

The Seventh Sunday of Easter



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania
May 17, 2026
10 a.m.

Gathering in Joy

Prelude: Petite Prière

Blanche Rozan (dates unknown)

Opening Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82)*, #603 When Christ was lifted from the earth

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Presider: 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.**

Listening for God's Word

The First Reading - *Acts 1:6-14*

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 (*Please use the Book of Common Prayer*)

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The Epistle - *1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11*

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.

Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82)*, #215 See the Conqueror mounts in triumph

The Gospel Reading -*John 17:1-11*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"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 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."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Barbara Ballenger

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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.

The Prayers of the People

adapted from *Glimpses of Glory*

The response to "Lord, may we know you" is **and the power of your resurrection**

The Presider ends with this prayer

In you is our hope, O Christ, who died and now is risen, and lives with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrating Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Rainbow Gold

Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)

The Presentation Hymn: Commonwealth Is God's Commandment

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship Prayer 3

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy

Norah Duncan

The musical score is written on three staves in G major and 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody starts on a G4 note. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are". The second staff starts with a measure rest labeled "5". The lyrics are: "full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The third staff starts with a measure rest labeled "9". The lyrics are: "Bless-ed is he wh@omes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The piece ends with a double bar line.

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The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for

all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with Peter, Philip, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Elevation:

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP 364

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

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

Norah Duncan



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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The Presider continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Communion Music: Lord of the Rainbow

Fela Sowande (1905-1987)

The Post-Communion Prayer

Presider and people together

**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.**

Sending Forth

The Blessing

Blessing Laurel Mosteller for her years of service to Godly Play ministry

Eucharistic Visitor (*occasional*)

Presider: In the name of the congregation of St. Peter's we send you forth bearing the gift of Holy Communion to...

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share in one bread and one cup.

When your birthday or anniversary is announced, please stand in your place and remain standing as we pray.

Birthdays:

Matt Moore 05/17
Chloe Sayer 05/17
Eileen Dooley 05/19
Danielle Hill 05/19
Kate Sayer 05/19
Jeannette Klarman 05/21

Anniversaries:

Ed & Donna Kulp 05/19

Birthdays & Anniversary Prayer

BCP 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

- Come celebrate our newcomers during our Welcome Luncheon following morning service. Gluten-free and vegetarian lunch options will be available.
- Parish Picnic: We will have Morning Prayer on Sunday, May 31 at 10 a.m. at Fort Washington Park. See the newsletter for more information on donations and directions.
- Consider donating to the food cupboard. Donations will be matched up to \$1,000 for the entire month of May, our third generous match offer.
- All are invited to participate in the annual Toll the Bells event on Friday, June 5 at 1 p.m. in the church. Join us as we make sounds of peace, as we work towards ending gun violence.
- Please submit the names of loved ones who have served in the military and/or are graduating by next Wednesday, May 20 to be included in the next Sunday's leaflet and blessing.
- For May Vestry highlights and April giving totals see the newsletter.
- Scan the QR code below to access the recent newsletter.



Closing Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982 (H82), #460 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Nancy Raabe (1954-)

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Presider & Preacher: *The Rev. Barbara Ballenger*

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Lectors: *Terita Reeve, Bob Hartung*

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