

Rejoice!

Easter



SUNDAY, MARCH 31
SUNRISE SERVICE at 6:30 AM

HOLY COMMUNION

Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper as instituted by Jesus the night before He died. In keeping with 1 Corinthians 11:26-29, we ask everyone seeking communion to examine themselves by asking:

Am I sorry for my sins and desire forgiveness?

Do I believe that Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness?

Do I believe that I receive the true body and blood of Christ with the bread and wine?

Do I desire, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sinful ways?

All who trust in these words of Christ, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," who share our confession of faith, and can answer "Yes!" to the questions above, are invited to join us in this celebration!

If you choose not to commune with us, we invite you and any children who have not yet received communion instruction to come forward to receive a blessing. To communicate that you want a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms when you come forward. For those who prefer, we offer grape juice and gluten-free wafers. Grape juice is in the center of the communion trays, and you can ask for a gluten-free wafer when you come forward.

Our worship assistants and ushers are available to bring communion to those who are unable to come to the rail. To indicate that you need this service, please speak to one of our team members with the blue-colored lanyards before communion, and they will make sure to bring it to you.

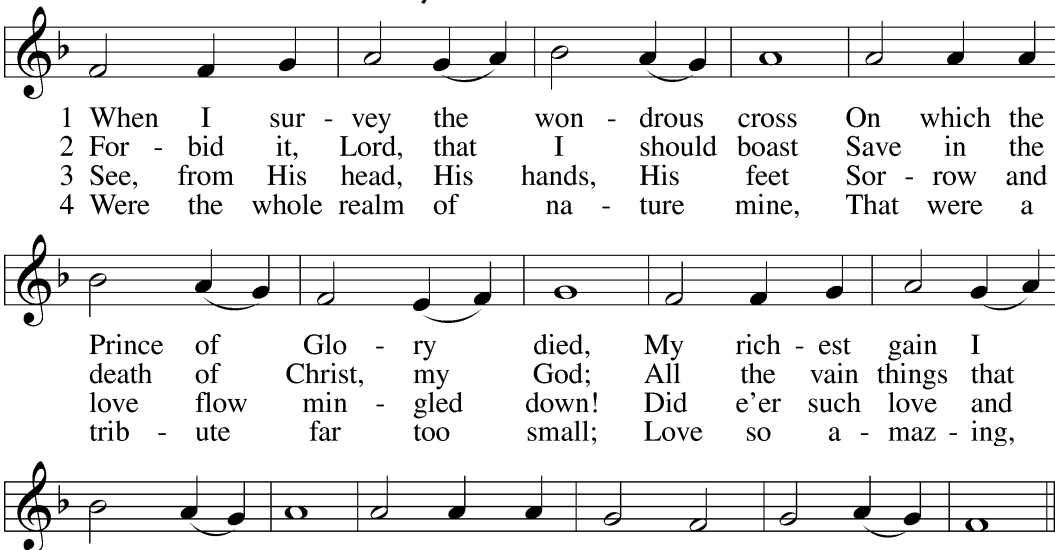
*Please speak with a Pastor before the service
if you have questions regarding communion.*

Please enter in quiet reverence as we anticipate the Easter celebration.

Welcome

Please stand

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a

Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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Opening Sentences

Selections from Exodus 15, Romans 6, and John 3:16

- P** Throughout Lent, we have been following the story of the Israelites as Moses led them out of captivity in Egypt. This is a mirror of our salvation through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. As Moses and the Israelites praised the Lord after being freed from slavery, so we echo their words as Christ frees us from the burden of sin and death.
- P** I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted.
- C** **Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea.**
- P** The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

- C** He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.
- P** Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea.
- C** Your right hand, Lord, shattered the enemy.
- P** Who among the gods is like you, Lord?
- C** Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?
- P** In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed.
- C** In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling.
- P** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
- C** that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- P** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?
- C** We were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.
- P** For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.
- C** Our old self was crucified with him so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.
- P** Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.
- C** So we are also dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus!

Please be seated

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

- 1 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness,
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.
- 2 'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ has burst His prison
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun has risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From His light, to whom is giv'n
Laud and praise undying.
- 4 For today among His own
Christ appeared, bestowing
His deep peace, which evermore
Passes human knowing.
Neither could the gates of death
Nor the tomb's dark portal
Nor the watchers nor the seal
Hold Him as a mortal.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt. Text: Public domain

Confession and Absolution

P As we come together in the darkness of this morning, it is a present reminder of the darkness in our world and in our own souls, the darkness that led our Lord Jesus to willingly lay down His life for us. Together we confess:

C **Lord Jesus, our Redeemer, we come before You and acknowledge the darkness that still maintains a foothold in our lives and is evidenced in our thoughts, words, and actions. Our lives do not always bear witness to the victorious power of Your resurrection. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us by the power of Your Spirit, so that we may walk in Your ways and reveal Your resurrection love to the world. Amen.**

P People of God, Jesus Christ, who died and was buried on Good Friday, was found to be alive on Sunday, and He continues to live among us. Because He rose from the dead, leaving the grave and the tomb empty, in Him we are freed from the slavery of sin and now walk in newness of life. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of our redeeming and resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, and with His power and authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

5 Alleluia! Now we cry
To our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars
Of the tomb's dark portal.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness!

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Please stand

Holy Gospel *Luke 24:1–12*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Sermon

Pastor Tim Carter

He's Risen, He's Risen

*Please stand for the last stanza of the following hymn in recognition of the doxology
(Praise to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).*



1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
△ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;

He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.

Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:

And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

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Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated

Communion

I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

5 He lives to silence all my fears;
 He lives to wipe away my tears;
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;
 He lives all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Please stand

Dismissal

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Easter Acclamation

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And

praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!

He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our

clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES: “What About This” *Starts the worship weekend of April 7*

In this series, we explore topics that tend to raise many questions for those in and out of the church. For many of these topics, the church finds itself at odds with the culture around it, and when discussed, these topics become battlefields for us. Each week, we will seek out answers from the Scriptures on these topics, allowing Jesus to guide our hearts, minds, and conversations.



YOUTH MINISTRY

TREK Urban Air (7th-8th graders): Sun, Apr 7 at Urban Air in Franklin.

Limited spots available. Student cost is \$20—please bring it with you. We meet at St. Peter’s at 2:45pm, depart at 2:55pm. Return to St. Peter’s at 6pm for pickup. More details to come via email. Questions, contact Mindy Chapple at mchapple@stpeters-columbus.org

Family Discussions (7th-12th graders and their families): Meet in the Summit on the first Sunday of the month from 9:30-10:30am during the school year. Through a faith-based lens, family discussions focus on relevant topics impacting our youth. Sun, Apr 7 Topic: Words.

Dessert Banquet Fundraiser: Sun, Apr 13 at St. Peter’s, 7-9pm. Join us as we celebrate all God is doing in Youth Ministry. This fundraiser banquet is for mission trips and the upcoming 2025 LCMS National Youth Gathering. It is a student-led event. Youth will share personal testimonies, lead worship, and serve various desserts.



KIDS MINISTRY

Kids Camp June 10-13. Registration is now open at stpeterscolumbus.org/events

Spending four days at camp this summer is an awesome way to help your child explore God’s Word in new ways and discover what it means that life with Jesus is a party, all while having a blast and making new friends!

Camp is an updated name for the same high quality VBS style experience your family knows and loves from kids ministry at St. Peter’s. Camp will be open to potty trained three-year-olds through current fifth graders. All camp participants will receive a T-shirt.

Quest Groups (birth-6th graders) are held on Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30 in the Kids Ministry hallway. **Quest Groups will not meet Easter weekend.**

This month our littles are learning that Jesus loves everyone. Our big kids are learning how to live with kindness so they can show others how valuable they are.

If you have any questions, contact Desiree Shaw at dshaw@stpeters-columbus.org.

WORSHIP: The Weekend after Easter

First Communion Service, Wednesday, April 3 at 7pm

Contemporary: Saturday, April 6 at 6pm

(We will not have a Night of Praise worship service in The Den on Saturday, April 6)

Traditional: Sunday, April 7 at 8am, with communion

Contemporary: Sunday, April 7 at 10:45am

Traditional: Wednesday, April 10 at 7pm with communion



Join us on Sunday, April 14 at 3:30pm to enjoy a concert featuring St. Peter's two handbell groups—the Redeemed Ringers and JuBELLation. They will perform from the front of the Sanctuary, offering a never-before-seen view of the action. The musical selections will include sacred music, with a few fun secular pieces as well.



Parenting in a Tech World, *Pastor John and Pastor Adam, Old Gym*

This Sunday Morning Bible Group will highlight the positive opportunities technology offers to help children learn and develop their skills to prosper and stay safe as they engage the wider world around them. Participants will be given straightforward knowledge, strategies, and advice on how to use technology to develop positive relationships, how to keep them safe, and how to use it for the growth of God's Kingdom.

Judges, *Pastor Tim, Room 2164*

The book of Judges depicts the life of Israel in the Promised Land from the death of Joshua to the start of the kings. On the one hand, it is an account of the Israelites' frequent faithlessness which brought God's punishment. On the other hand, it tells of Israel appealing to the Lord in times of crisis which moved Him to raise up leaders (judges) through whom He threw off foreign oppressors and restored the land to peace. Join Pastor Tim as he shares how this relates to us today.

Torah Club, *Kelsey Spagnuolo, Room 5108*

Have you ever been confused reading through the Old Testament because of the cultural gap between then and now? Join Kelsey Spagnuolo as she will help you gain insights into the Scriptures from a Jewish context. Torah Club will give you tools you can use to fully understand the Bible in its original historical framework. We are currently covering "Unrolling the Scroll."

Contact Pastor Adam at arodriguez@stpeters-columbus.org for more info about these Groups.



St. Peter's & Love Chapel Community Food Drive

Hunger is real in our community and our local food pantries are seeing an increase in need. More people are coming in looking for food, and some have never sought assistance before. The community-wide goal is to collect 200,000 pounds of food or the monetary equivalent to purchase that food. To help with this collection, St. Peter's will have a donation box located in the church lobby and the main lobby beginning on April 6, 7 & 10 worship weekend.

These weekends will have a particular collection focus:

April 6, 7 & 10: applesauce, peanut butter and granola bars/breakfast bars

April 13, 14 & 17: breakfast cereal boxes, pop tarts, oatmeal packets

April 20, 21 & 24: canned fruit and vegetables

April 27, 28 & May 1: pasta and sauce



Saturday, April 27, starting at 7pm

Enjoy an evening of team trivia with questions from the 60s, 70s, and 80s.

Snacks and soft drinks will be provided. Prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. Sign up with your team of 4 to 8 people or as an individual and we can help you find a team. Sign up at: stpeterscolumbus.org/events or sign up via this QR code.

SERVING

Preacher: Pastor Tim Carter

Worship Leaders: Pastor Adam Rodriguez and Pastor John Cordrey

Organist: Lindsey Fugill

TO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

Call the prayer line at 812-372-1571 x2121.

Or, submit to stpeterscolumbus.org (contact us/prayer request form).

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Contemporary: 6 PM Saturdays Traditional: 8 AM Sundays

Contemporary: 10:45 AM Sundays Traditional: 7 PM Wednesdays



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