

The Lessons

Lector: A Reading from The Book of The Acts of the Apostles. (4: 5-12) *sit*

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 questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are 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."

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
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 ever.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Lector: A Reading from The First Letter of 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 one another. 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 truth and action. 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.


The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**


Alleluia *Redemptionem*

Plainsong, Mode 6, *stand*


Choir: 

All: 

Choir: The Lord hath sent redemption unto his people.

All: 

Choir: I am the good Shepherd: and know my sheep and am known of mine.

All: 

– Psalm 111:9; John 10:14

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (10: 11-18)

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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Right Reverend George Wayne Smith

sit

Hymn: 478: "Jesus, our mighty Lord"

Monk's Gate, *stand*

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

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Bishop: The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters: We present these persons for Confirmation. ...

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

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

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

People: **We will.**

Bishop: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant. *stand*

Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **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.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **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.**

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

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

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

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

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

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

Bishop: 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

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

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.**

Bishop: 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.

The Confirmation of the Candidates

sit

stand

Bishop: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Exchanging the Peace

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The children join the Service from their Sunday School classes.

Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.

If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, let the priest know at the altar rail.

The Offertory Anthem

Randall Thompson (1899–1984)

Alleluia. Amen

The Presentation

Lasst uns erfreuen, *stand*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; alle-
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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Sanctus and Benedictus

Mass in E, Jeffrey Smith (b. 1960)

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

The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread (*Hymnal S 152*)

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Administration of the Sacrament

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Motet

Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

Ave verum corpus, natum
 Ex Maria virgine,
 Vere passum, immolatum
 In cruce pro homine.

*Hail true body, born
 of the virgin Mary,
 truly killed, dying
 on the cross for man.*

Cuius latus perforatum
 Vero fluxit sanguine;
 Esto nobis praegustatum,
 Mortis in examine.

*From whose pierced flank
 flowed the true blood;
 behold him now, tested for us,
 through the trial of death.*

O clemens, o pie, o dulcis Jesu, Fili
 Mariae.

*O clement, O holy, O sweet Jesus,
 Son of Mary.*

– 14th century Eucharistic hymn

Hymn: "From time before the chaos"

Thaxted



1 From time be-fore the cha - os, from time be-fore all things,
 2 There is an-oth - er ban - quet, when all is said and done;
 3 Yet there is just one ban - quet, which Christ bids us to share.



God sets a ho - ly ta - ble for which cre - a - tion sings.
 it waits us in the fu - ture, when ag - es long have run.
 It comes be-fore all a - ges; it waits at time's last hour.



There God spreads Wis-dom's ban - quet; there God serves Christ's own
 Christ sits at ta - ble with us; Christ serves a feast of
 Bread bro - ken for God's peo - ple, wine poured to quench our



feast, and beck-ons all the peo-ple, the great-est and the least,
 love, and with the an-gels' voic-es a shout of song a - bove:
 thirst: Food from cre-a-tion's boun-ty which hu-man hands have worked.



to take the gifts be - fore them to take them and re - joice
 We sing the glor-ious tri - umph which Christ the Lamb has won,
 The Al - pha and O - me - ga has come to meet us now,



to feed up-on Christ's true life, and praise him with one voice.
 and praise e - ter - nal rais - ing, we laud the Ho - ly One.
 to nour - ish all the peo - ple, God's mis - sion to em - pow'r.

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Music: Gustav Holst (1874–1934)

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Bishop's Blessing

Hymn 334: "Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing"

Alles ist an Gottes Segen, *stand*

The Dismissal

Bishop: Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

Voluntary: Choral-Improvisation
sur le "Victimae Paschali"

Charles Tournemire (1870–1939)
trans. Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)

MUSIC NOTES: The hymn sung at Communion is written by our Bishop, *The Right Reverend George Wayne Smith*. The hymn tune, "Thaxted" is taken from *The Planets* by *Gustav Holst (1874–1934)* • American composer *Randall Thompson (1899–1984)* was asked to write a piece of music for the opening of the Berkshire Music Center (now known as Tanglewood) in Lennox, Mass. The work he composed, *Alleluia*, is an elaborate treatment of that single word with a concluding Amen sung by the sopranos, tenors, and basses. This well-loved choral work has an arch form: it is soft and subdued in its outer sections, but the intensity steadily builds toward climax marked by octave "fanfare" figures.

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the marriage of
Marghuretta Dakota Bland and Christopher O'Connor.*

*The flowers in the outdoor niches are given to the glory of God
in honor of the Confirmation Class, by their parents.*

Confirmation Class 2018

Charlotte Culver Bitting

Harper Hughes Graves

Eli Patrick Hart

Thomas Burkitt Margulis

Katharine Grace Marks

Charles Thomas Martin

Bailey Thomas Jahnige Mathews

Gretchen Ann Mertz

Sophia Tricamo Park


Campbell DeWitt Perkins

Oliver Blackwell Rohan

Lillian Claire Williams

Anna Rose Wilson

Margaret Ziegler Wolfsberger



*God's mission in the world is to reconcile all things
and all people through Jesus Christ. The more anxious
the times, the more we need in this Diocese
to participate in God's mission.*

-Bishop George Wayne Smith

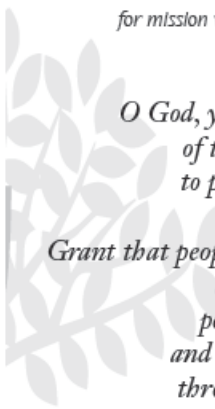
Today's Visitation Offering is designated for the Mission of the Diocese of Missouri

Both far off

Our partners In Lul Diocese are eager to build a Diocesan Conference Center where people can come from all around the Church In Lul to teach and learn, to be together, and to collaborate. Half of the offering will go toward supporting this priority of theirs.

And near

Pockets of dire need and poverty exist within the borders of the Diocese of Missouri, in urban locales and rural. Half of the offering will go toward seed money for mission within our own diocese



*O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples
of the earth, and sent your blessed Son
to preach peace to those who are far off
and to those who are near:*

*Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you;
bring the nations into your fold;
pour out your Spirit upon all flesh;
and hasten the coming of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

-Book of Common Prayer, page 257

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Lector/Eucharistic Ministers:	Bryan Miller, Carrie Burroughs
Ushers:	Hal Burroughs, Mike Rich, Jack Gillis, Didi Noelker
Acolytes:	Addie Bitting, Jimmy Johnson, Tommy Sheehan Will Sheehan, Will Sloane
Acolyte Master:	Allan Ivie
Hospitality:	Ann Parish, Eleanor Wilson, Jenn Gillis
Greeters:	Kathy and Billy Bitting
Altar Guild:	Wendy Olk, DeWayne Trainer, Merrill Buettner Caren Vredenburgh, Holly Parks
Counters:	Bob Messey, Ruth Dewein

PRAYER LIST

In Thanksgiving For: The marriage of Maggie Bland and Chris O'Connor.

For Parishioners: Jimmy Grimmatt and Alice Vosburgh.

For Family and Friends: Meg Fuller, Barbara Morriss and Lorry Sharp.

For the Faithful Departed: Diane Barnes, Carol Glasgow and Betty Bachle Schmid.

For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Lanney Beecham, Patricia Beseda, Donna Brookman, Chris Canepa, Lucy Dolan, Daisy Fennebresque, Martha Ferguson, Richard Hamman, Patty Hecker, Tom Hoerber, Marsha Hussung, Helen Jenks, Susan Kerkering, Bobby Leatherman Sr., Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Bryan Miller, Carolyn Miles, Signe Myles, Jeffrey Rixleben, Ray Sellenriek, Kristi Simpson, Dan Singer, Jane St. John, Julie Stephenson and Dick Williams.

TODAY...

CHILDCARE is available in the Little Building from 9:00 until 11:45 a.m.

PARISH BREAKFAST – Come enjoy a hot breakfast in the Undercroft today, served from 8:45 until 10:00. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family.

EPISCOPAL VISITATION – Today the Right Reverend George Wayne Smith is visiting St. Peter's and confirming our youth at the 10:30 Service. Please join us for the Bishop's Forum at 9:15 a.m. in the Undercroft.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL – This little service has already had a big impact, and is becoming a meaningful addition to our children's Sunday morning schedule. All ages, please join us in Grace Chapel, 10:15 to 10:25 a.m. each Sunday before Sunday School!

THIS WEEK...

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE – Thanks to Jacquelyn VanWeelden, our Communications Director, and to Charlie Claggett and the Communications Team! Go to www.stpetersepiscopal.org to see our new look!

NEWS DEADLINE – Please submit news to the Church Office by noon on Tuesdays.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS – The Woman's Guild is taking orders for baskets of annuals and pots of geraniums, in time for Mother's Day. Order forms are in the Undercroft. The last day for ordering is April 29th.

ST. PETER'S CARES – Need a ride, a meal or a prayer? St. Peter's has a ministry that can help – that's St. Peter's Cares! Leave a voicemail or email (314-993-2306, ext. 125 or shepherd@stpetersepiscopal.org) and a Shepherd will contact you within 24 hours.

WOMAN'S GUILD – Join us this Tuesday for lunch at 12:15 p.m., followed by our program, "How we help new Americans," by guest speaker Lara Fallon. Yoga is at 11:00.

SEARCHING FOR GOD IN THE DAILY NEWS meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room across from the office. Come explore the lively intersection where theology meets current events.

YOUNG ADULTS – Kicking off this Wednesday, April 25th, a new **Young Adult Bible Study series** will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Elliot Room on the fourth Wednesday of every month. This six-class series focuses on readings that explore what the earliest Christians said about Jesus and how others came to believe and convert to Christianity. Please contact Cady Lauer at cholmes2009@gmail.com for further information.

BIBLE STUDY – Join us at 7:00 on Thursday mornings in the Elliot Room.

PURSUING GOD – For those interested in growing in their spiritual walk, join fellow parishioners on Thursdays 3-4:00 p.m. in the Elliot Room to pray, commit, study and discuss our walk. We use the Rule of St. Benedict along with spiritual study aides to encourage our deepening relationship with the Lord. Email nannette.rich@sbcglobal.net.
PRAYER GROUP – Everyone is welcome on Friday mornings at 10:00 in the Elliot Room to pray for the needs of the parish and the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

HANDEL’S MESSIAH – The St. Peter’s Choir sings Parts II and III of this masterwork next Sunday, April 29th **at 4:00 p.m. (note the time!)** in celebration of the Easter season. The free concert, performed with orchestra, includes the famous “Hallelujah” chorus. All are welcome.

YOUTH SUNDAY – Next Sunday, April 29th, youth in grades 6 through 12 will lead all lay aspects of the 10:30 Service of Holy Eucharist. This is a time for youth to serve and celebrate their ministry at St. Peter’s! Sign up with Maria (mmaguire@stpetersepiscopal.org) to serve as a lector or Eucharistic Minister.

BOOK GROUP – Join us on Wednesday, May 2nd at 2:00 p.m. in the Elliot Room.

MISSION STAY DOERS – Rising 6th – 8th graders are invited to be Doers of the Word! From June 19 through 22, St. Peter’s middle schoolers will put their faith into action while serving our outreach partners in projects such as organizing, cleaning, trash pick-up, and yard work. Each afternoon will be dedicated to fun adventures around St. Louis, like City Museum, a pool party, the zoo, and a cool surprise! Contact Maria Maguire.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION – Your children and grandchildren, ages 4 to 12, will want to join us for St. Peter’s Vacation Bible School, June 4-8, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. We’ll have a whole week of fun studying the Fruits of the Spirit from Galatians, God’s love, and how that love blooms inside us. Register at stpetersepiscopal.org/vbs2018, and contact Ann Babington at annbabington@gmail.com if you have questions.

YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION – Apply for the 2018-2019 Youth Council! The St. Peter’s Youth Council offers youth in grades 6 through 12 the opportunity to develop leadership skills and to have a voice in shaping their own ministry. Watch for the application release, coming soon. Contact Maria at mmaguire@stpetersepiscopal.org.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 22 - 29, 2018

Sunday	4/22		The Fourth Sunday of Easter
			Episcopal Visitation
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Bishop’s Forum – Undercroft
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist and Confirmation
Tuesday	4/24	12:15 p.m.	Woman’s Guild Lunch
		5:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday	4/25	1:00 p.m.	Searching for God in the Daily News
		5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
		6:00 p.m.	Young Adults Bible Study
Thursday	4/26	7:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		3:00 p.m.	Pursuing God
		6:00 p.m.	Choristers
		7:15 p.m.	Parish Choir
Friday	4/27	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
Sunday	4/29		The Fifth Sunday of Easter
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Rector’s Forum – Undercroft
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist/Youth Sunday
		4:00 p.m.	Choir Concert