

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Glenside, Pennsylvania
May 11, 2025
10 a.m.

Gathering in Joy

Prelude: A Song of Melody - Clegg

Processional Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982*, #214 Hail the Day that Sees Him Arise

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Presider says to the people

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Listening for God's Word

The First Reading - *Acts 9:36-43*

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

Psalm 23 (*Please use the Book of Common Prayer*)

BCP 621

The Epistle - Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Gospel Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982, #645 The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

The Gospel Reading - John 10:22-30

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never

perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I 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.**

Prayers of the People, Glimpses of Glory

The response to *God of hope* is **fill us with joy and peace in believing.**

The Presider concludes with this prayer:

Loving God, we offer you our prayers, some in words, others written in our hearts. Break open our hearts, hear our prayers and continue to give us your light, Christ Jesus, this day and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please greet other members of the congregation with a sign of peace.

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

People: And also with you.

Celebrating Holy Communion

Please remember that intinction, dipping bread into wine, is offered on the left side of the circle as you face the altar, and sipping from the common cup is offered on the right side.

Offertory Anthem

The Presentation Hymn: *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, #88 **My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

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: *The Hymnal 1982*, #S125 **Holy, Holy, Holy**

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 (*Contemporary language*)

BCP 364

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.

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

Richard Proulx

Lamb of God Who takes a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on

us Lamb of God Who takes a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace

The Presider continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People

Communion Music: Prière - Henri Deshayes

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

May the Mighty God, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, take you into his protection, enfold you with his love, direct you on your journey; and the blessing God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Mother's Day Blessing

Mother God, who birthed the universe and us in it, bless all who fill the role of mother. We thank you for those who have given birth to us physically or spiritually or emotionally. We thank you for the mothers who have reared us, shaped us, held us, nurtured us, held us close and let us go. We pray for mothers whom we mourn because of death, brokenness, or alienation. We pray for mothers and would-be mothers who mourn the loss of children or the inability to bear children, or the hard choices they have had to make. We ask for your healing in our imperfect lives. Be with us this day, loving God, who entered our human life through a mother, and bless all who strive to embrace your way of love. **Amen**

A Litany of Farewell

Good Christian people, I bid you now pray for the saving presence of our Living Lord:

In this world,

All: Christ is risen.

In this Church,

All: Christ is risen.

In this community,

All: Christ is risen.

In the hearts of all faithful people,

All: Christ is risen.

But especially I bid you pray and give thanks now for Dori Meginley who is leaving our midst:

For expectations not met and grievances not resolved,

All: Lord, have mercy.

For wounds not healed and anger not dissolved,

All: Lord, have mercy.

For gifts not given and promises not kept,

All: Lord, have mercy.

And also, for this portion of your pilgrimage with these people in this place: For friendships made, celebrations enjoyed, and for moments of nurture,

All: Thanks be to God.

For wounds healed, expectations met, gifts given, promises kept,

All: Thanks be to God.

For bread and wine, Body and Blood,

All: Thanks be to God.

And so, to establish a home in another place with other members of the family of Christ,

All: Go in peace.

To continue the journey with new friends and new adventures,

All: Go in peace.

To minister in wisdom and experience, competence and compassion,

All: Go in peace.

With our faith in you, our hope for you and our love of you,

All: Go in peace.

The Lord watch between us while we are absent from one another. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Go in peace.

Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning (*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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Birthdays:

<i>Bridget Burlless</i>	<i>04/11</i>
<i>PJ Linke</i>	<i>04/11</i>
<i>Roger Miller</i>	<i>04/13</i>
<i>Stuart Blake</i>	<i>04/15</i>
<i>Timothy Voit</i>	<i>04/16</i>
<i>Kathleen Pearce</i>	<i>04/17</i>

Anniversaries:

<i>Charles & Jeanne Hannum</i>	<i>05/13</i>
<i>Bryan & Douglas Pneuma</i>	<i>05/14</i>

Birthday & 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

- **The Welcome Team is inviting the parish to honor our newcomers during the welcome luncheon next Sunday, May 18, following morning worship. *Special Announcement from Audrey Kipphut.***
- **There's still time to donate baby clothes to be given to the Nurse Family Partnership. Rev. Barb will bless them next Sunday, May 18.**
- **Save the Date: Our Parish Picnic is Sunday, June 1. More details to come.**
- **Special thanks to all those who volunteered, donated and attended our Celtic Concert yesterday. Special thanks to Audrey and Dave Kipphut for organizing the event, and Suzanne Teleha for coordinating our refreshments and kitchen.**

Closing Hymn: *The Hymnal 1982, #708 Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us*

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: Postludio Gioso - James Mansfield

Worship Ministers

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