



HOLY EUCHARIST

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Celebrant: The Rev. Dirk C. Reinken (he/him)

Organist: Brit Montoro (they/them)

Welcome to St. Peter's Church! We are one congregation gathered in person and online to worship God in the beauty of holiness. We invite you to use the time before the service for quiet reflection and preparation for worship. Thank you also for silencing your cell phone while in church. Parts of this service may be live-streamed on our YouTube channel; the first seven rows are visible on camera. The closest restroom is located in the hall through the double doors at the front right of the church. An usher can help with directions.

All baptized Christians, of any denomination and of any age, are welcome to receive Communion at God's table. You may also request a blessing instead by crossing your arms over your chest. All Hymnal items are found in the red Hymnal 1982; numbers preceded by an "S" are found at the front of the Hymnal. All LEVAS hymns are found in the red and black Lift Every Voice and Sing II. All BCP items are found in the black Book of Common Prayer by page number. Items with an asterisk () are at the 10:00 am service only. Additional resources are found on our website: stpetersfreehold.org.*

Prelude*	“In the Garden” Brit Montoro, piano	C. Austin Miles
Processional*	“We plow the fields, and scatter the good seed”	Hymnal, #291
The Easter Acclamation		BCP, p.355
Hymn of Praise*	“Glory to God in the highest”	Hymnal, #S280
Collect of the Day	The Lord be with you. And also with you.	

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 Lesson 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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The Gradual

Psalm 98

At the 8:00 am service, the Psalm is said in unison. At the 10:00 am service, the refrain is sung by the Choir, and then repeated by the Congregation. The Psalm is said in unison, and the refrain is repeated once more at the conclusion.



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- 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 Lesson

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn*

“This is the day”

LEVAS, #219

The Gospel

John 15:9-17

Response: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

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

At the conclusion of the Gospel, all children through 6th grade are welcome to join us for Wiggle and Worship in the Hein Room above the Chapel. Parents and caregivers are also welcome. We return at the Peace.

Sermon

The Rev. Dirk C. Reinken, *Rector*

Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

Prayers of the People

Form VI

BCP, p. 392

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Offertory Anthem*

“God so loved the world”
St. Peter’s Choir

John Stainer

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth, believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Sanctus*

Hymnal, #S129

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Fraction Anthem*

Hymnal, #S154

All baptized Christians of any age are welcome to receive Communion. Please follow guidance from the usher on when to leave your pew for Communion. If needed for mobility reasons, Communion can be brought to you—simply tell an usher. Gluten-free hosts are available if needed.

Communion Anthem*

“Earth and All Stars”
King’s Peal

David N. Johnson
arr. Timothy Shepard

Communion Hymn*

“This is my Father’s world”

Hymnal, #651

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

The Blessing & Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Processional*

“Earth and all stars”

Hymnal, #412

Postlude*

“Improvisation on *Earth and All Stars*”
Brit Montoro, organ

David N. Johnson
arr. Brit Montoro