



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

**The Sixth Sunday
of Easter
Sunday, May 10th, 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:

May 10, 2026

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Crucifer*

Ms. Emily Hickey & Ms. Lenita Richard, *Eucharistic Ministers*

The Hickey Family, *Lectors*

Mr. Tom Ainsworth, *Usher*

Mr. Bob Simmons, *Videographer*

Ms. Janene Gorham, *Altar Guild*

Ms. Meredith Tipton & Ms. Lenita Richard, *Counters*

Ms. Lenita & Mr. Rodney Richard, *Coffee Hour*

From the Priest in Charge

Dear Friends,

I spent the first part of this week at the Diocesan clergy conference up at the Schoodic Retreat Center in Winter Harbor. The majestic beauty of the ocean and rocks, as well as the continued sound of the waves everywhere we walked, reminded me that resurrection and renewal are part of the natural rhythms of life as well as of our church life together. Our prayer time together as clergy included liturgies from a rich variety of traditions: Celtic, Lutheran, and Indigenous. In sessions led by Rev. Shaneequa Brokenleg, staff officer for Racial Reconciliation for the Episcopal Church, we explored ways of building authentic relationships with our fellow humans, including people not like us, and with all of Creation. It was indeed a healing and joyful time together.

And now we as a parish get to look ahead to this Saturday, when we will gather in joy to celebrate Emily Keniston's ordination to the transitional diaconate! We hope you will join us at 10 am at St. Luke's Cathedral, either in person or via the St. Luke's You Tube channel. Thank you to Lenita and Rodney Richard for organizing the reception afterwards, and to all at St. Peter's who have nurtured and supported Emily along her evolving path of serving Jesus and a world in need.

I shared at our Sunday service last week the exciting news that Emily will serve her transitional diaconate here at St. Peter's, and I share it now with those of you who may not yet know. Praise God! We look forward to this time when Emily will be growing ever more fully into her calling as a priest while taking on the liturgical roles of a deacon; we trust it will be a time of mutual enrichment for both her and us in our life as a parish. Emily will begin her duties with us on Sunday, May 17.

May the God who calls us into relationship and nurtures us be deeply present with us on this special weekend, and always.

Faithfully,



By the Grace of God
and with the consent of the people

The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Brown
Tenth Bishop of Maine

will ordain

Emily Ainsworth Keniston
and

Maribeth Anderson Payne

Deacons

(Transitional)

in Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic Church

Your prayers and presence are requested

Saturday, the ninth day of May, two thousand and twenty-six
at ten o'clock in the morning

The Cathedral Church of St. Luke
143 State Street, Portland, Maine

Reception immediately following the service

Clergy are asked to wear red stoles

The service will also be livestreamed on St. Luke's [YouTube channel](#).

Opportunity for the Sacrament of Baptism

The Day of Pentecost (May 24th this year) is one of four occasions listed in the Book of Common Prayer as particularly

appropriate for administering the sacrament. During baptism, we are anointed by the Holy Spirit as well as sprinkled with water, and so Pentecost Sunday, when we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit, is a natural time to receive the sacrament. If you have never been baptized, or if you have family members whom you may wish to baptize, please be in touch with Rev. Myrna, so that preparations can be made.

A Report from Our Earth Keepers

St. Peter's Earth Keepers have been working on an outdoor project. The antique font will be repaired and placed in yard surrounded by flowers. The goal is for this to be a sanctuary for peace and prayer with perhaps a bench to sit. All the Easter flowers that graced our church have been put in ground until we get the font in place. The Vestry has given us a budget for this. We hope to get this meditation garden accomplished by summer.

There is an Earth Keeper event at the BTS center on Wolf's Neck conservation farm on June 30. It's a beautiful spot and meeting place for EKs all over Maine. If people are interested, we can car pool. Please speak with Janene if you would like to attend.

Clynk bags are available again with tags. Thanks to Linda Foster for doing this. There is over \$110 in account. Every can counts!

Our recycling needs some updates to remind us of what goes where, and we hope to get to this soon.

Thankful for this beautiful green earth!

Respectfully submitted,

Janene Gorham

Do you speak a foreign language?

On the Day of Pentecost, we will be reading Acts 2:1-21, when the Holy Spirit descends upon the disciples at Jerusalem, and people

spoke in their various languages and still understood one another. If you speak a language other than English and are willing to be a reader that day, please talk with Rev. Myrna. We will likely have a short rehearsal preceding the service.

Building Project in the Dominican Republic

Parishioners Steve Koskinen and Colette Desjardins are involved in the Morgan Stanley Bridges to Community Project in the Dominican Republic. Employees travel to the country to build homes and support community infrastructure. Steve and Colette will be heading down there in June! Please visit Steve's site to learn how you can help support this project.

<https://bridgestocommunity.org/campaign/morgan-stanley-3/fundraiser/56/>

YOUTH SERVICE CORPS LOCK-IN



**SATURDAY
MAY 16TH
5:00 PM**

Flexible Options for Pick Up

Sat. night @ 10:30 pm

Sun. morning before 9:30 am

Sun. morning @ 11:30 am



**First Congregational Church UCC
301 Cottage Road, South Portland**



**\$10 - \$30 Suggested Donation to YSC
Includes dinner, ice cream and breakfast**

**Come together in
faith, friendship,
and prayer!**

- **PLAY ICE BREAKER GAMES**
- **MAKE A MEAL TOGETHER**
- **WALK TO RED'S DAIRY FREEZE**
- **COMPLETE A SERVICE PROJECT**

RSVP to Amber Burks at amber@stalbansmaine.org



RSVP BY SUNDAY, MAY 3

Compline will meet on Wednesday, May 13th, at its usual time, 7:00 PM.

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

Marketing Volunteer Needed

Are you a person who enjoys design work and creating website and social media content? If so, we would love to have your skills as we seek to improve our publicity around upcoming events, and our outreach to our immediate neighborhood and the community. Please see Rev. Myrna if you are interested.

Our Fence Post Keeps Tilting!

Last fall, our junior warden Wayne Franklin worked hard to anchor this sign but it still is leaning after the winter. If you are willing and able to help fix this and make the post more secure, please speak with Rev. Myrna or Wayne. Thanks!



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

Emily Keniston's Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate,

Sat. May 9, 10 am, St. Luke's Cathedral

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry, Tues. May 12, 8:30-11 am, St. Luke's

Compline, Wed. May 13, 7:00 PM on Zoom

Coming up at St. Peter's

Youth Service Corps "Lock In" Overnight Event, Sat. May 16-Sun. May 17, First Congregational Church UCC, South Portland

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

Sunday Minister Rota for May

May 17, 2026

Mr. Tom Ainsworth, *Crucifer*

Ms. Emily Keniston & Ms. Janene Gorham , *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Will Estrella, *Usher*

Ms. Lenita Richard, *Videographer*

Ms. Lenita Richard, *Altar Guild*

Mr. Wayne Franklin and Ms. Anita Chandler *Counters*

May 24, 2026

Mr. Jake Mahon, *Crucifer*

Mr. Galen Weibley & Mr. Steve Booth, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Bob Simmons, *Usher*

Mr. Will Estrella, *Videographer*

Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*

Mr. Jonathan McCormick & Mr. Wayne Franklin, *Counters*

May 31, 2026

Mr. Fred Fowler, *Crucifer*

Ms. Janene Gorham & Ms. Anne Whitman, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*

Mr. Bob Simmons, *Videographer*

Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*

Ms. Meredith Tipton & Ms. Lenita Richard, *Counters*

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*
Janice Grant, *friend of Jane Noone*
Dory, *friend of Judy Howes*

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

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

After graduating from Yale and studying organ and composition in Paris, Seth Bingham (1882-1972) served as professor of music at Columbia and organist for 40 years at New York City's Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. He composed in a variety of forms, and several of his compositions were performed by major symphony orchestras in this country and Europe. Lowell Mason (1792-1872) is known as the "father of American church music"; from a distinguished career in Boston, he traveled to Leipzig, Germany, and subsequently became the organist at New York City's Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, whose robust congregational singing achieved world-wide acclaim.

"Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven" was written by Henry Francis Lyte. The hymn is frequently sung in the United Kingdom and was used in the 1947 royal wedding of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth, now the late Queen Elizabeth II, and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Born in Scotland and educated at Enniskillen and Trinity College in Dublin, Lyte's most important position was Anglican curate at Lower Brixham, Devonshire, England, where he served for 24 years. The popularity of this hymn has been significantly enhanced by LAUDA ANIMA, Sir John Goss' stirring melody written in 1869 expressly for these lyrics. Its inclusion in Hymns Ancient and Modern (1875 edition) and in The English Hymnal (1906) have made it one of the most broadly sung Victorian hymns, used most recently at both Queen Elizabeth's funeral and at King Charles' coronation.

The great American poet John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), a devout Quaker, lived to see portions of over 30 of his poems set to music as hymns for congregational singing. Of these, Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, still in widespread use in America and Great Britain, was set to the tune Rest by Frederick Maker, a talented organist and choral conductor who spent nearly all his life in the port city of Bristol, England.

Our concluding hymn--"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"-- was written by Athalstan Riley (1858-1945), one of the editors of "The English Hymnal" of 1906. An Oxfordian scholar, Riley translated a number of hymn texts from

Latin and Greek, but this one seems to have been an original. The first stanza names the nine orders of angels who praise God, and in stanza four, all are urged to "lift their voices" to the Holy Trinity. No one is exempt from singing!

The Baroque French composer Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704) was active during the reign of Louis XIV when all the arts--drama and music especially--were victims of court intrigue and backbiting on a grand scale. Charpentier cleverly used his connections to Louis' first cousin, Mlle. de Guise, and son, the Dauphin, to deflect the jealous machinations of the official court composer Lully, who bitterly resented Charpentier's popularity among members of the Royal family. His Prelude to the Te Deum is not unlike an English trumpet tune, but its dotted rhythms and ornamentation give it a decidedly French flavor. ~ HT

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