



Please be in a spirit of quiet prayer as we prepare for worship. We invite you to come to the altar rail and offer a prayer that the Holy Spirit will renew our minds with truth and pour the love of God into our hearts as we hear the Word of God read and the Gospel proclaimed.



The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025 ✝ 8:30 am

The Holy Eucharist

Solo *Alleluia* from *Exsultate, jubilate* (W.A. Mozart)
Stephanie Matthews, soprano

Hymnal 210 The day of resurrection!

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Collect for Purity BCP 355
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 in excelsis BCP 356

The Collect of the Day
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The First Lesson Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” But Peter began and explained it to them in order: “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending,

being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

Lector The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148:1-2, 11-14 BCP 806



1 Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord | from the | heavens; *
- | praise him | in the | heights.

2 Praise him, all you | **angels** of | his; *
- | praise him, | all his | host.

11 Kings of the earth | and all | **peoples**, *
princes and all | ru-lers | of the | world;

12 Young | men and | **maidens**, *
* | old and | young to- | gether.

13 Let them praise the | **Name of** the | LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is | o-ver | earth and | **heaven.**

14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his | lo-yal | servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
| Hal-le- | lu- | jah!

The Epistle Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down,

for these words are trustworthy and true.” And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymnal 446 Praise to the Holiest

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ acc. to John
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel John 13: 31-35

When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

The Sermon The Rev. Jeremy Bergstrom

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and all our mind let us bring our prayers to our Heavenly Father.

Good Lord, we ask that you rule and govern your holy Church, your will being done on earth as it is in heaven;
Lead us, good Lord.

That every member of your church, and especially this congregation, would have a heart to love and fear you, and diligently live according to your commandments, so we can be one as you and your Son are one;
Unite us, good Lord.

That you would bless your Church with the joy of repentance, and make us holy;
Purify us, good Lord.

That your Holy Spirit would enflame all bishops, priests, and deacons with a love of you and your truth, for the proclamation of the Gospel, and for the salvation of souls;
Enlighten them, good Lord.

That you would impart to all of us a zeal for your glory, a hunger for your Word, and a heart for those who do not know you,
Give us your Spirit, good Lord.

That you would guide the leaders of our nation, state, and community in sound judgment and true justice, and that they would work for the common good;
Give them a servant’s heart, good Lord.

That you would give to every nation unity, peace, and concord;
Have mercy, good Lord.

That you would bless our homes, our labor, our community, and our schools;
May we abide in you, good Lord.

That you would have mercy on all those who are suffering, are alone, are hungry, are in danger, are homeless, are incarcerated, or in some other trouble;
Comfort and help them, good Lord.

That you would receive all who have died in the communion of your Church and those whose faith is known to you alone (especially____), that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.
Unite us with them in your Kingdom, good Lord.

Additional prayers, suitable to the occasion, may be said.

We then welcome your prayers and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

The Celebrant prays a concluding collect.

Confession and Absolution		BCP 360
Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.		
<i>The priest pronounces the absolution.</i>		
The Peace		
Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.	
People	And also with you.	

Rector’s Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Anthem	<i>With a voice of singing</i> (Martin Shaw)
Doxology	Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)	
BCP 361	
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

Sanctus	BCP 362
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The Celebrant continues

Celebrant	Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People	Christ has died.
	Christ is risen.
	Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

The Great Amen

The Lord’s Prayer

The Fraction		BCP 364
Celebrant	Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.	
People	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!	
<i>Agnus Dei</i>		BCP 407

All Christians baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and of a clean conscience are welcome to receive communion. All others are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, or remain in their seats in prayer. If you are interested in baptism, please contact the office.

Motet	<i>Ave verum corpus</i> (Charles Gounod)
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Hymnal 487	Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life
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Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365
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

Hymnal 432	O praise ye the Lord! (sung to the tune <i>Lyons</i>)
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Dismissal		BCP 366
<i>The Deacon dismisses the congregation</i>		
People	Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!	
Organ	<i>Allegro in Classic Style</i> (Gordon Young)	

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You can dedicate altar flower arrangements throughout the year.
Your thanksgiving or memorial will be placed in the bulletin.

PARISH Calendar

Monday - Thursday	Church Office Open 9am-4pm
Monday - Friday	School Office Open 9am-1:30pm

Monday, May 19
7:00am Morning Prayer on St. Peter’s website www.stpeterslakemary.org

Tuesday, May 20
6:30pm Women’s Bible Study in the Family Life Center
6:30pm Men’s Bible Study in the Family Life Center

Wednesday, May 21
1:00pm Handwork Group in the Family Life Center
5:45pm Evening Prayer in the Church
7:00pm Ephesians Bible Study in Church

Thursday, May 22
9:30am Women’s Study Online
7:00pm Band Practice in the Church

Saturday, May 24
7:30am Grace & Grits @ First United Methodist in Sanford

Sunday, May 25
7:00am Choir Rehearsal
8:30am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist
11:00am Worship Service with Holy Eucharist, Kids’ Church & Nursery
6:00pm No Youth Group – ON SUMMER BREAK

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The text of the service contained in this program is taken from The Book of Common Prayer 1979. The Book of Common Prayer is the authority for worship of the Episcopal Church. This order of service has been provided for your convenience. All Scriptures are taken from The English Standard Version. The Psalms are from the BCP 1979.