

### The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024, 11:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II: The Book of Common Prayer



### Welcome to St. Peter's Church

We are glad that you are with us today. Our worship of God is a communal experience. Please join in the prayers, communion, and fellowship as fully as you are comfortable doing. We encourage children to participate. Help us welcome you by filling out one of the "Welcome" cards located in the box pews, and give it to an usher, greeter, or member of the clergy, or place it in the offering plate.

# Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Thank you for joining us for worship! Below are just a few of the groups and events happening at St. Peter's. All are welcome!

# Organ Recital featuring Charles Johnson Noon Tuesday, April 23

The Philadelphia Chapter of American Guild of Organists sponsors a Tuesday Noon recital at a particular church each month. April will be hosted at Christ Church, and our own Interim Organist Charles Johnson will be the featured recitalist on Tuesday, April 23. All are invited to attend the half-hour recital at Christ Church at 20 N. American Street.

### Learn About the Rainbow Initiative 10 a.m. Sunday, April 28

St. Peter's has joined 22 other Episcopal congregations in becoming a Rainbow Initiative Congregation. The Rainbow Initiative is a program of Episcopal Migration Ministries that empowers congregations to support LGBTQIA+ migrants. Together, we will bring visibility and aid to those who have fled their countries because of persecution based on sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and/or sex characteristics. We invite you to learn more about the Rainbow Initiative at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 28 at the Parish House at 313 Pine Street.

## **Discernment Conversations**

Various dates in April

The St. Peter's Discernment Committee is holding a series of conversations to gather input from the parish as we discern the possibility of calling the Rev. Clarke French as St. Peter's Rector. To attend a discernment conversation, please send an email to discernment@stpetersphila.org with the date you'd prefer. Upcoming dates include: 12:30 PM Sunday, April 21 at the Parish House (childcare provided) and 7:30 PM Tuesday, April 23 via Zoom. Visit www.stpetersphila.org/rectorsearch for information about how to prepare for these conversations and a description of what we will discuss.

# TNT Discipleship Group 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays starting April 30

Ever wanted to talk openly, honestly, and deeply about the resurrection? Join the TNT Discipleship Group this Easter! TNT discipleship groups are small groups of folks in their 20s/30s who want to explore faith, theology, and day-to-day living. We gather on Zoom for an informal yet intentional space to do that together. Reach out to Rev. Sarah at hedigs-kligerman@stpetersphila.org for the Zoom link.

#### **Announcements**

**Book Group:** The Book Group meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, to discuss "The Man Who Hated Women" by Amy Shon

**Churchyard Gardeners:** Our volunteer gardeners will gather Saturday, May 11. Come by anytime from 10 a.m. - Noon. All are welcome!

Families & Children: During Eastertide, Family Worship will celebrate that God's love is stronger than anything! Families with young children are invited to attend our 9 a.m. Sunday Family Worship Service.

**Food Cupboard:** The St. Peter's Food Cupboard provides fresh fruit and vegetables, canned food, and household goods every Saturday morning. Volunteers are always needed. To learn more, visit www.stpetersphila.org/foodcupboard.

**Morning Prayer:** We gather on Zoom every Wednesday at 8 a.m.

**Sages:** This monthly lunch gathering for those in their 60s & older will be held in the Parish House at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15. Bring a bag lunch!

**Sunday School:** All children are invited to attend Sunday School during the 11 AM Worship Service.

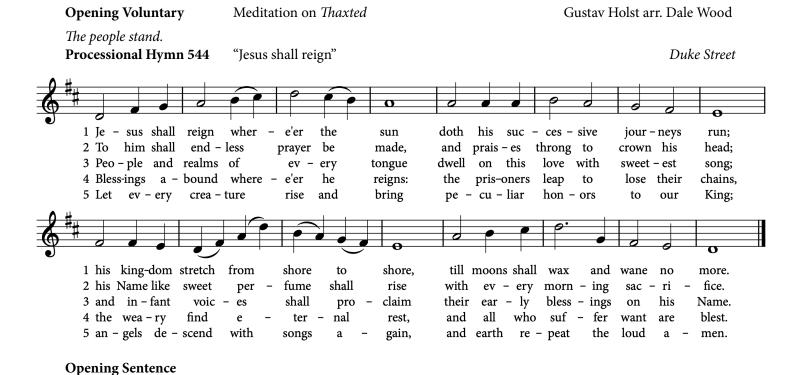
**TNT (20s & 30s):** Ever wanted to talk openly, honestly, and deeply about the resurrection? TNT discipleship groups are small groups of folks in their 20s/30s who gather on Zoom. The next discipleship group will meet Tuesday evenings on Zoom at 7:30 p.m. starting April 30.

**Wednesday Eucharist Service:** Join us for a Holy Eucharist Service every Wednesday at Noon in the church.

### The Fourth Sunday of Easter

This church worship service will be livestreamed and recorded for our online congregation. By participating in person you acknowledge that you may be visible on live broadcast or archived video. If you are uncomfortable about the possibility of appearing on video, please see an usher to be reseated in a more private area.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



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

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Lord. Amen.

The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

*Celebrant:* 

Celebrant:

People:

Song of Praise Glory to God William Matthias



#### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

*Celebrant*: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* 

#### **Sunday School**

Immediately following the Collect of the Day, children ages 6-10 years old are invited to attend Sunday School. They will return at the Peace. Sunday School leaders will escort children and bring them back.

#### First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to

all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders: it has become the cornerstone.'

"There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*Lector:* Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 Dominus regit me Tone VIII.1

The people and choir sing the bolded text.



- 1 *The Lord* is my shépherd; \* I / shall not bé in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pástures \* and leads me be/side still wáters.
- 3 He revives my sóul \* and guides me along right pathways / for his Náme's sake.
- 4a Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of déath,
  I shall / fear no évil; \*

- 4b for you are with me; your rod and your / staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \* you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is / running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of 'my life,\* and I will dwell in the house of the / Lord for éver.

Second Lesson 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

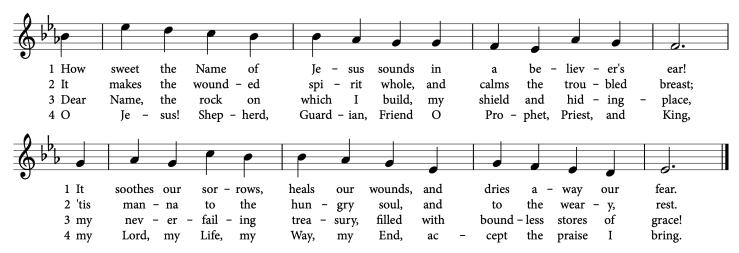
And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn 644** "How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds"

St. Peter



**The Gospel:** John 10:11-18

The people stand. The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

After the Gospel, the Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### Sermon

The Reverend Sarah Hedgis-Kligerman

#### The Nicene Creed

The people stand and say together:

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.

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.

#### **Prayers of the People**

After each petition, the people respond with:

*Intercessor:* For this let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

*Please remember those who have asked for our prayers:* 

Abigail Paul Colin John Kathy Jim Marylou Nigel Victor Lisa Ed Beckett Quinn Sienna Rose Cole Betsy Eduardo Tessa Harrison Susan Val Ioe Jo-Anna Holly Ginger Charlotte Sue Judi **Judy** Max Adam Natalie & Ryan Chris & Don Matt & Addie Carol and family Marc

#### **Confession of Sin**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

#### The Peace

*Celebrant*: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

#### **Announcements**

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION



During the Offertory Anthem, ushers will take up an offering. You can also give to St. Peter's electronically through **Venmo @stpetersphila** (our profile appears in the Charities category), by scanning the QR code here, or visiting <u>www.stpetersphila.org/give-online</u> for links to donate using PayPal, or through our secure website.

Offertory Anthem

"If ye love me"

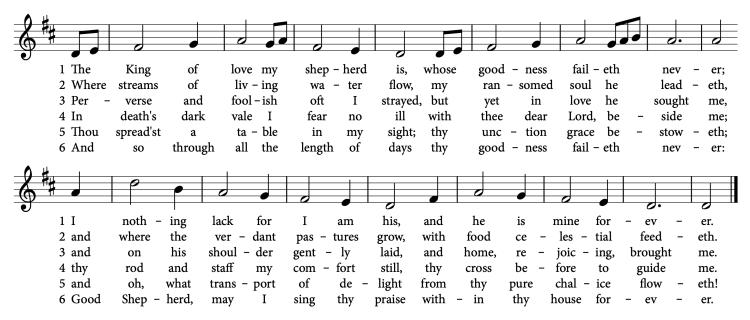
If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, Thomas Tallis

that he may 'bide with you forever; E'en the sp'rit of truth. (John 14:15–17)

Offertory Hymn 645

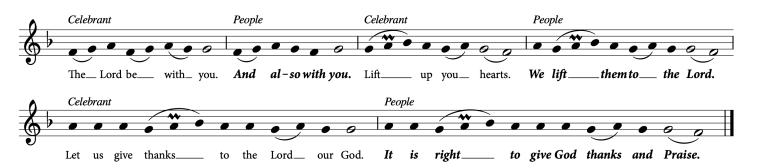
"The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba



#### **Eucharistic Prayer B**

The Book of Common Prayer



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God 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.

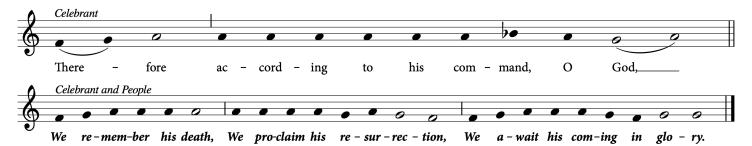
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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."



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 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.



#### The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant:

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

## The Breaking of the Bread Fraction Anthem:

Antiphon: (Celebrant, then All)



*Celebrant:* The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. [Antiphon]

Celebrant: One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. [Antiphon]

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

you are welcome at this, Christ's Table.

This is the Lord's supper: God's feast for all of God's people. There is always an abundance here and there is a place for you. You are invited and encouraged to feast at God's table.

There is gluten free bread available. You can request this from the clergy when receiving.

To receive the wine, you may drink from the cup while the chalice bearer holds it for you. <u>Please do not intinct (dip) the bread</u> <u>into the cup of wine.</u> If you prefer to not drink from the common cup, receiving bread only is still full participation in the sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the bread or wine, you are welcome; come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

#### **Communion Voluntary**

#### **Communion Anthem**

Adoramus te, Christe

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

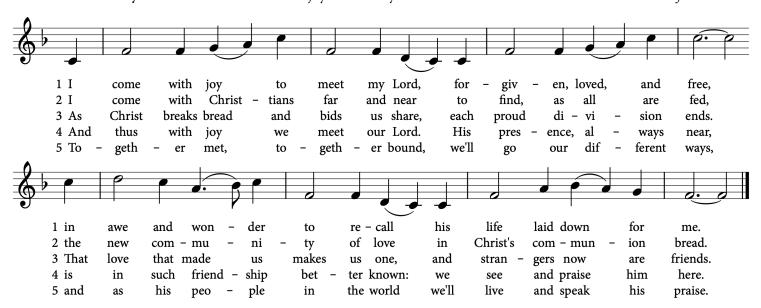
Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi, quia per sanctam crucem tuam redemisti mundum.
Qui passus es pro nobis, Domine, miserere nobis.

We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee, because by thy holy cross thou hast redeemed the world. O Lord, who suffered for us, have mercy on us.

**Communion Hymn 304** 

"I come with joy to meet my Lord"

Land of Rest



#### **Postcommunion Prayer**

After Communion, the people stand and the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, Holy One, 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.

#### **Blessing**

**Easter Dismissal** 

Celebrant: Let us go forth rejoicing in the risen Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Closing Voluntary** Festive Trumpet Tune

David German (b. 1954)

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For those who want to remain masked and surrounded by those who are masked, there is a mask-required seating area in the church's south side balcony. Please ask an usher if you'd like assistance.

Go in peace, and return often to worship with us.

#### **Sunday:**

9 am – Children's service with songs, stories and activities 11 am – Worship service with music, Holy Eucharist, and sermon **Wednesday:** 12 noon – Worship service with Holy Eucharist

#### THE LAYOUT OF ST. PETER'S

The unusual layout of the church reflects the emphasis on Bible-reading and preaching in 1761, during the Great Awakening evangelical movement. Putting the reading desk and pulpit at the west end gave them greater prominence than the altar opposite, since the communion service was held only occasionally. The resulting need to face in both directions during services meant that the original box pews, designed for warmth, had to be retained after the invention of central heating.

For more information on the long history of the church, pick up one of the brochures at the west end or inquire about purchasing a copy of *St. Peter's Church: Faith in Action for 250 Years*, published in 2011.

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