

# The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026



*St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
Lakewood, Ohio*

# WELCOME TO SAINT PETER'S CHURCH!

*St. Peter's aspires to be a welcoming, nurturing, and joyful Episcopal Church—open to all without exception, growing together in faith as we follow the way of Christ, and committed to the Spirit's formation in ourselves, our community, and our world through God's love.*

This leaflet contains everything you need for worship this morning.

**LIVESTREAM** begins at 9:50 a.m., and the service at 10:00 a.m.

The service can be found on the Saint Peter's YouTube page at:

<https://tinyurl.com/StPeterLS>

**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. If you prefer 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 one kind. If you wish to take the wine also, you may drink from the large chalice or do this by intinction, by gently touching the wafer to the wine in the small chalice.

**RESTROOMS** are located between the church and the chapel off the narthex.

**CHILDREN:** Children are welcome to attend the service; activity sheets are available at the back of the church for your use. Children are also welcome on the carpet in the front of the church to participate in an activity and be part of the service. Please linger after the service. Coffee hour takes place following the 10:00 a.m. service in the Narthex during the regular program year. In the summer lemonade is served on the plaza.

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

# The Holy Eucharist

## Preparation for Worship

*The Church bell will peal 10 minutes before the Liturgy begins.*

**Prelude** Rhosymedre Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

**Entrance Hymn 483** The head that once was crowned with thorns *St. Magnus*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Congregation says (8:00) and the Congregation and Choir sings (10:00) the Gloria.*

**Gloria S280**

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

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.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## The Lessons

### *Lector* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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. (*Acts of the Apostles 1:6-14*)

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The Congregation says the Psalm at 8:00. The Choir sings the Psalm at 10:00.*

### **Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36**

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*

YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!  
6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.  
7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,  
8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.  
9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.  
10 Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.  
33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.  
34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.  
35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.  
36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!

### *Lector* **A Reading from the First Letter of Peter**

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.**

*(First letter of Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11)*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn 495**

Hail, thou once despised Jesus

*In Babilone*

## **The Gospel**

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

*People* 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.” *(John 17:1-11)*

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon** The Rev. Mike Lager

*The people stand.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

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**

*Intercessor* As we celebrate this season of our Lord's resurrection, let us pray for the Church, the world, and for all who are in need of Christ's resurrection power.

For your Church throughout the world, a people brought from darkness to light and from death to life, that we may shine your light and boldly proclaim the good news of resurrection. We offer our prayers for our spiritual leaders, that they may be witnesses of the power of the resurrection. Lord, you give us new life,

*People* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* For a world scarred by war, sin, prejudice and greed, that your victory over the grave might bring healing and hope, peace and justice, liberation and new life for all people. For the innocent who suffer because of human choices, may they find relief and help. Give wisdom to those who make decisions that affect life and death for others. May they find power in service rather than violence. Lord, you give us new life,

*People* Hear our prayer.

We pray for all people suffering illness, either physical or emotional. May they find the abundant life you promised in the resurrection. Let health and strength replace sickness and exhaustion. We remember the family and friends on our parish prayer list, and those of our own congregation, remembering Dave, Brad, Joanne, Marci, Michael, John, Joe, Moira, Lois, Paul, Jane, Bob, J, Ernie & Cindy, Anida, Pat, Jim & Linda, Clinton & Marcie, and those we now name.

*[The congregation is invited to offer their prayers, either silently in their own heart or aloud so others might pray with them]*

Lord, you give us new life,

*People* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* Remembering those for whom death draws near, may they find comfort and peace as their earthly journey reaches its end. May the power of resurrection life fill them with hope eternal because of Jesus Christ the Lord. We pray for all the faithful departed whom we have entrusted to your love and care, especially those we name at this time...

*[the congregation is invited to offer their prayers, either silently in their own heart or aloud so others might pray with them]*

In gratitude for these, and for all the saints who have been set free by your resurrection, we pray that they and we may live in the light of your glory forever.

Lord, you give us new life,

*People* Hear our prayer.

*Intercessor* For this congregation, gathered in the hope of resurrection, for the work they are called to in their jobs, neighborhood and home; inspire us to serve one another, to reach out in love to the communities around us, to sow seeds of joy and peace. We pray for Bellwether Farm, our Community Partner this month, and for St. Luke's, as they celebrate their 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Lord, you give us new life,

*People* Hear our prayer.

*Celebrant concludes the prayers with the following collect*

With heaven and earth and all creation, we offer our prayers in your name, O Christ, who have given us eternal life and joy. To God our Loving Creator, to you our savior and brother, and to the Holy Spirit our advocate and guide, be all honor and glory, praise and thanksgiving, now and evermore. **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*All now greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**The Announcements** Holly St.Clair

## The Liturgy of the Table

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

### At the Offertory

Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,  
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,  
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence :  
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux.

Répands sur nous le feu de Ta grâce puissante ;  
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de Ta voix ;  
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante  
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de Tes lois !

Ô Christ ! sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle,  
Pour Te bénir maintenant rassemblé ;  
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à Ta gloire immortelle,  
Et de Tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.

O Redeemer Divine,  
Our sole hope of salvation,  
Eternal light of the earth and the sky,  
We kneel in adoration,  
O Savior, turn on us Thy loving eye.

Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all consuming,  
Whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell,  
And rouse our slumbering souls with Thy radiance,  
That they may waken Thy mercy to tell!

O Christ bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee,  
Who here are gathered on penitent knee.  
Accept the hymns we chant to Thine eternal glory,  
And these Thy gifts we return unto Thee!

Text: Jean Racine (1639-1699)

Music: Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)

*All stand.*

**Presentation Hymn 380** (verse 3)

*Old Hundredth*

## 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 him thanks and praise

*The Celebrant proceeds*

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 forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and filled 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 sing,

*The Congregation says the Sanctus at 8:00 a.m.*

*The Choir and Congregation sing the Sanctus at 10:00 a.m.*

**Sanctus S129**

*Robert Powell*

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.

*The people stand or kneel and the Celebrant continues*

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.

### *Celebrant and People*

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

### *The Celebrant Continues*

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.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Peter 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 ever. **Amen.**

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

***People and Celebrant.***

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. The Celebrant and people say*

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

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

**Fraction Anthem S155**

Christ our Passover

Gerald Near

*The Priest invites the Congregation to Communion, saying:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.





## SERVING TODAY

**17 May 2026**

The 7th Sunday of Easter

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

<b>Lector 1</b>	Robin McNutt	Hilary Bickerton
<b>Lector 2</b>	xxx	Liz Crosby
<b>Intercessor</b>	Jan McDonough	Victoria DehMala
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	Tren Cheshier	Amelinda Norton
<b>Usher</b>	Mark Lekan	Dan Lammers TEAM LEADER
<b>Usher</b>	xxx	Holly St. Clair
<b>Usher</b>	xxx	Kevin St. Clair
<b>Chalicer</b>	Alison LaRosa	Liz Crosby
<b>Chalicer</b>	xxx	Joanne Hull
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Dick Jaquemotte	Martha Taylor
<b>Verger</b>	xxx	<b>Liz Crosby</b>
	<b>Videographer LEV</b>	Joanne Hull Dennis Driscoll / Jane Doe
	<b>Infant/Toddler Elementary MS / HS</b>	Annika Mintzlaff / Maddy Crosby Larry Keith/Monica Jochum Michelle K-K / Keith Jochum
<b>Chancel Guild Team 3 Linda L.</b>	Linda Lange Linda Purdy Martha Taylor	Sara Ferry Debra Rudesill & Madison Geoff Rudesill
<i>Leader Emeritus</i>	<i>Lois Smith</i>	

## SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

**24 May 2026**

THE DAY OF PENTECOST: Whitsunday

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

<b>Lector 1</b>	Tren Cheshier	Dennis Driscoll
<b>Lector 2</b>	xxx	Tucker Handley
<b>Intercessor</b>	Sara Ferry	Joanne Hull
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	Mark Lekan	Colin McConnell
<b>Usher</b>	Robin McNutt	Sarah Taylor TEAM LEADER
<b>Usher</b>	xxx	Tim Lange
<b>Usher</b>	xxx	Barb Caravona
<b>Chalicer</b>	Sara Ferry	Tucker Handley
<b>Chalicer</b>	xxx	Linda Purdy
<b>Bell Ringer</b>	Robin McNutt	Kathy Woolner
<b>Verger</b>	xxx	<b>Sarah Taylor</b>
	<b>Videographer LEV</b>	Steve Bickerton Tucker Handley / Marilyn Schabel
<b>Chancel Guild Team 1 Kristen</b>	Kristen Gardner Lorna Jordan Penny Mead	Liz Crosby Beth O'Rourke Carol Francescani

There will be an informational meeting covering the **TRIP TO ENGLAND** in the **NEW CHAPEL** following Coffee Hour. **SAFE CHURCH SAFE COMMUNITIES** class will be taking place at approximately 11:30 a.m. today in the **UNDERCROFT**

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Clerk: Jessica Redel; Treasurer: Dan Lammers

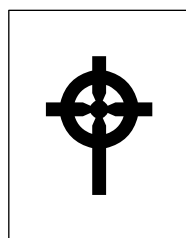
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**Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.**

**Holy Eucharist w/Prayers for Healing: Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Oratory**



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