



St. Peter's Episcopal Church

3695 Rogers Ave, Ellicott City, MD 21043 410-465-2273

church@stpetersec.org

The Reverend Derek H. Miller: Rector

The Venerable Denise Schiavone: Deacon

Tom Hesson: Music Director

Kathy Scherer: Organist

Third Sunday of Easter Celebration of Life Sunday

May 4, 2025

Holy Eucharist — 9:45 AM

Welcome to St. Peter's. We are glad you are here!

Our worship is influenced by some of the most ancient patterns of liturgy from the earliest centuries of the Church: Scripture reading, hymn singing, prayers, chanting, incense, and communion. We use the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and the 1982 Hymnal (Hymnal) which are both included in the pew, and this leaflet includes instructions and explanations to help guide your participation in today's liturgy.

If you have any questions, please ask one of our ushers or any of our members who will be glad to help.

Children are always welcome in worship, exactly as they are! There is a designated "pray-ground" about 2/3 of the way back to allow a space for younger children.

Connect with **StPetersEC** on: Facebook, Instagram, or X (formerly Twitter)

Prelude

Jesus, My Joy

Walther

At the sound of the bell, the congregation stands as able for the processional hymn:

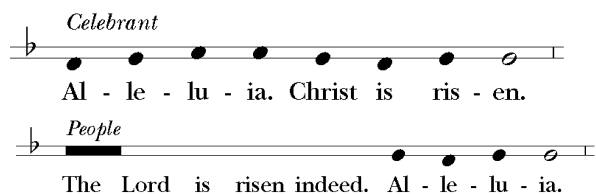
Opening Hymn

Come ye faithful raise the strain

Hymnal 199

(ST. KEVIN)

The people standing, the Celebrant sings



The Celebrant then 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.

Gloria

Hymnal S-202

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly
King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.
4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;
5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the
right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.
8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou
on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most
high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - - - - - men.

The Celebrant then continues

Collect of the Day

(This is a prayer appointed for each day that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season in the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the readings for the day.)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you***

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

First Reading *(please be seated)*

Acts 9:1-6

(This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred.)

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

After each reading, the Lector says “The Word of the Lord” and the People respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

(This reading is taken from the New Testament, typically from a letter to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.)

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea,
and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

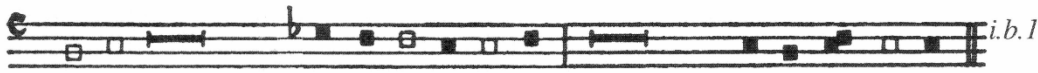
After each reading, the Lector says “The Word of the Lord” and the People respond: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

(The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. You are welcome to either join in chanting this psalm or prayerfully listen.)

Psalm 30

Exaltabo te, Domine



- 1 I WILL exalt you, O Lord, because you have *lift*-ed me up *
and have not let my enemies *tri*-umph o-ver^ me.
- 2 O Lord my God, I *cried* out to you, *
and you re-*stored* me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O *Lord*, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going *döwn* to the^ grave.
- 4 Sing to the Lord, you *serv*-ants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance *of* his ho-li^ ness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the *twin*-kling of^ an eye, *
his favor *for* a life-time.
- 6 — Weep-ing^ may spend^ the night, *
but joy comes *in* the morn-ing.
- 7 While I felt secure, I said, "I shall *nev*-er be^ dis-turbed. *
You, Lord, with your favor,
made me as strong *as* the moun-tains."
- 8 Then you *hid* () your face, *
and *I* was filled with^ fear.
- 9 I *cried* to you,^ O Lord; *
I pleaded with the *Lörd*, say-ing,
- 10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go *down* to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or de-*clare* your faith-ful^ ness?
- 11 Hear, O Lord, and have *mer*-cy^ up-on me; *
O Lord, *be* my help-er."
- 12 You have turned my wailing *in*-to danc-ing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and *clothed* me with joy.
- 13 Therefore my heart sings to you *with*-out ceas-ing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you *thanks* for ev-er.

(The People stand as able for the "Gospel Alleluia" as we prepare our heart, mind, soul, and strength to hear the Gospel [literally "Good News"] of God, as revealed in the life, teaching, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.)

*Alleluia. Alleluia. The disciples knew the Lord Jesus:
in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia.
Ought not Christ to have suffered these things:
and to have entered into his glory? Alleluia.*

All remain standing for the procession and proclamation of the Holy Gospel.

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

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

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes,

Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

At the end of the Gospel reading, the Deacon and people say the following responsory:

Deacon:	The Gospel of the Lord.
People:	<i>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</i>

The Homily

The Reverend Derek H. Miller

(The homily or sermon follows the Gospel because it is directly grounded in Holy Scripture. It illuminates the readings and helps us relate them to our daily life.)

Nicene Creed

BCP pg. 358

(The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” [I believe]. Creeds reflect basic Christian beliefs over time & around the world.)
The people stand, facing the altar and saying

*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

Form VI

The Deacon and the People pray responsively
In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Carrie our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

The ministers and people share the peace of Christ as a sign of reconciliation and with the hope of continuing this work in the world.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Presentation Hymn

O sons and daughters
(O FILI ET FILIAE)

Hymnal 203

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Hymnal S-120

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The musical notation is presented in four staves, each with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The notation uses a simplified system with dots for notes and lines for stems, with lyrics written below. The first staff is for the Celebrant, and the second is for the People. The third staff is for the Celebrant, and the fourth is for the People. The lyrics are: Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And al - so 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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant
The Lord be with you.

People
And al - so 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 God thanks and praise.

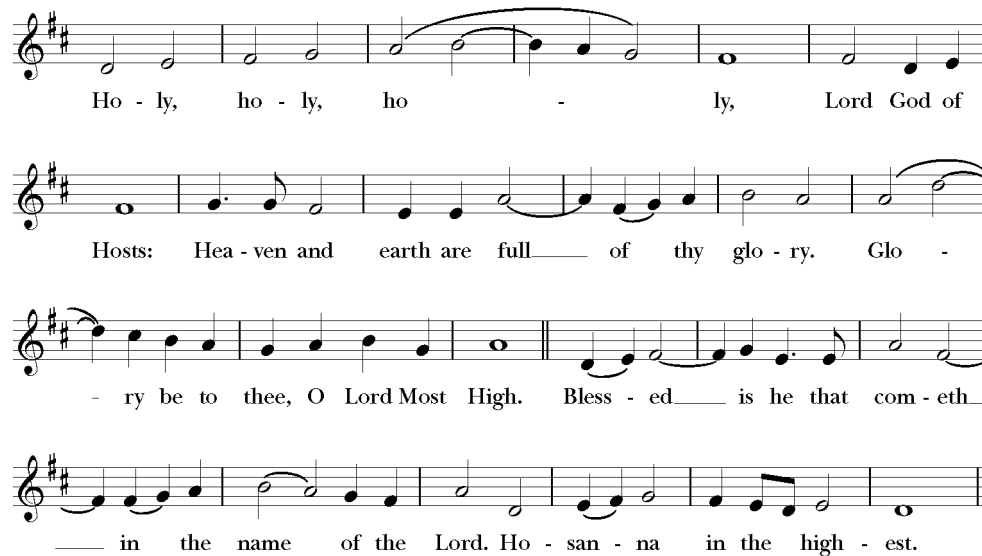
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Hymnal S-114



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues the consecratory prayer telling of God's interaction with humanity throughout history, our need for redemption in Jesus Christ, and consecrates the bread and wine with the words Jesus used at the Last Supper. Full text is found in the BCP on page 367.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues until

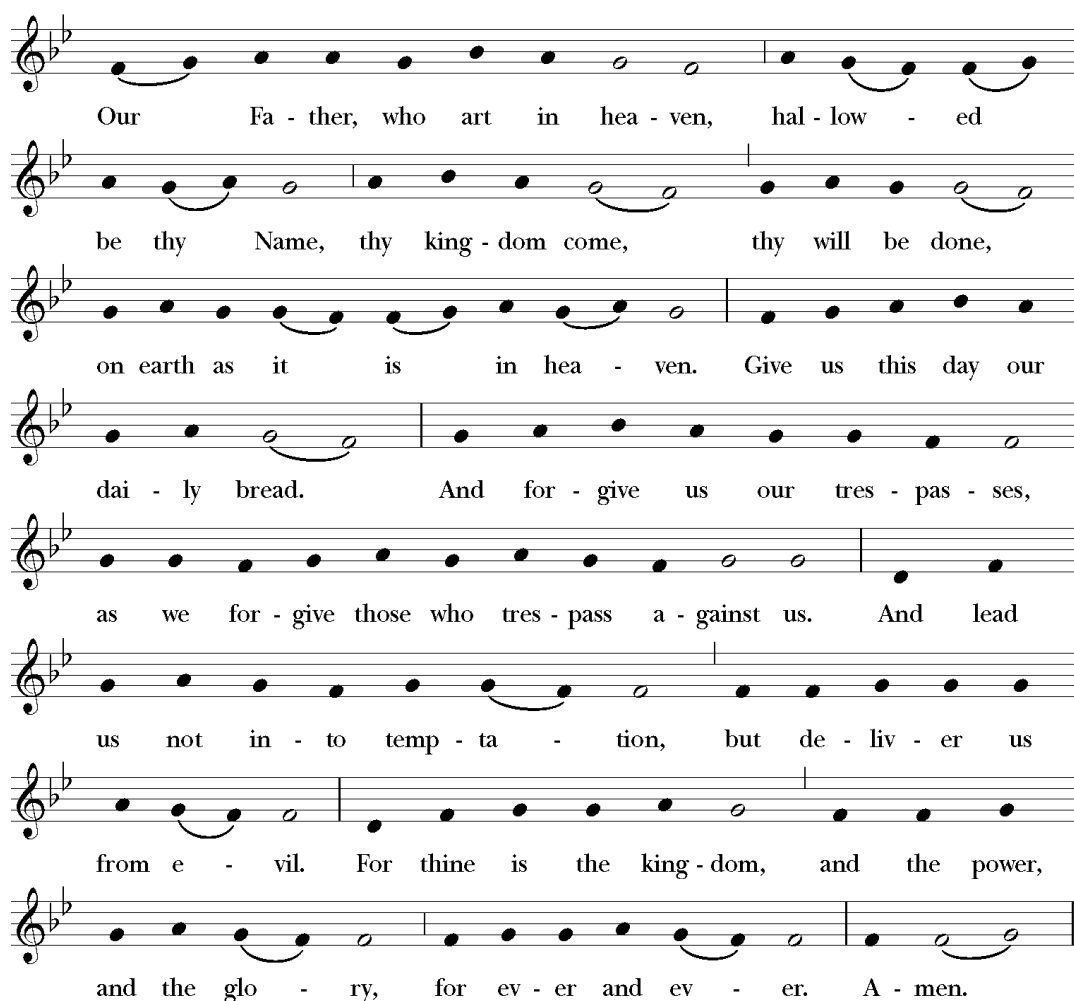
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal S-119

(Right before the breaking of the bread, we pray what Jesus taught his disciples to pray; linking this prayer for "daily bread" with the receiving of the bread in communion and as a meal of God's kingdom on earth, as in heaven.)

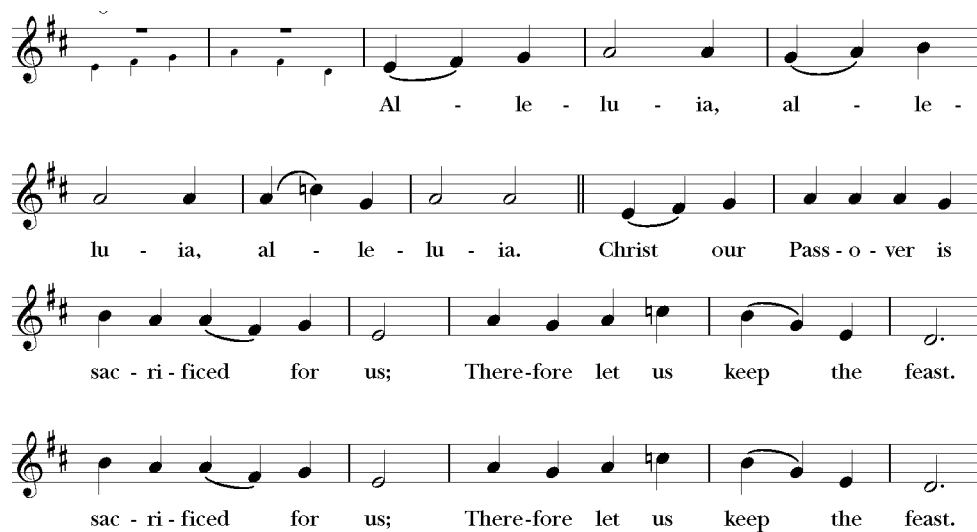


Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S-155

The Celebrant breaks the bread in silence.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.
sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.

Invitation to Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation.

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.

Communion

O sing unto the Lord and praise his Name, alleluia:

be telling of his salvation from day to day. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Communion Hymn

Awake Arise
(RICHMOND)

Hymnal 212

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Post-Communion Prayer

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.

Blessing

The people kneel and the Celebrant says

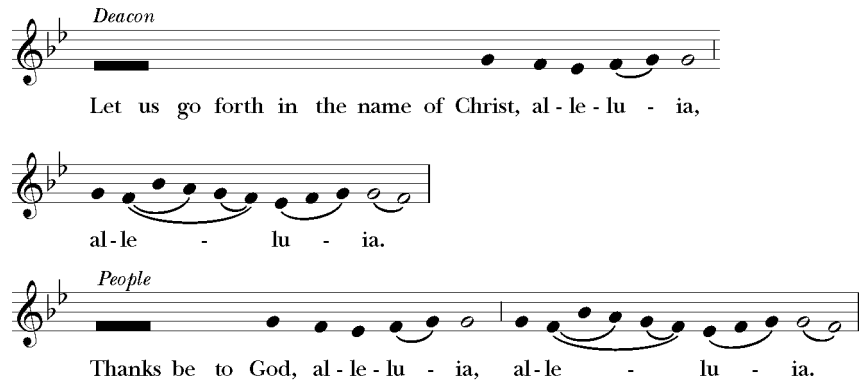
The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Alleluia, Hearts and voices heavenward raise
(LUX EOI)

Hymnal 191

Dismissal



Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia.

People

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Deacon, the second for the choir, and the third for the people. The lyrics are: 'Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The music features a simple melody with some rests and a final double bar line.

Postlude

Fughetta

Pachelbel

Celebration of Life Sunday: Remembering Mary-Marguerite Kohn+ and Brenda Brewington

Today, and on each first weekend in May, we remember and celebrate the legacy and lives of Mary-Marguerite and Brenda. On May 3, 2012, they both suddenly and tragically lost their lives in an act of gun violence here at St. Peter's, before the gunman also took his own life. We give thanks for the bond of love which unites us, even beyond this life.

Mary-Marguerite served St. Peter's as co-rector, sharing pastoral and liturgical duties, and serving the community around St. Peter's working with the church's food pantry and other outreach ministries. Brenda served as the parish administrator and also served the preschool, having a passion for children and love for this community. They are deeply loved and deeply missed.

As a community, we have chosen to remember this tragic act through the lens of Resurrection. In many ways, this loss became a chance for new life to come from death for this parish. It was on May 5th, 2013 that St. Peter's held the first annual celebration of life and was able to give thanks to God for a renewed space for worship in St. Luke's Chapel. This day, we give thanks for the way we are experiencing new life in this congregation and community: having since overcome imperilment, endured and served in two cataclysmic floods, and come through a pandemic. Today we celebrate life and the ability to continue to celebrate together that life. It is also fitting that we celebrate life because, in Christ, death is overcome.

Thank you for joining this celebration and join us after Holy Eucharist for an ice cream reception.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

The Church: Sean, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Carrie, our Bishop; Derek, our Rector; Denise, our Deacon; Vestry and Officers: Bill Rodney (Senior Warden), John Francis (Junior Warden), Katie Shaw (Registrar), Doug Pryor (Treasurer), Alexa Fair, Katy DeHart, Sara Radcliffe, Kimberly Jones, Joshua Bombino, Mary Milano.

Recent Needs: Melissa Tamburo, Lorna Fyffe, Paul Durham, Leslie Fraser, Sabrina Mitchell, Doug Glosso, Nick McDuffie, Jamey Vaughn, Ken Robertson.

(Names remain on the Recent Needs Prayer List for 30 days unless notified otherwise.)

Ongoing Needs: Judy Walizer, Sofia Feltkamp and Family, Colin Clark, Paul Bragaw, Kamal Family, Mary Votta, Ann Carmody, Laura Confer, Cheryl Putnam, Fern Buchler, Ron Brueggeman, Ray & Rose Powell, Jennifer Foster, Brian & Rick Kneeland, John Jordan.

(Names remain on the Ongoing Needs Prayer List for 90 days unless notified otherwise.)

Homebound Members: Irene & Walter Closson, Sylvia Ellison, Brenda Sabino.

Repose of the Soul: Pope Francis, Jim Byrum.

(Names remain on the Repose of the Soul Prayer List for 30 days unless notified otherwise.)

Would you like to add someone to the prayer list or have an announcement featured here? Please submit names/announcements to the church office by email: parish.admin@stpetersec.org BY SUNDAY NIGHT.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTREACH MINISTRY

We will continue our conversation around our feeding ministries and the mission statement. We will meet on **Thursday, May 8** @ 7 pm, via Zoom. If you would like to join, send an email to outreach@stpetersec.org

ONGOING PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Canned chicken, cooking oil and canned tuna is currently needed. Donations can be placed at the back of the nave. They will be brought to the altar during the offertory.

Action Dates:

- 5/4 Little Pantry Monitor - Katie Shaw
- 5/7 Little Pantry Monitor - Kaye Pryor
- 5/8 Pete's Packs Delivery - Doug Pryor
- 5/11 Little Pantry Monitor - Katie Shaw



St. Peter's Precious Gifts Collectibles Sale to benefit the ministries of St. Peter's Saturday May 31, 2025 9am to 4pm, and Sunday June 1, 12 noon to 5 pm. 3695 Rogers Ave., Ellicott City, MD 21043. Come browse high quality figurines, statues, ornaments and much more. If you would like to volunteer to help with the sale, please contact Alexa Fair at alexafair@verizon.net (preferred) or text 410-733-8142.

LOOSE-PLATE OFFERINGS given in the plate that are not designated will go to support the following

1st Sunday—Discretionary Fund, 2nd Sunday—Outreach Fund, 3rd-5th Sundays—General Operating

WANT AN EASY WAY TO DONATE? DO IT ONLINE WITH TITHE.LY!

Make a one-time donation or set up regular giving. Tithe.ly allows for ACH transfers from your bank account, or payments with Debit, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover. If you choose to cover the transaction fees, that is also counted as part of your donation for tax purposes.

Scan the QR code from your Smartphone or visit: stpetersec.org/give



CONNECT WITH US:

We would love to connect with you! Whether it is your first time here or you simply need to update your information, scan the QR code or fill out the connection card in the pew. We look forward to getting to know you!

*The altar flowers are given by Wayne Kirwan
In memory of his father, Thomas E. Kirwan.*

SERVING THIS WEEK	
Altar Guild	Stan Brown, Margaret Pratila
Acolyte	Bill Rodney
Bell Ringer	Tom Donohue
Celebrant	The Reverend Derek H. Miller
Flag Guild	Doug Pryor
Flower Guild	Mary Milano
Intercessor	Alexa Fair
Lector 1	Stan Brown
Lector 2	Mary Milano
Livestream/AV	John Francis
Preacher	The Reverend Derek H. Miller
Assisting Clergy	The Venerable Denise Schiavone
Thurifer	Stan Brown
Tellers	Angela Mitchell, Katie Shaw
Usher	Doug Pryor