

The Confession, Absolution, and Peace

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Offertory Anthem*

“O Christ, you reign in splendor robed”
St. Peter’s Choir
Genevieve Glen & Colin Mawby

O Christ, you reign in splendor robed, with strength and pow’r belted. When you arose in glory clothed the clouds of evil melted. Your cloak of shame shines brilliant now: the crown of thorns flames on your brow, pure fire from cold ore smelted. Firm stands your throne forever more. The heav’ns and earth acclaim you. The seas rise up with mighty roar and sov’rign ruler name you. All peoples come from west and east; they flock, the greatest and the least, one savior to proclaim you. Your house abounds with holiness, and love beyond all measure. We come in all our lowliness to offer all we treasure. Through word and bread, make us your own; in flesh and spirit yours alone, your glory our true pleasure.

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer A

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Sanctus*

Hymnal, #S129

The Lord’s Prayer

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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 Hymn*

“Rejoice, the Lord of life ascends”

Hymnal, #222

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing & Dismissal

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Processional*

“Crown him with many crowns”

Hymnal, #494

Postlude*

“Diademata”
Brit Montoro, organ

Desiree Hines

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HOLY EUCHARIST

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 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*

“March Petite”
Brit Montoro, organ

Gordon Young

Processional*

“Hail the day that sees him rise”

Hymnal, #214

The Easter Acclamation

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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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

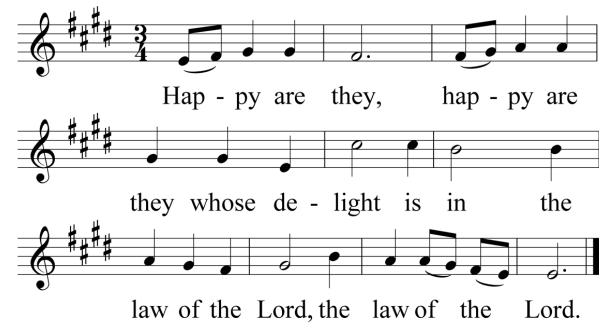
In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

The Gradual

Psalm 1

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 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Second Lesson

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

Sequence Hymn*

“See the Conqueror mounts in triumph”

Hymnal, #215

The Gospel

John 17:6-19

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no

longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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. T. James Hargrove, *Priest Associate*

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

The leader of the prayers begins

God of our salvation, hope of all the ends of the earth, we pray:

Thy kingdom come.

That we may know the day when swords will be beat into plowshares as the world come to know Jesus as the Prince of Peace, especially for those in the armed forces and places of conflict, we pray:

Thy kingdom come.

That all who are estranged and without hope may be brought near in the blood of Christ, we pray:

Thy kingdom come.

That the Church may be one in serving and proclaiming the Gospel, we pray:

Thy kingdom come.

That we may be bold to speak the word of God while you stretch out your hand to save, we pray:

Thy kingdom come.

That all the faithful, may be generous in giving, faithful in serving, and bold in proclaiming, we pray:

Thy kingdom come.

That *N. N.* who celebrate their birthdays, may be filled with gift of life abundant given in Jesus and know grace, peace, and joy, we pray:

Thy kingdom come.

That the Church may welcome and support all whom God calls to faith, especially *N. N.*, preparing for Baptism, and *N. N.*, preparing for confirmation, we pray:

Thy kingdom come.

That all who serve the Gospel may be kept in safety while your word accomplishes its purpose, we pray:

Thy kingdom come.

That *N. N.*, and all who suffer; and that all those who have died may know the comfort and glory of the Gospel, we pray:

Thy kingdom come.

That the day may come when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, we pray:

Thy kingdom come.