



# St. Peter Episcopal Church

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*Bringing Hope to the Hopeless  
Feeding the Body and Spirit  
Making God Available to All*

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*Third Sunday of Easter*

*Year B*

April 18th, 2021

Jesus Christ  
Head of the Church

Every Baptized Member  
Ministers of the Church

The Rev. Peter W. Nielsen III  
Rector

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.  
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# Holy Eucharist

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## Liturgy of the Word

### Entrance Rite

*At the sound of the bell, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.*

*Please remember that all music is instrumental only during this time due to the pandemic.*

**Processional Hymn**          Christ is alive! Let Christians sing          #182

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.*

*When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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.

### **Collect of the Day**

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

### **The Collect of the Day**

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**First Reading** (*read by Pat Van Allen*)

Acts 3: 12-19

*All sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

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

## Psalm

*Remain seated.*

**Psalm 4** (Lead by John Korb)

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*Cum invocarem*

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?”
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; \*  
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying,  
“Oh, that we might see better times!” \*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

**Second Reading** (*Read by June Lencl*)

1 John 3:1-7

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as



**Nicene Creed**

*All stand.*

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.

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 of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Prayers of the People** *(Lead by Pat Hazeltine)*

*All remain standing.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace; especially Joseph, our President, Michael, our Governor, and all those who hold positions of leadership in this and foreign lands.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For *Justin*, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, and for *Mark, Arthur & William* our Bishops; and *Peter* our Priest, for all bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

We pray for all who serve in our Armed Forces, especially, Bill, Brandon, Charles, David, Jacob, James, Sam, Curtis, Drew, Mikaela, Lexi, Daniel, Zachary, Mark, Camren, Ryan, Dylan, and Dean.

We lift in prayer those in our community that suffer from illness, or incapacity, especially Jean, Chuck, Janet, Ruby, David, Devyn, Bennett, Avery, Connie, Susan, Ryan, Carol, and Chris.

In our parish cycle of prayer we remember the Balog Family.



Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom; especially we pray for the repose of the souls of Tiffany Jo Nelson & Carol Jackson.

*Silence*

We prayerfully remember today James & Nettie Weidig in whose memory the Altar flowers are given.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

## **Remembrance Collect**

O loving God, your martyr bishop Alphege of Canterbury suffered violent death when he refused to permit a ransom to be extorted from his people: Grant that all pastors of your flock may pattern themselves on the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep; and who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant says*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **Peace**

*All stand.*

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

*From your pews the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

## **Offertory Instrumental Music**

**Doxology**

*“Praise to God”*

**Hymnal 380 verse 3**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

*All remain standing.*

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

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 Pascal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sins 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:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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."

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

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 Celebrant then continues*

As our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those

who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance the Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*Because in this time many of us are unable to be together to receive the Blessed Sacrament, please join me in the following prayer and know the grace of God's love for you.*

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion following the instructions below.*

- *Please keep your masks on at all times.*
- *When exiting your pews allow adequate time and spacing for social distancing. Please proceed down the center isle and return to your pew by way of the outer isles. If you are seated on an outer aisle please go to the back of the church and approach for Communion by way of the center aisle.*
- *Please sanitize your hands before receiving allowing them to thoroughly dry.*
- *The Sacrament will be administered in “one kind” at the base of the stairs to the Choir. The host will be dropped into you open hands by the Celebrant without making contact with your hands.*
- *Upon receiving the Blessed Sacrament, as you begin to return to your seat, simply lift your mask to ingest the host, and immediately put your mask back in place.*
- *Proceed back to your pew being mindful to always provide social distancing of not less than six feet. Thank you.*

## **Post Communion Hymn**

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

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*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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.

## **Announcements & Special Blessings**

*Announcements may be made at this point in the service.*

## **Final Blessing**

*The priest blesses the people.*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## **Recessional Hymn**

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

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## **Dismissal**

*Priest*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia

*People*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## About the Remembrance Collect

Born in 954, Alphege (or Aelfheah) gave his witness in the troubled time of the second wave of Scandinavian invasion and settlement in England. After serving as a monk at Deerhurst, and then as Abbot of Bath, he became in 984, through Archbishop Dunstan's influence, Bishop of Winchester. He was instrumental in bringing the Norse King Olaf Tryggvason, only recently baptized, to King Aethelred in 994 to make his peace and to be confirmed at Andover.

Transferred to Canterbury in 1005, Alphege was captured by the Danes in 1011. He refused to allow a personal ransom to be collected from his already over-burdened people. Seven months later he was brutally murdered, despite the Viking commander Thorkell's effort to save him by offering all his possessions except his ship for the Archbishop's life.

The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle relates that the Danes were "much stirred against the Bishop, because he would not promise them any fee, and forbade that any man should give anything for him. They were also much drunken ... and took the Bishop, and led him to their hustings, on the eve of the Saturday after Easter ... and then they shamefully killed him. They overwhelmed him with bones and horns of oxen; and one of them smote him with an axe-iron on the head; so that he sunk downwards with the blow. And his holy blood fell on the earth, whilst his sacred soul was sent to the realm of God."