

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
Portland, Maine
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026 9:00 AM

*Welcome to our celebration of Christ's resurrection.
All that you need to participate in this service can be found in this leaflet.
The hymns with music are in The Hymnal 1982.
The people's responses are in bold print.
As the altar candles are lit prior to the service and the chimes are heard,
all are invited to observe a time of quiet, to gather our hearts in a spirit of prayer.*

Welcome

The Rev. Myrna Koonce

Prelude Improvisation on Adoro te Devote

Everett Titcomb

All stand for the

Hymn in Procession #388 "O Worship the King

The Hymnal 1982

**1. O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing his power and his love!
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with
praise.**

**3. The earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**2. O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds
form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the
storm.**

**4. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the
plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies, how tender! how firm to the end!
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!**

All remain standing for the

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Collect for Purity

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 Gloria

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y 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.

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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.

People: **Amen**

All are seated for

The Lessons

The First Lesson Acts 1:6-14

Ms. Jan Tracy

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



**1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be /scattered;
let those who hate him flee be/fore 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 habi/tation!**

**6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into /freedom;
but the rebels shall live in dry /places.**

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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 in/heritance;
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!

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

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.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing the

Sequence Hymn #644 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

The Hymnal 1982

1. How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.

3. Dear Name, the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace!

4. O Jesus! Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,
O Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

5. Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

All remain standing for the

Gospel *John 17:1-11*

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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."

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

Homily

Mr. Galen Weibley

After a period of silence, all stand for 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.**

All are seated or kneel for the

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

To our God be the power forever and ever. Amen. Let us appeal to the Lord, saying, "In your mercy, *hear our prayer.*"

Holy Father, protect your Church for your name's sake, so that we may be one even as you are one with your Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Restore, support, strengthen, and establish us and always for your glory. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Good Shepherd, Rangeley, Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal, Augusta, and for those who advocate for the poor and the oppressed. *Pause.*

In your mercy, **hear our prayer**, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Loving God, raise up witnesses to your love in all the world, even to the ends of the earth. Be a parent to orphans, a defender of widows and a provider to the poor. *Pause.*

In your mercy, **hear our prayer**, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Great God of heaven and earth, you graciously send rain to dry places. Give to the people of the earth enough to meet their needs; and yet protect us from dangerous excess. May we acknowledge that all good gifts come from your hand. *Pause.*

In your mercy, **hear our prayer**, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Mighty God, in our own community, exalt the humble in due time. May those who have known suffering and struggle have their dignity renewed. Bless them with gladness. Make their voices heard in shouts of joy. *Pause.*

In your mercy, **hear our prayer**, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

God of all grace, we pray for the lonely and for prisoners, for the sick and the suffering. As they cast their anxieties upon you, may they experience your freedom and care. From our parish prayer list, we pray for Pam, Michael King, Amy Carter, Norma and Joe Kennedy, Mary Jo Floyd, Frank Beal, Mary Lou Toye, and for those others we name, silently or aloud. *Pause.*

In your mercy, **hear our prayer**, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we have been granted eternal life in knowing you through your Son Jesus. Prepare a home for all of the dying and the dead, that they may continue forever in your goodness. *Pause.*

In your mercy, **hear our prayer**, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Presider offers a concluding Collect.

Those who wish may come forward for

Healing Prayer and Anointing

Hymn Response: Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

1. Heal me, hands of Je-sus, and search out all my pain: re -
 2. Cleanse me, blood of Je-sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let
 3. Know me, mind of Je-sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
 4. Fill me, joy of Je-sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and

store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
 me for - give as one for-given and bring me peace to - day.
 pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
 heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

Words: Michael Perry. Music: Sharpe, Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Tunes for Grace*.

All stand for

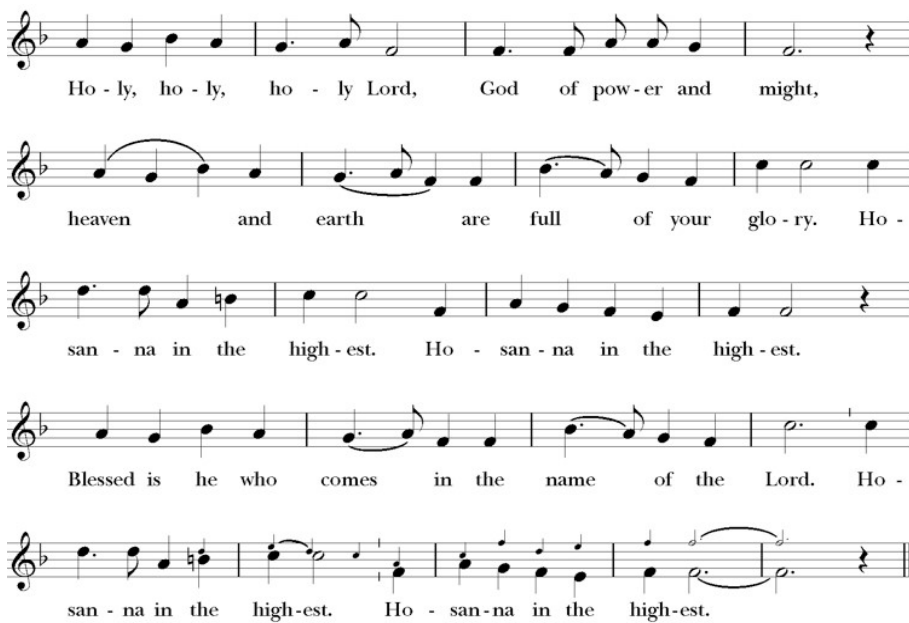
Peace

Presider The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Sanctus #S125

The Hymnal 1982



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People kneel or sit. The Presider gives thanks to God on behalf of the people, and invites all to join in the

Memorial Acclamation

Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues, concluding with

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

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

After a period of silence, all join in singing the

Fraction Anthem #S 155

The Hymnal 1982

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Administration of Communion

All are invited to come forward as directed by the user and stand or kneel at the altar rail to receive communion. Please let an usher know if you would like to receive communion in your pew. Gluten-free consecrated bread is available; simply ask the priest when you are being served if you would like one.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Those who cannot be with us to partake in communion in person are invited to pray the

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

All stand for the

Blessing

Hymn in Procession #525 "The Church's One Foundation"

The Hymnal 1982

1. The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed;
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4. Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude Trumpet Tune Jason Payne

Ministers Serving Today

The People of God, called to be St. Peter's Episcopal Church, *Celebrants*
The Rev. Myrna Koonce, *Presider*
The Rev. Emily Keniston, *Deacon*
Mr. Galen Weibley, *Preacher*
Mr. Herbert Taylor, *Organist*
Mr. Tom Ainsworth, *Crucifer*
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Ms. Jan Tracy, *Lector*
Mr. Will Estrella, *Usher*
Ms. Lenita Richard, *Videographer*
Ms. Lenita Richard, *Altar Guild*
Mr. Wayne Franklin & Ms. Anita Chandler, *Counters*
The Congregation, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

The altar flowers and sanctuary lamp are given in loving memory of Beverley Metivier, mother of Lorna Blackmer. Flowers before the altar are given in celebration of Emily Ainsworth Keniston's ordination to the transitional diaconate on May 9.

Announcements

Welcome to all of you joining us this morning. If you are new to St. Peter's and want to learn more about us, please fill out one of the pew cards and place in the offering plate or give to an usher.

Please join us for coffee hour in the undercroft.

Offering our gifts to God is part of our worship whenever we gather. Offerings are received during the Offertory. You may also mail your gift to: St. Peter's Church, 10 Alton Street Portland, ME 04103, or you can give online directly to St. Peter's by going to our website. Offerings can also be made through Venmo. See the

back page of this leaflet for information about Venmo. The second offering plate is for donations to Project Feed, our local emergency food pantry.

This Week at St. Peter's

Compline, Wed. May 20, 7:00 pm, Zoom

Coming up at St. Peter's

Day of Pentecost and Holy Baptism, Sun. May 24, 9 am, Church

Vestry Meeting, Tues. May 26, 7 pm, Zoom

Celebration of New Ministry, Sun. June 7, 4 pm, Church

NOTES ON THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

Everett Titcomb (1884-1968) was the organist at the musically prominent Church of St. John the Evangelist in Boston for over 50 years and taught at the New England Conservatory of Music. Adoro te devote--"humbly we adore thee"--is one of the most ancient church melodies.

"O Worship the King" is certainly one of the best-known hymns in English-speaking churches. The author of the text, Robert Grant (1779-1838) was born in Scotland, became a member of Parliament, Judge Advocate General, and was knighted when he became Governor of Bombay. The hymn is a free paraphrase of Psalm 104, which celebrates in rich language the works of God in creation.

Washington Gladden--who wrote the lyrics for "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"--was one of America's best-known Congregationalist ministers. A powerful and fearless advocate of the "social gospel," his hymn is a direct response to Christ's invitation to "follow me."

Jason Payne's "Trumpet Tune" is a newcomer to the organ literature. Published just a couple of years ago, the "Trumpet Tune" combines a typical English trumpet tune with a brief, Baroque-style dance movement. ~HT

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