

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Lewes, Delaware

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant † Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*** THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL**

John 17:6–19

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **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

* Indicates the People stand, as able.

† Indicates the People may make the sign of the cross.

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.”

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jeffrey Austin Ross, *Rector*

* THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form III

Leader Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially (____) and those on our prayer list.
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed † (especially____) eternal rest.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions, then the Celebrant adds a concluding collect, the People respond Amen.

* THE PEACE

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

GREETING AND BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

All **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.**

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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." Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All **We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us †, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died † in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

*** THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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

All God's people are welcome to receive the Holy Sacrament, including children. Please notify an usher if you have difficulty coming forward and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

*** POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*** THE BLESSING**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*** THE DISMISSAL**

Leader Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The flowers on the altar are given by

Bonnie Osler and Brooke Hedge MJ and Brian Hughes
in memory of Frederic B. Osler and Elinor Ness in memory of Jane Maloney and Judy Hughes

CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 13

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Church School Year End Celebration
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Baptism
10:30 a.m. LIGHT Service
Noon Youth Group

Monday, May 14

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
7 p.m. A further Journey Men’s Class

Tuesday, May 15

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
10 a.m. Bible Study
7 p.m. Global Outreach

Wednesday, May 16

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
1:30 p.m. Centering Prayer
5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry
7 p.m. Stephen Ministry Facilitators
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Lectionary Readings: Acts 2:1–21; Psalm 104:25–35, 37; Romans 8:22–27; John 15:26–27, 16:4b15

Thursday, May 17

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist @ Cadbury
1 p.m. EfM
7 p.m. Adult Choir

Friday, May 18

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
7 p.m. Ely Silent Auction

Saturday, May 19

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
10 a.m. Eagle Scout Court of Honor
3 p.m. Wedding
5 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 20

Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
8:30 a.m. Plant Sale
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. LIGHT Service
4 p.m. Delaware Women’s Chorus Concert
5 p.m. St. Peter’s Readers

Prayer List: Jill Stevens, Mary Beth Crafts, Dorothy Crowley, Dot Sophos, Gabriel Loeser, Tim Dunham, Eleanor Huber, Packard, Jo Miller-Marcin, Jason Somerset, Bill Peterson, Jim Isaminger, Stephen Leaders, Ministers and Care Receivers, Gibson Alula McDade, Janina, Lois, Fred, Andy, Zach, Mary Beth, Kerri Layton, Perren, baby Evelyn, Paulette Evans, Pamela Martin, Mary Helms, Mike Clemmer, Harry Schoen, Barbara Black, Janet, Phil Kless, Mel Craig, Susan Robinson, Patrick Cooney, Cindy King, Betty Hill, Alan Steele, Maureen, Annmarie, Ginnie Holthaus, Stephen, Chris Lewis, Aber twins, Father Norm, Patty Bennett, Ralph Peters, Barbara Orton, David Boyce, Maggie Kilroy, George Gibson, Sharon Melson, Jack Colombo, Irvy Walls, Murray Archibald, Pamela Ann Kelly, Anna Anthony, Freda Burton, Gretchen, Douglas Miller, Bill & Sandra Strahosky, Alan Baines, Ronald Lewis, Richard Jundt, Chris C., Melanie Bradley, Patti Nicholson, Elaine Stone, Ted Moulinier, Barbara Fischer, Rev. John and Bev, Eleanor Jones, Tom G., Chris, Jen, Albert, Barbara, Louise, Phoenix, George, Lauren, Pete, Terry, Shelly C., Carmen Sockriter, Dakota Miller, Bill Eubank, Dave Diebolt, Deborah Blount, Sean Reick, Beth, Lisa Faust,

Parking Meters are in effect Now through October 14 from the hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Please Note: R & L Liquors will be opening early on Sundays. All cars must be removed by 10 a.m.. On Sundays meters adjacent to St. Peter's Square on Second and Market Streets are not enforced until 12:00 p.m.

Church School End of Year Celebration. Everyone is invited to our End of Year Celebration on the Patio at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 13. There will be games, prizes, and special refreshments. St. Peter's member, Tim Campbell, is bringing his traveling bee hives and will explain how the bees work together and make honey. Some surprises are on tap, too! All are welcome to join us.

Ely Choir Fundraiser: Here is why you should not miss the choir's May 18 **Silent Auction:** You might win a door prize. You might successfully bid on a nice item. BUT...if not, you will surely have a wonderful evening socializing while you enjoy light appetizers, beverages, and some piano music by Aimee Wiest. What a bargain for \$10 (in advance..\$15 at the door). Tickets at coffee hours today and in the office during regular hours. This is the final fundraiser in support of the choir's Ely Cathedral residency. Don't miss out!

A Further Journey: A Men's Spirituality Group. We will meet for the final time of the season on Monday, May 14, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the church building. All men are welcome to join us for this time of enriching conversations of honesty and spirituality with no judgment or criticism. Our discussion will begin with reflection on the connection between our spirituality and the natural world – based loosely on Chapters 1 and 2 of Matthew Fox's book, "The Hidden Spirituality of Men," which can be previewed on Amazon, though pre-reading is not necessary.

Global Mission Outreach next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 15 at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room. Anyone interested in mission and Outreach is invited to join the meeting.

Camp Arrowhead Benefit Golf Outing: The First Annual Camp Arrowhead Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, May 19, at the American Classic Golf Club behind the Pelican Shopping Center (ACME,

etc). Tee times will begin at 9:00 am. The goal is to raise seed money for a larger capital campaign in early 2019 to undertake needed improvements to the camp's infrastructure. Further details and registration forms are available on the camp's website -www.camparrowhead.net.

Annual Plant Sale. Spring is here at last! All you gardeners are probably looking over your gardens and making plans for improvement. Now is the time to dig up those crowded or unwanted plants and donate them to the St. Peters Plant Sale on Sunday, May 20. All types of plants are welcome along with garden items like pots, tools, vases, accessories and books. Donations can be left at the church on Friday or Saturday, May 18 or 19 prior to the sale. The sale begins at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday morning and ends at noon. This is an excellent chance to add that special plant or garden ornament to your 2018 garden. Volunteers to help with the sale are also needed. Contact Tracy Mulveny (302-370-0072 / tmulveny@comcast.net) to offer your services.

LIGHT Service Time for Summer. The LIGHT Service will begin at 10:15 a.m. for the summer beginning on Sunday, May 20 (and will continue at this time until September 9). Please join us for this multi-generational interactive worship service in the Parish Hall.

Be a Part of the St. Peter's **Button Tree**. We are starting a "Button Tree" project and if you'd like to be added to the Saint Peter's Church Family Tree, please bring in a small button (of any color) to the office or give to Lorri on a Sunday. We are hoping to receive one button to represent each parishioner. Bill Dec, one of St. Peter's talented artists, has painted a tree and we will be pasting all of the buttons on it to make our tree come to full bloom. We hope you will join us in this fun project! See Lorri during coffee hour for info.

10 a.m. Coffee Hours Hosts are needed for the following dates: May 27; June 3, 10, 17, and 24. If you are able to help for any of the dates, please contact Trish Baines at 644-2356 or miketrishbaines@gmail.com

Altar Flowers: We have spaces available for flowers on the altar on through the end of the year. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office at 645-8479. Arrangements are \$35 each and maybe given in memory of, in thanksgiving for or in celebration of loved ones.

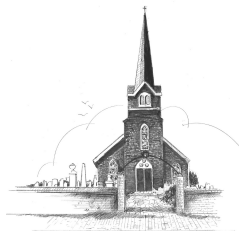
Story Time. We will offer Story Time at 9:30 a.m. during the Summer beginning Sunday, June 3. Drop your children off at 9:30 for a different story each week. Storytellers and volunteers most welcomed! We will end by 10:10 a.m. to allow you to participate in the LIGHT Service.

Juvenile Expungement Clinic: The Office of Defense Services, in partnership with the Southern Delaware Alliance for Racial Justice, Pathways to Success, and First State CAA, will host a juvenile expungement clinic in Georgetown on Wednesday, June 20, from 10 a.m to 3:30 p.m. Contrary to popular belief, a person still has a juvenile record even if the charges are dropped. Another misconception is that a person's juvenile record is sealed when they turn 18. That is not true in Delaware. A juvenile record imposes numerous roadblocks to future endeavors, including applying to schools and jobs, and gaining stable housing. Helping these individuals get a fresh start is a major contribution to their futures. Pre-registration is mandatory. The deadline to register is May 15. For questions, please contact Alanna Farber, the Office of Defense Service's Expungement and

Post-Disposition Coordinator, at (302) 577-5120 or Alanna.Farber@state.de.us. Please pass this information on to anyone you think might find it useful. We are trying to reach as broad an audience as possible in a short amount of time. Thanks for your help!

Article Submissions for Newsletter and Weekly Bulletin/FYI: In an effort to make our publications more attractive and timely, the following are guidelines for submitting articles and announcements. Please note that due to space constraints, we reserve the right to edit and/or cut down articles that have been submitted.

- Dates Due: Keys Newsletter: 15th of the month and Sunday Bulletin/Weekly FYI: Wednesdays at Noon
- Articles: All items must be typed and sent in via email. Keys Newsletter: Articles should be no more than 300 words. Photos should also be submitted when appropriate from events and services. Sunday Bulletin/Weekly FYI: Short, concise information should be listed only (150 words max). A paragraph is sufficient to communicate when, where, what, who, why.
- Consistency: Times should be in the following format: 4 p.m.; 4:30 p.m. Days and months should be spelled out not abbreviated. Dates should be listed as a number with month first followed by day: June 25 not June 25th
- Publishing: Articles will be published no more than 1 month in advance of event. Articles will run for 2 consecutive weeks. After that, they will be cut down as space allows. "Save the Date" items will run for 2 weeks in the bulletin and can be listed two months prior to the event. The article will be advertised with complete information and will run for 2 weeks prior to the reservation deadline. Events will be listed in the weekly calendar and posted on the church's calendar on our website.



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