St. Peter's Episcopal Church and School

Our Mission: We welcome all to join us in knowing Christ and making him known to others.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 8 5:00 pm - The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Sunday, May 12

8:00 am - The Holy Eucharist: Rite One 9:15 am - The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two 11:15 am - The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two (also streamed) The Sixth Sunday of Easter
The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

May 5, 2024 11:15 AM

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church. In the last weeks of Eastertide, our liturgical readings explore the results of the dying and rising of Jesus. Both the Gospel reading and the reading from 1 John speak of the self-giving love of God, revealed in Jesus' Passover from death to life, as the primary characteristic of our lives in Christ.

In this Sunday's reading from Acts, Peter and some other Jewish Christians were astounded to see Gentiles in the household of Cornelius receive the Holy Spirit just as they had on the Day of Pentecost. Peter's last reservations about welcoming Gentiles into the Church are erased and he and the other joyfully lead them to the waters of Baptism.

This Sunday was once called Rogation Sunday because medieval Christians went in processions (rogating) around the parish praying for the newly planted crops during this week. This is a good time to seek more effective ways to care for our environment and to witness that God's love is not only for humanity but also for the entire creation.

Joined together by God's spirit in baptism, bound up in the dying and rising of Jesus, related by creation to all the earth, we the people of God bring all our lives and one another into the saving love of God in Eucharist.

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The red *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP) is our source of Liturgy and is indicated by BCP page numbers.

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 (MHSO) and Enriching Our Music (EOM)

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Improvisation

Processional Hymn Alleluia, alleluia! Heart and voices heavenward raise Hymn 191



All standing, the Celebrant says

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Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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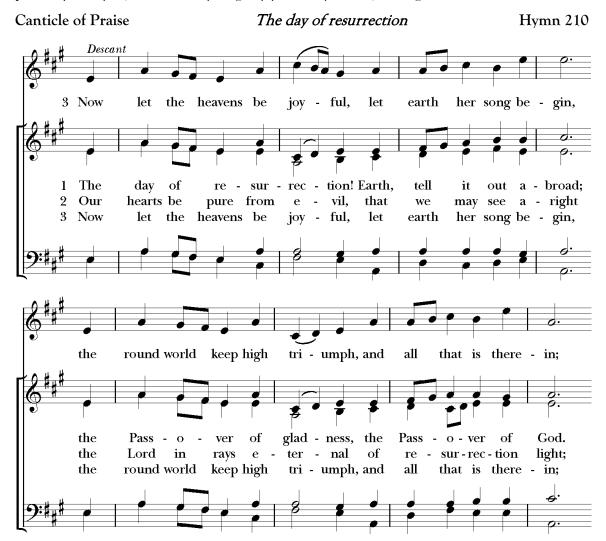
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er Lord, with thee.

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

BCP 222

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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 First Reading Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

Jerome Webster Meachen (b. 1930)



- 1 Sing to the LORD a new **song**, * for he has done marvelous **things**.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of **Israel**, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our **God**.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you **lands**; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and **sing**.

- 6 Sing to the LORD with the **harp**, * with the harp and the voice of **song**.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the **horn** * shout with joy before the King, the **LORD**.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is **in it,** * the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their **hands**, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the **earth**.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the **world** * and the peoples with **equity.**

The Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

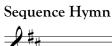
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

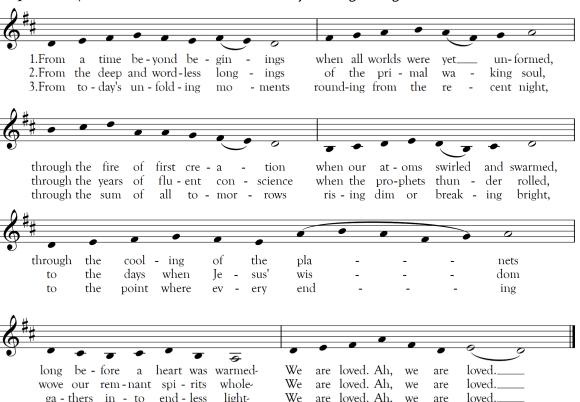
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.



From a time beyond beginnings



The Holy Gospel John 15:9-17

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ. People

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known

to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Bert O. Baetz III

The People stand with the Celebrant and say together

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The people remain standing or kneel.

Prayers of the People, Form I

BCP 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Risen Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Risen Lord, have mercy.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; David, our Bishop; Bert and Mike, our Priests; in our diocese, we give thanks this week for St. Philip's, Uvalde; and St. James', Del Rio. Let us pray to the Lord.

Risen Lord, have mercy.

For Joseph, our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Risen Lord, have mercy.

For this city, Kerrville, and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Risen Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Risen Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Risen Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Risen Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Risen Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Risen Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Risen Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Risen Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Risen Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of blessed Peter and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

All stand.

The Peace

Offertory

Celebrant 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

The Hory Communion

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small. All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, he made their glowing colors; he made their tiny wings.

The purple headed mountain, the river running by, the sunrise that the morning, that brightens up the sky: the cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the altar.



The Great Thanksgiving

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BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

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Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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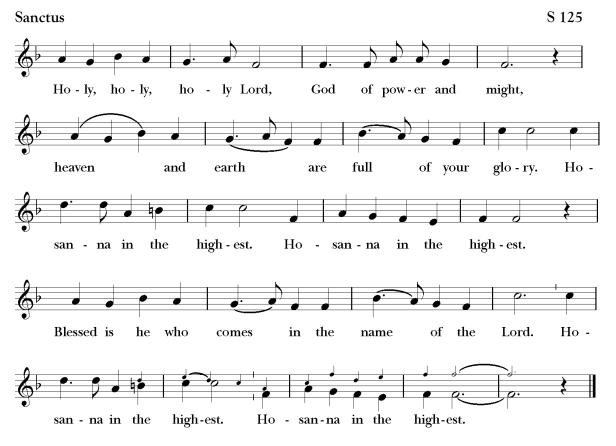
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The Celebrant proceeds

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:



The people stand or kneel.

Then 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 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,

Celebrant and People

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

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, 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.**

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

People and Celebrant

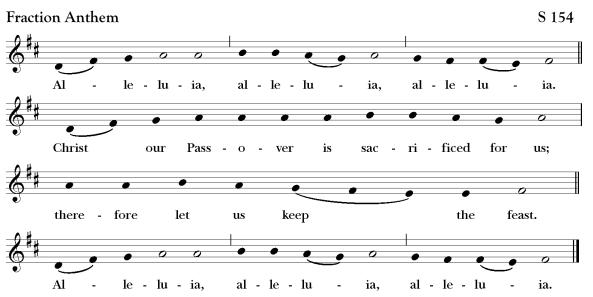
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 64

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.



The Celebrant says

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



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.

Go in peace.

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

The people stand or kneel.

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.

Easter Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people, concluding

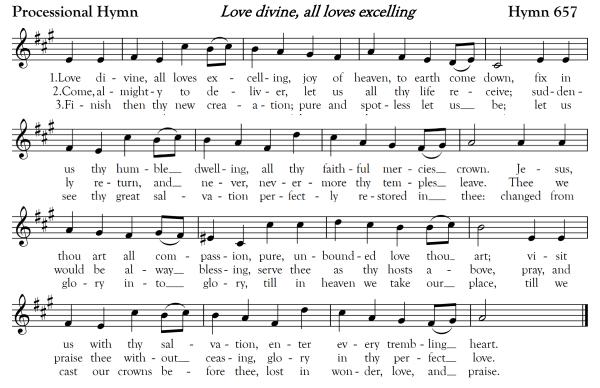
May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

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.**

All stand.



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

Flowers on our altar today are given to the Glory of God by Al and Cindy Welch in celebration of their 44th wedding anniversary.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Summer Schedule begins on May 26th!

8:00 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite One 9:15 am – The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

11:15 am - The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two - also streaming online

Wednesday

5:00 pm - The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Ministries-May 5	8:00 am	9:15 am	11:15 am
Eucharistic	John Nolen	Rita Self	Ken O'Neal
Ministers		Amy Ives	Jane Quein
Vestry Rep.	Betty Mosty	Betty Mosty	Jon Wilems
Ushers		Debbie Wilson	Mark Haufler
		Hiram Wilson	Lee Martin
		Rich Dodds	Herb Williamson

Altar Guild - Polly Horany, Barbara Cordova, Georganna Bell, Brooksie Bledsoe, Laurie Blewett, Kay Hayes, Imelda Horne, Mary Bess Peterson, and Alice Whatley.

Ministries-May 12	8:00 am	9:15 am	11:15 am
Eucharistic Ministers	Deidra Harmer	Heather Stebbins Imelda Horne	Fred Henneke Kay Hayes
Vestry Rep.	Betty Mosty	Betty Mosty	Jon Wilems
Ushers		Sarah Hilburn Junior Hilburn Michael Stebbins	Mark Haufler Lee Martin Herb Williamson

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

<u>Long Term Prayer List</u>: Brandon, Ray, Josephin, Tom, Penny, Viola, Nolan, Valerie, Damianus, Jimmy, Cindy, Eric, Harper, Jim, Karen, Randy, Sean, Meryl, Rajesh.

Short Term Prayer List: Bev Schwehm, Stockton Williams, Ashley Johnson, Barbara and Gilbert Davila, Carolyn Bachofen, the many St. Peter's pilgrims who are ill and recovering following their Italy trip.

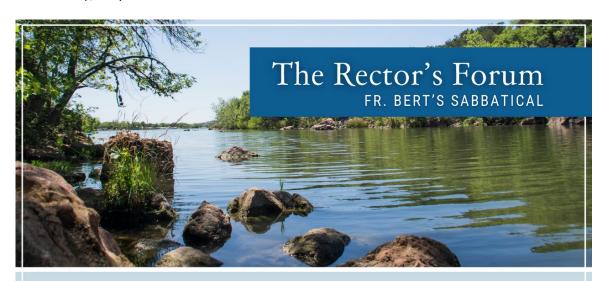
<u>Military and Diplomatic Service Prayer List</u>: Kareen Hart, George Hart, Justin Augustine, Elison Crum, Ross Davis, Kevin DeVore, Jr., Jason Horne and family, Emily Matz Corbin, Joshua Bosworth, Nate Munton, Eric Wood, John Christy, Brittany Vinson, Ian Nix, and all who serve our country.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Philip's, Uvalde; and St. James', Del Rio.

Worship Attendance:

Sunday 4/28/24: 8AM - 22, 9:15AM - 50, 11:15AM - 57

Wednesday, May 1: 5PM - 14



May 5th at 10:30 in the MPR

Father Bert and the Sabbatical Committee will host a forum discussing the purpose of his upcoming sabbatical and his plans for his time away. On August 25th, when Father Bert has returned from his sabbatical, he will host another forum to share his experiences.

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, May 5	
8:00 am	The Holy Eucharist: Rite One Traditional Service - no music
9:00 am	Nursery opens - Rm. 95 by the chapel
9:15 am	The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two Family Service
10:15 am	Coffee & Fellowship - Tucker Hall
11:15 am	The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two Traditional Service (also streamed)
12:15 pm	Coffee & Fellowship - Tucker Hall
MONDAY, May 6	
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.
TUESDAY, May 7	
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
12:00 pm	contact Marsha Hofland or Margaret Galloway at 830-257-0290. Prayers, Fellowship & Football -Tucker Hall P.F.F. is a men's
12.00 pm	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 James Horne at 830-896-5992 or mel_jam72207@yahoo.com.
2:00 pm	Contemplative Prayer – Conference Room- Everyone is welcome.
2.00 pm	Contemporative i rayer Contenting Rooms Everyone is welcome.

please contact Susan Parker at 830-285-3874.

Our goal is to support one another in private contemplative prayer and meditation and share our faith journeys. For more information,

WEDNESDAY, May 8

9:00 am Kindergarten Donuts with Mom – Tucker Hall 10:00 am St. Peter's Church Staff Meeting – AV Room

10:30 am Path of Life Women's Bible Study - MPR. Path of Life (POL) is

beginning a new study. Everyone is welcome to join this learning,

caring, and fun group.

5:00 pm The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

5:30 pm Annual Tacos and Talent Night! - Tucker Hall. Enjoy Brandy's

famous taco bar and stay for entertainment! In fact BRING the talent – what will YOU share on Wednesday?? Sign up when you

arrive. This is the last Wednesday family dinner this spring.

THURSDAY, May 9

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.

5:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

6:00 pm Steak & Stories - Tucker Hall. The men of St. Peter's (and their

friends!) will hear guest speaker, former NASA official and Apollo

program flight director, Gerry Griffin!

FRIDAY, May 10

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. Our current book is *The Beatitudes of Peace: Meditations on The Beatitudes, Peacemaking, and the Spiritual Life.* Ours is an ecumenical group; all are welcome. Contact Susan Parker, parkers 710@gmail.com or 830-

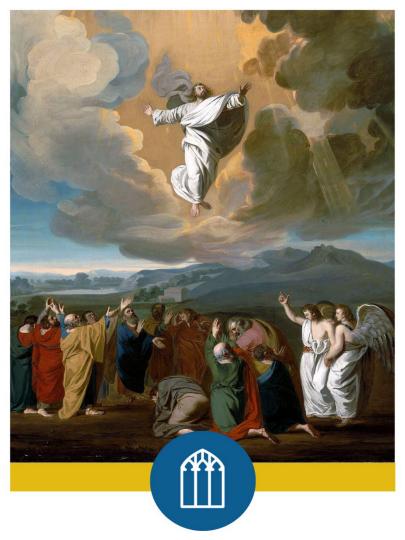
285-3874 for more information.

This Wednesday, May 8, is our LAST Wednesday Night Dinner (and programming) until this fall!





ASCENSION DAY SERVICE



Thursday May 9th 12 PM Holy Eucharist: Rite II



If you know someone ill or recently home from the hospital who could use a delivered meal, the St. Peter's Episcopal Church Women want to help! Call Dee Elliott, and the Rosemary's Helping Hands Committee will take care of it for you.





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 (a) 1PM

FOR THE MEN OF ST. PETER'S



THURSDAY, MAY 9TH

6-8 p.m. in Tucker Hall





Guest Speaker GERRY GRIFFIN

Gerry is an Aeronautical engineer and former NASA official, who served as a fight director during the Apollo program and director of Johnson Space Center.



\$25/a person

Pay at the door or pay online. Scan the QR Code or visit www.stpeterskerrville.com/steak

Please RSVP by May 3rd.!

To RSVP email RSVP@stpeterskerrville.com

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SPRING INGATHERING MAY 5th

