accommodate on this pilgrimage. Registration is open to the first 15 people who sign up (with more pilgrimage opportunities to Assisi planned for the future). More information and the registration form can be found at <https://www.stpeterskerrville.com/assisipilgrimage>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Father Rich at rich@stpeterskerrville.com or Mari Glamser at mglamser@yahoo.com





WE ARE HIRING!

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

- ✓ Full Time Position
- ✓ Warm & Welcoming Workplace
- ✓ Benefits and Pension
- ✓ Join an amazing staff and team!

The Parish Administrator supervises and coordinates the business and church activities of the parish under direction of the Rector. Interested candidates can email a resume and cover letter to the Rector, The Rev. Bert Baetz at bert@stpeterskerrville.com.

View the full job description at www.stpeterskerrville.com/jobs

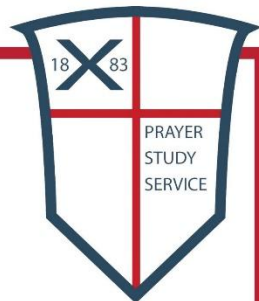
SUMMER *schedule*

BEGINS MAY 18TH

Sundays will have two services
at 8AM and 10AM

Did You Know?

There is a men's group
similar to the women's
Daughters of the King!



THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

We are called Brotherhood of St. Andrew or Brothers Andrew. Men need Men's support: physically, emotionally and Spiritually. Come join us. Talk to James Horne, Carter Crain, Mickey Horany, Tom Murray or other Brothers. We presently meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1:00 after PFF.

We meet the 1st & 3rd
TUESDAYS
@1PM

WHERE IS MY ROCK ROAD?



Not sure where the newsletter is? The Rock Road is mailed 4 times a year, or seasonally. If you have an announcement or article idea, please contact our Communications Coordinator, Lauren Vereen (Lauren@stpeterskerrville.com.)

Spring Issue: March, April, and May

Mailed at the end of February

Summer Issue: June, July and August

Mailed at the end of May

Fall Issue: September, October, and November

Mailed at the end of August

Winter Issue: December, January, and February

Mailed by the end of November

If you are not receiving the newsletter and would like to, please email the office@stpeterskerrville.com to be added to the list!

FLOWER CHART IN TUCKER HALL

If you would like to make an offering for the altar flowers in thanksgiving of a person or a special occasion, or in memory of a loved one, you may do so by signing the flower chart located in Tucker Hall.

Once you sign up for a specific Sunday, you may then make payment to St. Peter's in the amount of \$50. The flowers will be enjoyed by all in worship that Sunday and prayers for your offering will be included in the Prayers of the People.

Following the worship services that Sunday, the flowers on the altar will then be delivered to patients in the hospital and/or homebound parishioners.

*Let us worship the Lord in
the beauty of holiness!*



ST. PETER'S
HANDY HELPERS

St. Peter's Handy Helpers are ready to serve you! This group of volunteer parishioners aims to help fellow parishioners with household projects that they cannot do themselves.

Examples of services: replacing light bulbs, replace toilet tank parts, replace light fixtures, dust or replace ceiling fans, replace faulty outlets or switches, install smoke alarms, replace smoke alarm batteries, repair leaking faucets, etc...

HOW TO REQUEST SERVICES:

- Fill out our online form on the website:
<https://www.stpeterskerrville.com/handyhelpers>
- Scan the QR code (right)
- Print the form from our website (copies also available in the church office)
- Call the office at (830) 257-8162



ST. PETER'S SPIRIT FEST

June 8, 2025 | Pentecost Sunday | 11:00 AM

Celebrate the Birthday of the Church on Pentecost Sunday! Join us on the Pavilion for lunch, lawn games, and popsicles! Wear your best red or Pentecost themed outfits and may get a doorprize from Father Bert!



CONGRATULATIONS

To those being presented for
Confirmation

Eloise Marie Baetz

Arlene Lynn Bauer

Judith Carole Rushing Baumann

Carolyn Nicole Bilbao

Joseph Raymond Bilbao

Avery Michelle Earl

Lyla Marie Earl

Hinley Addison Imel

Reeve Damron Taylor

Rowan Lauraine Taylor

Evelyn Winfield Williams



SENIOR

Sunday 5/18

LULU STEBBINS



2025

Lulu is our high school senior speaker today!

Lucy Rose Stebbins is graduating with the Class of 2025 at Tivy High School. In the fall, she will attend Texas Tech University to study journalism.

Lulu has been part of the St. Peter's community from an early age. A graduate of St. Peter's Preschool, she stayed connected to the parish throughout her school years, volunteering at Vacation Bible School, participating in the youth group, and serving as a member of our Daughters of the King chapter.

She also launched and led The Period Project, a student-driven initiative to ensure access to feminine hygiene products in schools. Outside of church and academics, Lulu is a dedicated member of the Tivy Golden Girls dance team.

Over the past year, all of our high school seniors have had a chance to speak at one of our "Senior Sundays." Join us in offering prayers and best wishes for them as they complete their last days of high school and pursue their dreams!

ST. PETER'S SENIOR CLASS OF 2025

Congrats!

KEATON HERMAN
Tivy High School

WILL RICHARDS
Tivy High School

MATTHEW KERN
Tivy High School

LULU STEBBINS
Tivy High School

Join us in Tucker Hall following the service for a reception celebrating our graduating seniors and the newly confirmed!

T O D A Y W E W E L C O M E

THE RIGHT REVEREND RAYFORD B. HIGH, JR.

Join us in welcoming back Bishop High on this special Sunday for confirmations. The Rt. Rev. Rayford High, Jr., a Houston native, was ordained in the Diocese of West Texas after attending the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge. He served in parish ministry for over 30 years before becoming Canon for Pastoral Ministries and later Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Worth. Now retired, Bishop High and his wife, the Rev. Dr. Canon Ann Norman (who is also an experienced church leader) are thrilled to be back in the Diocese of West Texas. We are grateful to welcome them back to St. Peter's for this special Sunday service.



Join us following the service for a reception welcoming the Bishop and honoring our newly confirmed as well as our graduating high school seniors.

Are you
interested in
Confirmation?

Starting on August 10, 2025, Father Bert will lead a Confirmation class for those curious or considering being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. This class will take place in the AV Room at 9AM.