

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

*Unless otherwise noted, the service is found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).
(Large print materials are available at the back of the church.
Please ask an Usher for assistance.)*

During the Easter season, we stand for the Prayers and the Eucharistic Prayer, if able, to remind us that we are a risen people. The Confession is also omitted.

Processional Hymn 180 “*He is risen, he is risen!*”
Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis

Collect of the Day BCP 224
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.*

The Lessons (*seated*) Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. “And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Psalm 4 (*sung*)

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

1st John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Gradual Hymn 343 “*Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*”
(*Children join the procession to Children’s Chapel*)

The Gospel (*standing*) Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Sermon The Reverend Jim Reed
The Nicene Creed BCP 358
Prayers of the People: Form VI BCP 392
The Peace

(*Prayer request cards may be filled out and dropped in the collection plate.*)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory
Presentation Hymn
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361
Sanctus and Benedictus S-129 Powell
The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread
Fraction Anthem S-154 Hurd
Communion of the People

In the Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are welcome to the table to receive communion. To receive the bread, please hold out your open palms. To receive the wine, you may drink directly from the cup, or you may slightly dip the wafer in the wine. If you prefer to not receive communion, you are welcome at the altar to receive a blessing from the priest. For a blessing, while at the altar rail, cross your arms across your chest as a sign of this preference.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing BCP 365
Processional Hymn 182 “*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.*”
Dismissal

The loose and undesignated offering goes to Episcopal Relief & Development.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today’s altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lee Cooper by his family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 15: Amanda Laughlin
April 16: Hodges Hackney
April 17: Carter Lynch, Katie Price
April 18: Gunnar Hardt
April 19: Crutcher Nash, Sarah Staton Nash, Barbara Walker
April 20: Mary Frances Jones, Clarissa Phillips
April 21: Arely Monter, Adan Tellez

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 16

Holy Crafters at 10:00 a.m. in Woolard Meeting Room

Tuesday, April 17

ASH & Kitchen Reserved beginning at 2 p.m.

Ridgewood Eucharist at 3:00 p.m.

Vestry Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Woolard Meeting Room

Wednesday, April 18

Worship at 7:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Brotherhood of St. Andrew at 7:30 a.m. in Woolard Meeting Room

Worship at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Junior Choir at 5:30 p.m. in the Music Suite

Senior Choir at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Suite

Diocesan ECW Board Meeting & Dinner

Thursday, April 19

Diocesan ECW Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in All Saints’ Hall & Church

EYC will meet next Sunday, April 22nd at 4:30 p.m.

Say "Cheese"

Photographic sessions will take place in the church library May 2, 3, 4 from 2 to 9 pm, and May 5 from 10 to 5. You may sign up after church services or online at (<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/vc89vrym/>)

We need volunteers to greet and gather information during photography week. (2 hour blocks). Bring a friend or a book if you can help with this important job. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Thank you!
Catherine 943-1687

Do you have a graduate in your family?

Graduations are coming up...If you have a graduate to announce: High School, College or Advanced degrees, please share the information with the church office. (jennifer@saintpetersnc.org or 946-8151)

New Saint Peter's T-Shirts

Who is ready for a new Saint Peter's shirt?! We are currently having shirts designed for our church family. We will be offering long sleeve and short sleeve adult t-shirts and short sleeve youth shirts. Payment is needed at time of ordering. There will be a table set up after each service in the hallway, beginning March 24. You can place your orders there, or take an order form and return it to the office. Our deadline will be April 28th. Thank you all for your support!

Adult long sleeve T (S-XXXL) - \$20

Adult short sleeve T (S-XXXL) - \$15

Youth short sleeve T (S-XL) - \$14

Please contact Jamie with any questions: jamiekeel111@gmail.com

Save the Date for VBS 2018

VBS will take place at First United Methodist on June 17-21. This will be a fun event for our children and teens. Look for sign-ups in the main hall near the Formation bulletin board beginning April 9th. There will be opportunities for teens to volunteer to help.

Prayer Team

Contact Person: Sonia Armstrong---Please call (562) 310-3115, 24/7 Day or Night for emergency and crisis situations or any serious or pressing problems. We are here for you when you need support and the power of prayer immediately. New members are always welcome.

Online Giving & Monthly Automatic Bank Draft

Good news! Saint Peter's is even more tech savvy! If you would like your pledge commitment to be paid online or automatically drafted monthly from your bank account, email or call Jennifer Spivey at the church office. (946-8151, jennifer@saintpetersnc.org) Also, anytime you feel called to give for any reason, you can do so from our website via the online giving link. Visit www.saintpetersnc.org.

Please Pray for: Bert Anderson-brother of Janet Bradbury, Nadine Barrett-member, Fred Beachler-nephew of Michael Beachler, J.C. Bernhardt-friend of the Archies, Conoley Blake-member, Bill & Judy Cheshire-friends of the Archies, Mayhew Cox-member, Pat DeVivo-

friend, Bryan Douglas-friend of Saint Peter's, Janice Good-Piga-friend of Kathleen Couch, Chester Gray-friend of Saint Peter's, Greg Hall-friend of Dr. Josh & Carol Tayloe, Mark Henley-member, Mary Jo Jefferson-friend of the Archies, Carol Keech-friend of Cindy & William Cochran, Marion Liles-father of Mary Parker Liles, Mary Maye-friend of Kathie Kriss, Coly McCauley-son of Nancy Hamblin, Fred McGuire-friend of Dr. Josh Carol Tayloe, Jimmy Pendergast-son of Kathie Kriss, David Roy-brother of Julie Howdy, Acra Samuels-daughter of Hodges & Marsha Hackney, Carol Sawyer-friend of Leslie Whitehurst, Roddy Schmitt-friend of Roy & Cathy Whichard, Jan Silverman-friend of Kathleen Couch, Larry Smithwick-friend of Cindy & William Cochran, Katherine Thompson Sowers-family member of Randy Thompson, Stephanie Teal-niece of Michael Beachler, Paul Wesley Thompson-brother of Randy Thompson, Sis Thornburgh-member, Nena Tyndall-member, Don Vosburgh-friend of Taylor Whichard, Jeff Williams-nephew of Michael Beachler, Sharon Yakubowski-member.

Prayer list requests may be made by completing a prayer card from the pew rack in church or by calling (946-8151) or emailing the church office (jennifer@saintpetersnc.org). Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days.

Those Serving in the Liturgy

Organist & Choirmaster: Douglas Cutler

Lay Readers: Whit Stroud, Diane Furlough

Paten Server: Tom Archie

Chalice Bearer: Bet Archie

Acolytes: Shelby Harris, Macon Lee, Davis Lee

Altar Guild: Nancy Hamblin, Ann Peters, Jane Taylor,

Barbara Walker, Betty Jarvis

Ushers: Riley Roberson, Ken Hadley, Jerry Vick, Michael Beachler, Brian Miller

Vestry Person of the Week: Hank Van Dorp

Office Information

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. - noon

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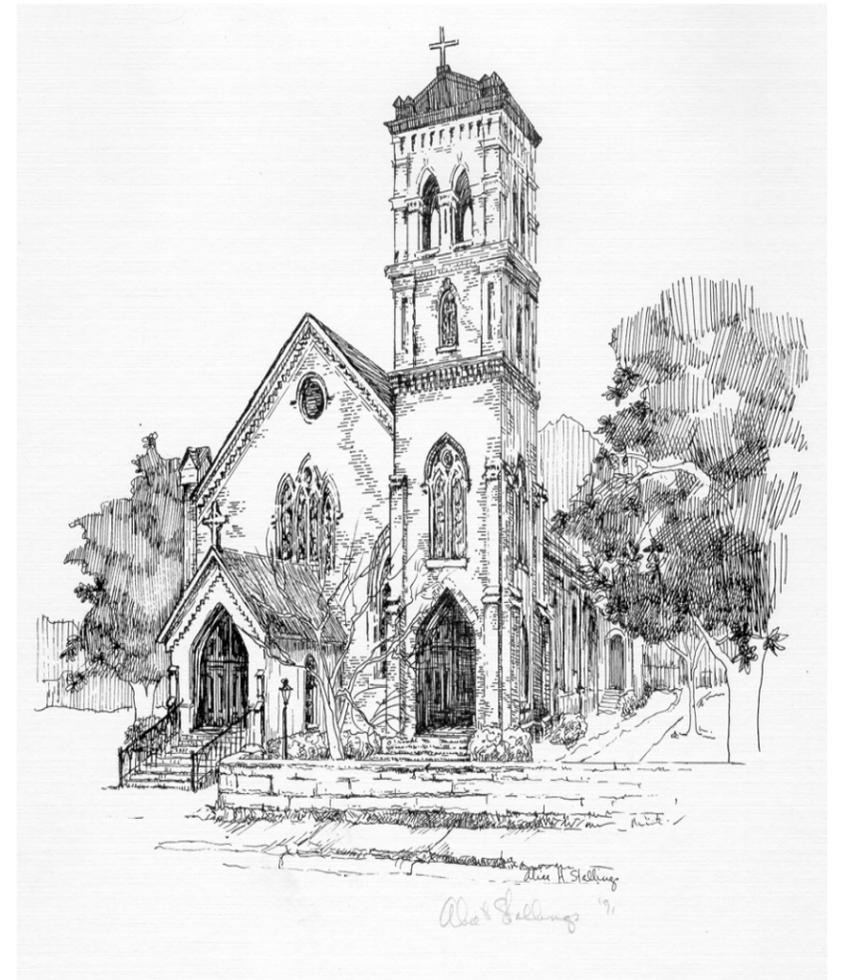
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Saint Peter's Episcopal Church Washington, North Carolina



The Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

Saint Peter's is celebrating the love of Christ by reaching out and empowering for ministry.

Welcome to Saint Peter's. Visitors and newcomers are encouraged to complete a welcome card from the pew rack. Please let us know who you are and allow us to greet you.