

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024



St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Lakewood, Ohio

WELCOME TO SAINT PETER'S CHURCH!

*Livestreaming begins at 9:50 a.m. and the service at 10 a.m.
The service can be found on the Saint Peter's YouTube page at:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5r-XEvAg8xKiEl2jnl_s7g*

This leaflet contains the readings and outline for worship this morning.

NAME TAGS can be found at the end of every pew. PLEASE, wear one! Whether you've been attending here 50 years, or 50 minutes, it helps everyone get to know one another!

IF YOU'RE NEW this morning, please take a moment to fill out one of the little cards at the end of the pew rack and place it in the alms basin at the offering. Or, sign our guestbook by the tower door on your way out. We want to welcome you properly.

A WORD ABOUT OFFERINGS: Loose cash and coins put in our offering plates on Sundays are used to fund important ministries in the wider community. Your loose cash will go to the Outreach Partner of the Month. If you prefer that your cash offerings go to church operations, or if you wish a tax receipt, you must put your offerings in an envelope and supply your name. Envelopes for this purpose can be found at the end of every pew.

A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION: We offer bread* and wine during Holy Communion. We believe that we receive the full benefit of the sacrament in each kind. You are invited to receive the wine from the chalice by drinking. A second, smaller chalice is available for intinction; gently touch the wafer to the wine in the smaller chalice.

ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available for anyone who has difficulty hearing. They can be found on a small table by the tower door, or see one of the ushers.

RESTROOMS are located between the Church and the Chapel off the Narthex.

CHILDREN: All children are welcome to join Michelle Killin-Keith before worship in the Fellowship Narthex outside the Chapel for Christian Formation Classes. Children are also welcome to attend the service; activity sheets are available at the back of the church for your use. Children may use the carpet in the front of the church to participate in an activity and be part of the service.

COFFEE HOUR: Please linger after the service for coffee hour, which takes place outside on the plaza in good weather, or in the Narthex. Coffee, tea, and lemonade will be available for all.

** Gluten-free wafers are available – please alert the priest*

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Ministry of the Word

The Prelude Canon in D

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

The tower bell will toll the “Angelus” — three sets of three rings. Please stand.

(At 10 a.m. only)

The Entrance Hymn 518 Christ is made the sure foundation *Westminster Abbey*

The Liturgy of the Word

The service begins on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

The Opening Dialogue

(BCP)

Salutation

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Collect for Purity

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(At 8 a.m.) Gloria in excelsis

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(At 10 a.m.) Gloria in excelsis (Hymn S280)

Powell

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.*

The Lessons

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and

went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. (Acts 8:26-40)

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Congregation says (8 a.m.) and the choir sings (10 a.m.) the Psalm.

Psalm 22

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to
the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations.

- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down
in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.

Lector A Reading from the First Letter of John

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. *(I John 4:7-21)*

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(At 10 a.m. only)

Sequence Hymn 457 Thou are the Way, to thee alone

St. James

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.” (John 15:1-8)

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

The Sermon *The Rev. Mike Lager*

The Nicene Creed *The people stand.* **358**

The Prayers of the People: Form VI with the Confession **392**
Celebrant concludes with the Absolution

The Peace
All now greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Announcements – *See back pages for upcoming events*

The Liturgy of the Table

The Celebrant bids the offertory with a sentence of scripture. The people sit.

(10 a.m. only)

The Offertory Anthem

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God.
It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves.

We his children and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise.
Be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen

Text: Psalm 100 (Jubilate Deo)
Music: Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

All stand.

The Presentation Hymn 192 This joyful Eastertide *Vreuchten*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP)

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The Breaking of the Bread	364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem

(At 8 a.m.)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

(At 10 a.m.)

The Celebrant, Choir & Congregation sing the Fraction Anthem (S155).

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

(At 10 a.m.) **The Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our soul and body with the earnest knowledge that we are always united to you in our baptism. And since today we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to join our hearts with all who faithfully receive this day. May we live forever in your love. *Amen.*

The ministers receive the Sacrament then immediately deliver it to the people. Please make your way to the communion rail at the instruction of the ushers.

At the Communion

Hymn 487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

The Call

All stand.

The Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

The Mission Hymn 432 O praise ye the Lord!

Laudate Dominum

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Postlude Trumpet Tune

Frederick Swann (1931-2022)

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Narthex following the 10 a.m. service, hosted by Monica & Keith Jochum, Mike & Kim Lager, Tim & Rebecca Lange, Mark Lekan, and Matt & Sarah Marscher

Serving Today

Lector	8 a.m.	Sara Ferry
	10 a.m.	Tucker Handley, Hilary Bickerton
Intercessor	8 a.m.	Dan Hout-Reilly
	10 a.m.	Jim Cofer
Acolyte/Crucifer	8 a.m.	Sara Ferry
	10 a.m.	Mark & John Lekan
Chalicer	8 a.m.	Tren Cheshier
	10 a.m.	Kathy Woolner, Linda Purdy
Chancel Guild		Kristen Gardner, Lorna Jordan, Penny Mead, Liz Crosby, Beth O'Rourke, Carol Francescani
Verger		Liz Crosby
Ushers	8 a.m.	Dick Jacquemotte
	10 a.m.	Cynthia Yoder, Lois Smith, Sarah Taylor
Bell Ringer	8 a.m.	Dan Hout-Reilly
	10 a.m.	Jim Calhoun
Videographer		Dan Gourash
Nursery		Annika Mintzlaff & Amanda Chambers
Elementary Children		Michelle Killin-Keith & Kristen Gardner
MS/HS		Larry Keith & Keith Jochum

Serving Next Week (May 5, 2024)

Lector	8 a.m.	Gina Massetti
	10 a.m.	Jim Calhoun, Liz Crosby
Intercessor	8 a.m.	Jan McDonough
	10 a.m.	Kiara Culmer
Acolyte/Crucifer	8 a.m.	Alison LaRosa
	10 a.m.	Colin McConnell
Chalicer	8 a.m.	Jan Babbit
	10 a.m.	Martha Taylor
Chancel Guild		Beth O'Rourke
		Kristen Gardner, Lorna Jordan, Penny Mead, Liz Crosby, Beth O'Rourke, Carol Francescani
Verger		Martha Taylor
Ushers	8 a.m.	Jan McDonough
	10 a.m.	Linda Purdy, Steve Bickerton, Barb Caravona
Bell Ringer	8 a.m.	Jan McDonough
	10 a.m.	Amanda Chambers
Videographer		Joanne Hull
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