

Easter at Saint Peter's

The Seventh Sunday of Easter



Sunday, June 1, 2025 10:30 in the morning



THE HOLY EUCHARIST The Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday, June 1, 2025

Kindly enter the worship space quietly and reverently, so that all those seeking stillness may find it. We invite you, too, into a time and space of holy stillness. The following prayers are provided to assist you in your preparation for worship.

<u>A Prayer for Quiet Confidence</u>

O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, and that in quietness and in confidence we shall find our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the Spirit of Grace and Supplication

O Almighty God, you pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

CORONATION

"All hail the power of Jesus' name!"

The Hymnal, 450

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

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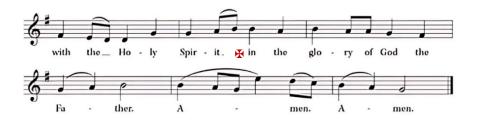
The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

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THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**





THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Chanted

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Please kneel for the Collect.

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**.

Please be seated for the First Reading.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Acts 16:16-34

A reading from Acts.

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praving and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open. he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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



The Lord is King; let the earth re'joice; | let the multitude of the isles be'glad. ||



Clouds and darkness are round about ' him, | righteousness and justice are the foundations of his ' throne. ||

- A fire goes before ' him | and burns up his enemies on every ' side. ||
- His lightnings light up the 'world; | the earth sees it and is a 'fraid. ||
- The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the ' Lord, | at the presence of the Lord of the whole ' earth. ||
- The heavens declare his righteous ' ness, | and all the peoples see his ' glory. ||
- Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false ' gods! | Bow down before him, all you ' gods. ||
- Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah re'joice, | because of your judgments, O'Lord. ||
- For you are the Lord, most high over all the ' earth; | you are exalted far above all ' gods. ||

The Lord loves those who hate ' evil; | He preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the ' wicked. ||

Light has sprung up for the ' righteous, | and joyful gladness for those who are true ' hearted. ||

Rejoice in the Lord, you ' righteous, | and give thanks to his holy ' Name. ||

THE EPISTLE

A reading from the Revelation to John.

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words: "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

Please stand for the Gradual Hymn and Holy Gospel.

The Gradual Hymn	SURSUM CORDA
"Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest"	The Hymnal, 306

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:20-26

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

▶ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend David Couper, The Supply Priest

Please stand for the Nicene Creed.

THE NICENE CREED

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. (please bow or genuflect) 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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 \mathbf{X} of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please kneel for the Prayers.

Let us pray

Silence

Lord, we thank you that we have broken free from sin and death through your Son. Just as Paul and Silas were set free from prison, and rejoiced in the conversion of the jailer, so must we repay the action of your Son by bringing others to follow your way and love as he loves us. Restore in us the zeal to know you better and continue in the path of your disciples.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Channel the holiness and the mission of your Church, Lord, into a witness to the world of how faith can and does make a difference to the lives of people today. Let the principles of your Church shine out in our mission and the practices of the Church reflect your glory. Create in our church community, we pray, a real sense of hope and a passion for sharing it.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

The world is aching in its need for that peace only you can give, for a restored relationship with you, which your Son has made possible. Open ears and hearts in lands near and far, including our own, so that transformation can begin for some, continue for others. And wherever there is depression and oppression, we ask, Lord, that spirits can be lifted and restrictions on liberty removed. We pray especially at this time for the people of Ukraine, Pakistan, and the Middle East.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**.

In our own community we pray for Bishop Whitmore, Sister Charis, Suzie, Audra, Nancy, Thomas, Elizabeth, Brianna, Lisa, Gail, Diane, Bill, and William.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**.

We hold up to you, compassionate Lord, the names of those who are suffering through illness or loneliness at this time, remembering Gail. Show your mercy and love through the ministry of those who patiently care.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**.

As we remember those who have died and are now at peace with you, may we keep them in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. Strengthen us all in the task of supporting those who grieve, so that hurt fades and fond memories remain.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

Please stand for the Peace.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

See the Parish Announcements included with this leaflet.

ENGAGE WITH US

Using QR codes is an easy way for you to register as a visitor, send in prayer requests, or make a donation. All you have to do is:

- 1. Open the camera app on your smartphone.
- 2. Point the viewfinder at the QR code.
- 3. Click the link that pops up.
- 4. Fill in the secure online form.

VISITORS

PRAYER REQUESTS

DONATIONS







THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

ST. JOAN

"Christ is the world's true Light"

The Hymnal, 542

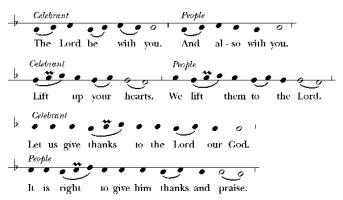
Please stand for Orate Fratres and the Great Thanksgiving.

THE ORATE FRATRES

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

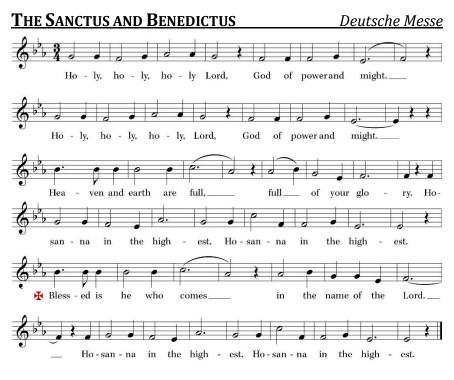
May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Father 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:



The people kneel.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

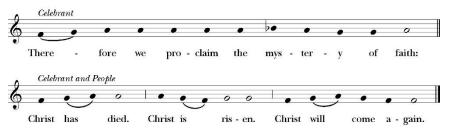
<u>Eucharistic Prayer A</u>

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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." \clubsuit

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. \mathbf{x}



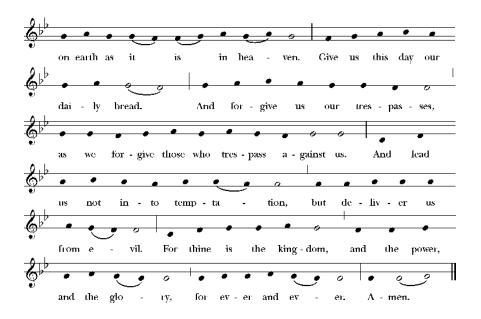
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say, Our Fa - ther, who art in hal - low \mathbf{ed} hea - ven, thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be be done.

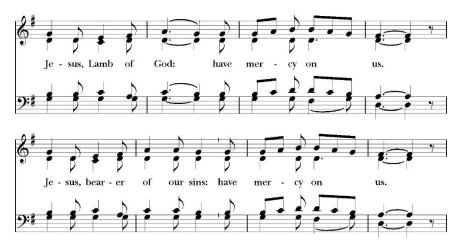


THE FRACTION

Please observe a moment of holy silence.

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THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. We invite you to pray the following prayer silently before receiving Communion.

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT

All baptized Christians regardless of denomination are invited to come to the altar rail and receive the Holy Sacrament. Those who are unbaptized are encouraged to come to the rail and receive a blessing. Should you wish to receive a blessing, indicate this by folding your arms across your chest.

We invite you to pray the following prayer silently after receiving Communion.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament has left for us a memorial of your passion: Grant us, we pray, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of your redemption; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

Please be seated for the Post-Communion Hymn.

THE POST-COMMUNION HYMN

THE THIRD TUNE

"I heard the voice of Jesus say"

The Hymnal, 692

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Please kneel for the Post-Communion Prayer.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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.

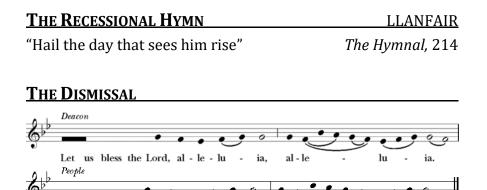
THE EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen**.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Amen**.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen**.

And the blessing of God Almighty, 承 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen**.



We invite you to pray the following prayer silently before exiting the pew.

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Grant, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard today with our outward ears, may, through your grace, be grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE POSTLUDE

Thanks be

Please join us in the Parish Hall for a time of fellowship and coffee.

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