



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Lewes, Delaware

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Saturday, May 18, 2019, 5:00pm, 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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Acts 11:1–18

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

*** GOSPEL**

John 13:31–35

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

* Indicates the People stand, as able.

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the crowds so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

THE SERMON

* THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form IV

Clergy Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Leader Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**
Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**
Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**
Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**
Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**
Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died ✝, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence.* Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**
The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect to which 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

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D

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, Wayne, our own 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** *It is our custom, for those who wish, to hold hands during this 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 Celebrant offers a blessing, the People respond Amen.*

From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" is added to the dismissal.

*** THE DISMISSAL**

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prayer List: Allie Ashbrook, Jeff B., Mike Baines, Ted Barnett, Barbara Black, Melanie Bradley, Leo Bravo, Michael Cahoon, Maggie Caprozio, Barbara Carrow, Owen Cheevers, Carole Christensen, Mary Ellen Cleaver, Bill Cowan, Mary Beth Crafts, Dorothy Crowley, Bob Dambrosio, Debbi Dignan, The Rev. George Edwards, Father Norm, Fr. Ron Gerber, Tana Gilmore, Peter Grant, Fran, Joan Hagerty, Kathy Hartman, Kathy Harvatt, Bill, Mary Helms, Bruce Heisler, mBetty Hill, Eleanor Huber, Susie Hudson, George Huguenin, Carolyn Jones, Richard Jundt, Anna Maria, Karen Kohn, Andy, Zach, Mary Beth, Christine Lay, Kerri Layton, Ellyn LaPointe, Robert Levesque, Marj Lewis, Nancy Lewis, Ann Lynn Martin, Wendy Gallamore Martin, Gibson Alula McDade, Mac McMahan, Gerry Miller, Jo Miller-Marcin, Dayton Moore, Rob Morrow, Maggie Moulinier, Nikolette Nolte, Karen Notess, Barbara Pearson, Pat Pagano, Ted Pawlik, Bill Peterson, Bonnie Riley, Bishop Gene Robinson, Patti Rogers, Jim Ross, Lloyd Seifert, Jr., Jill Shann-Biddle, Janet Simpson Scott, Beth Smith, Jason Somerset, Dot Sophos, Andrew Spires, Jill Stevens, Elaine Stone, Rebekah Sweeney, Maggie Thompson, Jeffrey Thomas, Patty Warden, Jim Whipple, Marla W., Allyson, Diane, Fran, George, Gerry, J. & K., Janine, Fr. Jim, John, Kathy and family, Kayte, Lisa, Mary Ann, Pat, Patrick, Richard, Haydeé,

Deaths: Marcia Tenney

The flowers at the altar today are given by Bonnie Osler and Brook Hedge in memory of Frederic B. Osler and Eleanor H. Ness, and by Mary Alice and John Martus in loving memory of the Nicholson and Martus families and in thanksgiving for public safety first responders.

NEW Bible study opportunity! The Mission & Outreach Committee is delighted to announce that the Bible Study groups from St. Peter's, St. George's AME and Friendship Baptist Church are undertaking a three week mutual engagement with one another's groups. As many as are able from each group will meet on Tuesday the 28th at St. Peter's. This is part of the Mission Committee's response to the results of the Mission Summit held last fall.

VOLUNTEERS Still Needed! We have a great set of speakers lined up for the Summer Spirituality Series this summer and we are looking for volunteers to serve as hosts. The dates we need hosts are: June 6, 13, 20, and 27; July 18 and 25, and August 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. For more information, or to sign up as a host, please contact the office at 645-8479. It is through the efforts of our volunteers that this series has continued to be so successful. Thank you so much!

It's UTO time! Please take one of the UTO boxes or envelopes located in the pews home with you. You are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. Our campaign will end the weekend of May 25th - May 26th. No donation is ever too small!

St Peter's Readers-Celebrating 20 years of sharing readers' love of literature- will meet on Sunday, May 19, at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall Conference Room. Our book this month is a work of fiction: Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller. All readers are welcome. Come when you can leave when you must.

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 19

8 am Holy Eucharist
9:15 Godly Play/SPY
10 am Holy Eucharist
10:15 am Iona Service
5 pm St. Peter's Readers

Monday, May 20

8:30 am Morning Prayer
9 am Daughters of the King
10:30 am Prayer Shawls
12:30 pm Art Show Committee
4 pm FAC

Tuesday, May 21

8:30 am Morning Prayer
10 am Bible Study

Wednesday, May 22

8:30 am Morning Prayer
9:30 am Clergy Group
1:30 pm Centering Prayer
7:30 pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday, May 23

8:30 am Morning Prayer
10 am Holy Eucharist at The Moorings
1 pm EfM
7 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 24

8:30 am Morning Prayer

Saturday, May 25

8:30 am Morning Prayer
5 pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 26

8 am Holy Eucharist
10 am Holy Eucharist
10:15 am Iona Service

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

or John 5:1-9

For our Visitors and Newcomers

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today. We invite you to explore our many opportunities for prayer, service, education, and fellowship. These can be found on our website (stpeterslewes.org), or you can follow us on Facebook.

We invite you to tell us a little bit about yourself by filling out this form, tearing it out of the bulletin, and placing it in the offering plate, or giving it to an usher.

We can also be reached via email: kmallon@stpeterslewes.org

Today's Date _____ Which Service did you attend? _____

Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

email address: _____

Would you like to be added to our weekly email address? Yes No

Would you like to be added to our monthly newsletter email list? Yes No

Would you like more information about becoming a member? Yes No

Is there anything else you think we should know?

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S CHURCH

- Restrooms are available in the parish hall, an usher can give you directions.
- This bulletin may be downloaded from www.stpeterslewes.org by selecting "Worship & Music" then clicking "Sunday Bulletin" to obtain a PDF copy. WiFi in the church building is accessed by connecting to "StPeterChurch-guest", enter password "Episcopal".
- All God's people are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church, including children. Ushers will help direct you to the communion rail. If it is difficult for you to come to the rail, please let an usher know and we will gladly bring Communion to you in your pew.
- The presence, sounds, and activities of children are welcome in our liturgy. Activity packets for children's use in the pews are located at the entrance of the church, a rocking chair is also available for parents. The nursery is located on the lower level of our Parish Hall and is available from 9:30 to 11:40 a.m. Godly Play is our Sunday School for children ages 3rd to 5th grade on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. September – May on the lower level of our Parish Hall.
- If you need assistance with hearing devices, please notify a clergy person.
- If you are going through a difficult time and would like a Stephen Minister, please speak to one of the clergy.
- There is a portable defibrillator located on the wall in the stairwell that runs between the Absalom Jones chapel and the music room. Please note that it is programmed to automatically call an ambulance if opened. The 911 address for the church is 200 Second Street.

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