

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 22, 2018
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II – 8:00 A.M.

The Service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Prelude: All Things Bright and Beautiful

arr. Susan E. Geschke

Bells: Jesus, Our Brother, Kind and Good

arr. David Angerman

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Sentences

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Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Collect for Purity

Priest: 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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

All: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

Lector: A Reading from The First Letter of John. (3: 16-24)

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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.**

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.**

Lector: For the unity of the church in Christ Jesus, that we may be one in Christ as Christ is one with God; and for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; George Wayne, our Bishop; Luke, Kelly and Ian, our clergy; and the members of our parish staff, that they may follow Christ as they seek to serve his church, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the apostolic mission of the church, that we may bring all humanity to the knowledge and love of God in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the diaconal ministry of the church, that we may serve one another in Christ's name, remembering especially the ministries of Episcopal City Mission, Magdalene St. Louis, Beyond Housing, and The Haven of Grace, and the people in need whom they each seek to serve, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all the blessings of this life, especially the marriage of Maggie Bland and Chris O'Connor, and for our parish youth being confirmed today, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all who need the love and power of Christ, especially Meg Fuller, Jimmy Grimmett, Barbara Morriss, Lorry Sharp and Alice Vosburgh, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all the saints in glory and all those whom we have known and loved who though dead are alive in Christ, especially Diane Barnes, Carol Glasgow and Betty Schmid, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: Grant, eternal God, that we who are made one with Jesus Christ in the power of his death and resurrection may show forth in our lives the love which proclaims us his disciples, that the world may believe in you and be saved, through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

We exchange the Peace at the altar rail after receiving Communion.

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PRAYER LIST

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

For Parishioners: Jimmy Grimmert 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.

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. Join us!

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@stpetersepisopal.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 stpetersepisopal.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