

St. Peter's

EPISCOPAL  CHURCH

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ASCENSION SUNDAY
THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE TWO
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023
9:15 A.M.

PRELUDE

The Sanctuary Candle is given this day to the Glory of God by Jeany Glowacki in memory of Stormin' Norman Braziel.

INTRODUCTION FOR RADIO LISTENERS

Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church broadcasting from WKRM 103.7. Our Orders of Worship and a livestream of this service may be found on our website: www.saintpeterscolumbia.org. Thank you for joining us today, and we hope we can welcome you in person for worship very soon.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand, as able, when the bell tolls for worship

ENTRANCE HYMN *All hail the power of Jesus' Name (Coronation)* (H 450)

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

The Celebrant may say

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 S 280 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell)* (BCP p. 356)

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father;

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

FIRST READING:

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They 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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

All stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Hail, thou once despis'd Jesus (In Babilone)* (H 495)

GOSPEL:

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

⁴⁴[Jesus said to his disciples,] “These are ⁴⁴my 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.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is

written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

At the conclusion of the Gospel, as the Deacon returns the Gospel Book, all children are invited to come forward to the front pew.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 359)

All remain standing.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For Joseph, our President; William, our Governor; Sheila and Charles, our Mayors, and 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 Church of the Province of the West Indies, St. Paul's Church, Franklin, and for the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; John, our Bishop; Chris, our Rector and for all all bishops, priests and deacons;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for those on our Continuing Prayer List; Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great

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

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.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People *And also with you.*

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We give thanks for the birthdays of Lucy Duling, Martha Georgeson, Jennifer Ballard, Ryan Fowler, Beaugard Pennington, Travis Groth, Bob Duling, and Jonathon Ross.

We give thanks this day for the anniversaries of John and Dianne Breyfogle, Father Sandy and Ginger Herrmann, Ken and Mendy Vickers, Travis and Sarah Groth, Chris and Jackie Turner, and Harvey and Beth Fischer.

Today, we honor those who completed the Intentional Communion class

INTENTIONAL COMMUNION CLASS

Asher Abdallah

Elliot Hutto

Margaret Berry Kennedy

Samuel Kennedy

Katherine Tarter

Emmie Wallace

Otis Groth

David Tuck

John Russell Tuck

Ann Christopher Robert

Litton Robert

Rylan Ross

Cooper Ross

Maebyn Denney

Naomi Shockley

Evie Shockley

INTENTIONAL COMMUNION PRAYER

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and The Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

ONLINE GIVING AT ST. PETER'S

If you would like to give to St. Peter's, electronically, please visit our webpage at <https://www.saintpeterscolumbia.org/gifts>. If your offering is part of an annual pledge, be sure to select "Pledge Payments, Current Year" from the dropdown list of Funds. If your offering is a one-time gift, please select "Plate Offerings." You can also give by text. Send a message to 73256 (it will appear as 73-256) Enter "stpter" in the message and send. Then click on the link that appears and follow the instructions. We thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Offered By The Choir

DOXOLOGY *From all that dwell below the skies (Old 100th) (H 380)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 361)

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<i>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</i>

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 361)

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. 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 S 130 Holy, holy, holy (Schubert/Proulx) (BCP p. 362)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 362)

The People stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM S 155 *Christ our Passover (Near)*

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

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.

The priest will invite the children who took part in the intentional communion class to come forward and take communion as a group, first.

COMMUNION HYMN *Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God* (H 711)

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

All

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and though I may be separated from others today, let me never feel separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

Let us pray.

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.

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Acolytes exit during the first half of the stanzas; after the Sermon, the clergy exit during the remaining stanzas.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *Crown him with many crowns (Diademata)* (H 494)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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KALENDAR OF THE WEEK:

<p>Sunday, May 21st</p> <p>Monday, May 22nd</p> <p>Tuesday, May 23rd</p> <p>Wednesday, May 24th</p> <p>Thursday, May 25th</p> <p>Friday, May 26th</p> <p>Saturday, May 27th</p> <p>Sunday, May 28th</p>	<p>8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist Rite I</p> <p>9:15 a.m.—Family Eucharist Rite II, (livestream)</p> <p>10:00 a.m.—Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist Rite II</p> <p>12:15 p.m.—Executive Committee Meeting</p> <p>10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, (Chapel)</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Choir (Choir Room)</p> <p>11:45 a.m.—African American Heritage Society Luncheon</p> <p>WHITSUNDAY</p> <p>8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist Rite I (at St. Peter's)</p> <p>10:00 a.m.—WHITSUNDAY SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S</p> <p>12 noon—Potluck on the Grounds</p>
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TO HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Parish Family	Friends of the Parish	Military	
Pete Bottoms	B.I. Naddy	Andrea Archambeau	Dabney Talbott
Carolyn Beard	Nancy Naddy	George Dillen	Edna Waters
Martha Sue Cain	Sami Naddy	Vana Dillen	Anita Hadley Young
Joe Ciccoline	Bill O'Brien	Karen Evans	Johnny Younger
Jim Callaway	Riley O'Brien	Sara Guard	Daniel O'Rourke
Barbara Crawford	Earl Parrott	Rex Hadley, Sr.	Sam Marnes
Steven Crawford	Judy Sanders	Bill Haralson	Julie Herring
Barbara Dreher	Nancy Thompson	Victoria Lay	Ella Lopez
Tony Dreher	Jimmy Waters	The O'Neil Family	Richard Gary
Anita DuBois	Bev Williams	Joe McDonald	Breanna Cecil
Tom DuBois	Blair Wilson	Tim McCormick	Rebecca Barnhill
Jeffrey Fuller	Brett Wilson	Jerry Marshall	Foster
Currey Halliday	Irene Zongor	Barbara Richardson	Michael Charleton
Sandy Halliday	Paul Studebaker	Dave Suarez	The Meese Family
Winn Halliday	Morrna Conway	Linda Trotter	
Fr. H. W. Herrmann	Rich Crawford	Cameron Swallow	
Donny Long	KT Pritchard	Farrokh Mazahery	Re
Fr. Michael Murphy		Darlene Merriam	
		Louise Younger	