



*Opening wide our doors and hearts
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior*

The Sunday of the Resurrection
Easter Day
Sunday, April 5th, 2026
9:00 a.m.

Join us in person for our service. Or join us by going to our livestream on the St. Peter's YouTube page [here](#).

The worship leaflet can be found [here](#).

Coffee hour will be held after the mass.

This Sunday's Ministers:

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The Parish, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

From the Consulting Priest

Dear Friends,

Today we enter into the Triduum, a three day period of preparation for the Easter feast. The word (pronounced TRID.uw.um) is Latin for three days. While it refers to any three day preparation for a feast, it most often is used to refer to these days of Holy Week. Each day is marked by a distinctive act of worship:

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Tonight, we gather to remember the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples, when he invited them to break bread and drink wine in memory of him. We will do so as we do every Sunday, and we will also be invited to participate in another ritual: the washing of feet. We will hear St. John's account of that last meal, where Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and then invited them to continue to do so with each other.

Those who wish will be invited to come forward after the homily, to have their feet washed with water and dried with a towel. Some may wish to then wash the feet of another. Others will sit and pray as we move through this time.

After the Eucharist, the service concludes with the stripping of the altar, when all vessels and vestments are removed, reminding us of the desolation to come on Good Friday. The reserved sacrament of bread and wine and the sanctuary lamp will be brought to a small altar of repose, suggestive of the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus went to pray. The service concludes in silence, with persons remaining as long as they wish to pray before the altar.

GOOD FRIDAY

The altar is bare, the reserved sacrament and the sanctuary lamp have been removed, and we participate in the Proper Liturgy from *The Book of Common Prayer* for this day. We hear St. John's account of the Passion, and pray the Solemn Collects for ourselves and for the world. This service too ends in silence.

Both the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will also be live streamed on our YouTube page [here](#).

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Area parishes will gather on Saturday evening at St. Luke's Cathedral for this ancient service. Starting in candlelight after a new fire has been lit outside, the service recalls the whole of God's salvation story, from the beginning of creation until the Good News of Christ's resurrection is proclaimed for the first time this year. The service also includes the renewal of baptismal vows.

The service will be live streamed, and you can go to the cathedral's website for a link.

I hope you can come to one or all of these services. And of course, I hope you can join all of us as we gather on Easter morning to once more hear the good and glad news that the women who were faithful to Jesus first discovered at the empty tomb. Our guest soloist, Michele Kennedy will be with us, there will be a small amount of incense, and the glad singing and prayerful praise of us all, followed by a festive coffee hour.

May all of us prepare to enter into the joy of this Easter.

Faithfully,
Fr. Tom

Good Friday Offering

Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe invites us to dedicate our Good Friday offering to support ministries in the Middle East: "For more than a century, Episcopalians have given generously to the Good Friday Offering, which supports the vital work and ministries of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. Today, the need of the church in the Holy Land is greater than ever, particularly given the recent escalation of war in the Middle East." To read Bishop Rowe's letter, and find out how you can contribute online, click [here](#).

If attending the Good Friday service, you can place an offering in the plate which will be at the back of the church. You can also use the church's Venmo account to make an online donation. (do specify that it is for the Good Friday offering).

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Chili and Chowder Tasting
Tickets \$15 each
Saturday, April 11
4-7pm



Enjoy fresh, homemade
Chilis, Chowders,
Cornbread and Dessert

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
678 Washington St., Portland ME 04103
Enter at 10 Alton St
Elevator access in parking lot

If you want to purchase on line, please follow this link:

[Purchase a Ticket](#)

Or email how many will be coming with you:

[Email Kathleen](#)

Or email print the notice and advertise for us:

[Chili Chowder Advertisement](#)

Be in touch with the coordinators:

Anita or Rich

We look forward to an evening of delicious food and fellowship. We are grateful for the proceeds which will support the parish.



Fr. Tom Mousin's Retirement Party

On Sunday, **April 12th** from 4 to 7 PM,
we are celebrating Fr. Tom Mousin
and his upcoming retirement.

All are welcome.

The parish is providing gifts for Fr. Tom.
Please **bring cards** expressing your thanks,
which will be collected in the undercroft.
If you are unable to attend, please send to the parish:

Fr. Tom's Retirement
St. Peter's Episcopal Parish
10 Alton St.
Portland, ME 04103

The Meal is a **pot luck**, set up begins around 3 pm.

If you have other questions, be in touch with the coordinators:
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Youth Service Corps Meets on April 12

YOUTH SERVICE CORPS

SUNDAY APRIL 12TH
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM



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SOUTH PORTLAND



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YOUTH SERVICE CORPS COORDINATOR
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YOUTH SERVICE CORPS LOCK-IN



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DINNER • ICE CREAM • GAMES & MORE
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED • RSVP ASAP!

A Reminder About Parking

Our parking lot is limited, and on Sundays, all of the spaces facing the church are reserved for handicapped access. If you do not need to use the elevator, please use parking on the street so that those spaces are available for those that need to use the elevator. Thank you!

Scam Alert!

Some of you may have received an email purporting to be from one of your clergy asking you for cards, funds or other assistance. Please know

that your clergy will **never** contact you by phone, text or email for such purposes.

Compline

Compline will meet on Wednesday, April 8th, at its usual time, 7:00 PM.

Connect with our gathering then by clicking the Zoom link [here](#).

Updates to Parish Directory

We are updating our Parish Directory, and hope to complete this soon! Copies of the directory can be found on the table in the undercroft. Please notify Bob Simmons at: treasurerstpetersport@gmail.com if you have a change of address or phone number, or to provide him with this information if you are a newcomer. You can also speak to him at church if you prefer.

This Week at St. Peter's

Compline on Wed. April 8, 7:00 PM on Zoom
Chili and Chowder Supper, Sat. April 11th, 4 pm, Undercroft
Fr. Mousin Retirement Party, Sun. April 12th, 4pm, Undercroft
Youth Service Corps, Sun. April 12th, 12-2 pm, Preble Street Food Hub

Coming up at St. Peter's

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry, Tue. Apr. 14, 8:30-11 am, St. Luke's
Fr. Mousin's Last Sunday, Sunday, April 19
Vestry, Tue. Apr. 28, 6:30 pm, Zoom
Celebration of New Ministry, Sun. June 7, 4pm, Church

HOLY WEEK and EASTER at ST. PETER'S

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 2nd Mass at 7:00 PM

We recall the institution of Holy Communion by Jesus at the Last Supper.

Good Friday Service: Friday April 3rd at 7:00 PM

The Prayer Book Service for Good Friday, including the Passion Gospel from St. John

Easter Vigil Service at St. Luke's Cathedral, 143 State St. Portland: Saturday, April 4th

Vigil Service and the First Celebration of Easter at 7:00 PM

Easter Day: Sunday, April 5th

Festival Mass at 9:00 AM We celebrate the resurrection, including special music, incense, and a celebratory coffee hour after the service.

Sunday Minister Rota for April Will be in Next Week's Key Notes

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Weekly Prayer List

Prayers For Parishioners, Families, and Friends

Ann Marie Cady

Allison Schroth

Francisco Andreu

Diane Dalton

Dino Rice

Robert Stillings

Pat Fowler

Mary Ann Hoy

Barbara Vessey

Fred Madore

Alan Biagiotti

Jane Noone

Marc Lombe and family

Linda Foster

Garrett Keniston

Kevin Curty

Paul Loven

Anita Chandler

Peter Haskell, *friend of Allison Schroth*
Martha Gagliardi, *friend of Fr. Tom*
Tommy Valente, *friend of Don and Ann Marie Cady*
Jane Reiha, *friend of Judy Howes*
Stephen and Rebecca Seraniche, *friends of Dino Rice*
Marge Devine, *family member of Allison Schroth*
Jimmy Devine, *family member of Allison Schroth*
Fuji Sprott, *friend of Dino Rice*
David Turner, *cousin of Craig Mousin*
Tammy, *friend of Craig Mousin*
Beth, *friend of Lee Walters*
Pam, *friend of Anita Chandler*
The Kutasi Family, *friends of Allison Schroth*
Kelly Marie Bell, *friend of Allison Schroth*
Earle, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*
Grace, *family member of Jessie Vega*
Kay Gross, *friend of Jane Noone*
Lisa Gorham, *daughter of John & Janene Gorham*
Gerald and Anita Talbot, *friends of Anita Chandler*
Peter Munro, *brother of Emily Hickey*
Todd Cheney, *father of Matt Cheney*
Jay Sprout, *friend of Tom Mousin*
Sandy Woolley, *friend of Judy Howes*
Amanda and Chris Conant, *friends of Jane Noone*
Pam, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*
Michael King, *friend of Anita Chandler*
Amy Carter, *friend of Fred and Priscila Madore*
Norma and Joe Kennedy, *friends of Jane Noone*
Mary Jo Floyd, *relative of Fr. Tom Mousin*
Frank Beal, *friend of Lenita and Rodney Richard*
Mary Lou Toye, *aunt of the McCormicks*
Cathryn Buckley, *sister of Judy Howes*
John Richard, *brother of Rodney Richard*
Jim Halstead, *friend of Craig Mousin*

If you wish to add or return persons to the prayer list, please contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinators:

Allison Schroth: 207-807-1315, Aschroth207@gmail.com

or

Emma Bond: 207-619-3662, emma.e.bond@gmail.com

A Prayer for Those We Love

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are

doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From *The Book of Common Prayer*

NOTES ON THIS SUNDAY'S MUSIC

Today's introit is a contemporary setting of a popular Easter hymn from 15th century France. The author of the text, Jean Tisserand (d.1494), was a Franciscan monk who founded an order for "penitent women." The composer of the tune is unknown.

Easter just wouldn't be Easter without the glorious hymn, "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," would it? The text is largely by Charles Wesley, but the tune--commonly called "Easter Hymn," and probably from the 14th century—is hard to trace. In any event, the hymnologist James T. Lightwood said of it: "There is probably no tune in Christendom so universally sung on any festal day as the "Easter Hymn," with its rolling "Alleluias", on Easter morning."

Dating from 1741-42, Handel's oratorio *Messiah* is one of the icons of Western civilization. With a text drawn from both the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer, Handel's intent was to "juxtapose Old Testament prophecies with New Testament narrative, thus emphasizing the inevitability of Christ's coming and affirming his status as Redeemer and Savior."

Dietrich Buxtehude, arguably the most significant German organ composer and performer before Bach, was organist of the Marienkirche in Lubeck where his splendid playing and famous evening concerts on the five Sundays before Christmas made the city a Mecca for visitors. The young Bach tramped 200 miles on foot to visit the aged master, and, as he recalled rather quaintly, "To listen to him and to study this and that in his art." ~HT

It is a great pleasure to welcome soprano Michele Kennedy to St. Peter's Church as our guest soloist for this Easter Sunday Mass.

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