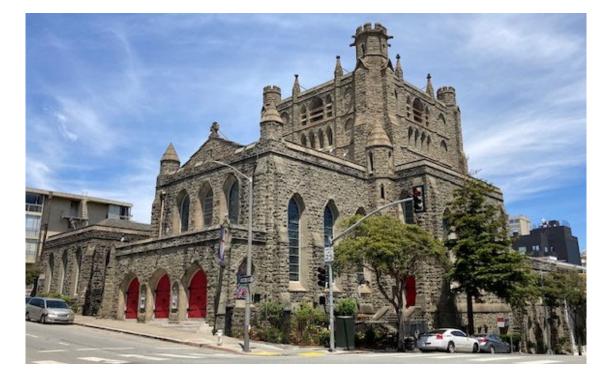
# **Trinity†St. Peter's Episcopal Church**

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025



Prelude: "Pastorale"

Johann Sebastian Bach

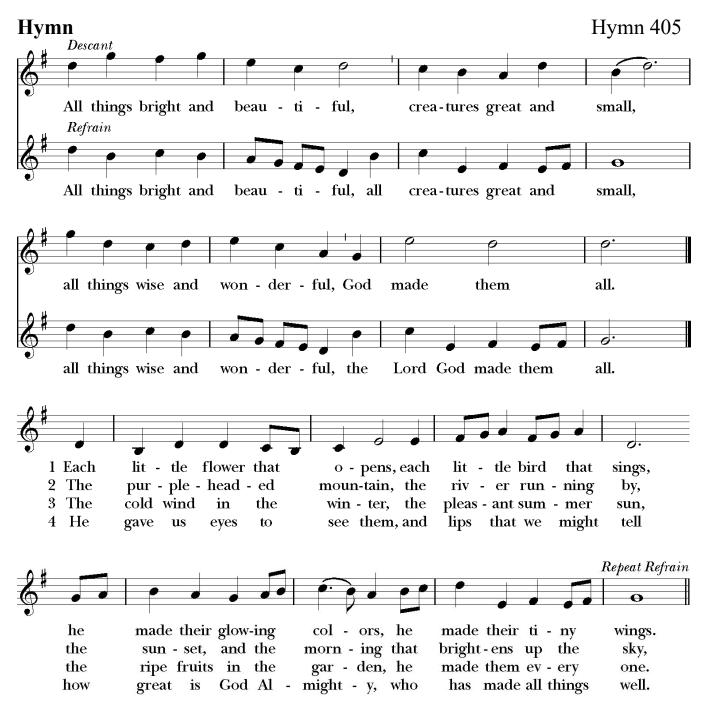
-Mission Statement—

Trinity†St. Peter's is a welcoming and diverse Christ-centered spiritual community drawn together by the power of the Holy Spirit and by our passion to serve. You are invited to join us as we seek an ever deeper connection to God, to creation and to one another.

# **Holy Eucharist**

# **Entrance Rite**

At the sound of the bell, all stand as they are able for the beginning of our worship.



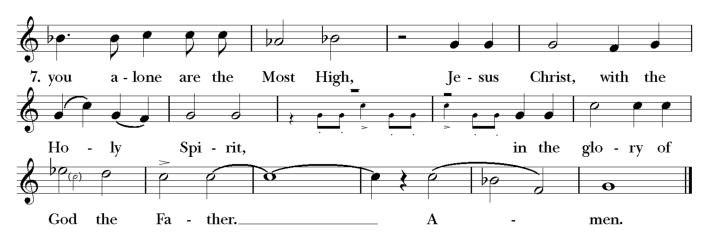
All remaining standing as are able,

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ is risen.PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### Celebrant and People

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 Liturgy of the Word

# **Collect of the Day**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

All sit.

# **First Reading**

Acts 16: 9-15

All sit.

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

| Reader | Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. |
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| People | Thanks be to God.                               |

# Psalm

Psalm 67

Deus misereatur

May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*
 show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
Let your ways be known upon earth, \*
 your saving health among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*
 let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*
 for you judge the peoples with equity
 and guide all the nations upon earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*
 let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has brought forth her increase; \*
 may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
May God give us his blessing, \*
 and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

# **Second Reading**

A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day — and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

ReaderHear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.PeopleThanks be to God.

All stand as are able.



# **Holy Gospel**

All remain standing as are able.

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids — blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 398, verse 3 (reverse)

#### Sermon

Pause — a time for reflection

# The Nicene Creed

All stand as are able.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

All remain standing, as they are able.

*Leader* Holy God send your spirit to comfort, inform, direct and guide us to your truth in this life and in the life to come. Hear and respond to us as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Gift all those who love you with the will and discipline to follow your commands. Lord in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

*Leader* Inspire those who fear that you are far from them. Guide us to be in their lives so that they may know with certainty that your love is always present. Lord in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

*Leader* Give our national and international leaders and all who hold authority over your people strong hearts filled with compassion, mercy and justice. Lord in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

- *Leader* Comfort those who are sick in body, mind or spirit. Grant them an awareness of your faithful care and your deep desire for the restoration of all things. Lord in your mercy:
- People Hear our prayer.
- *Leader* Guide us into vocations, relationships, study and actions that delight and sustain us as we seek to follow your way of life and love. Lord in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

*Leader* Welcome the dying who come home to dwell at last in your heavenly Kingdom; comfort those who weep or mourn with the knowledge of salvation. Lord in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

#### Celebrant and People

Heavenly Father, overturn the empty doubts and fears we keep stored in the secret places of our thoughts, and fill us instead with the peace that only you can give. Grant us a life lived in the joy of serving your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit dwells in love eternal. Amen.

# Peace

CelebrantThe peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

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

### Announcements

Announcements may be made at this point in the service, during which the people may be seated.

# **The Holy Communion**

# **The Offertory**

Bread and Wine are offered at the Altar, and the table is set for the Eucharist. A collection is taken for the work of the church and then blessed. In this set of actions, the whole assembly brings together our food, our material resources, our spirits, our bodies, our cares, our relationships, and our intentions, in order to present ourselves and our world as completely as possible to God. All of them will be blessed in the Eucharistic action to come, and creation itself will be renewed.

# **Offertory Sentence**

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

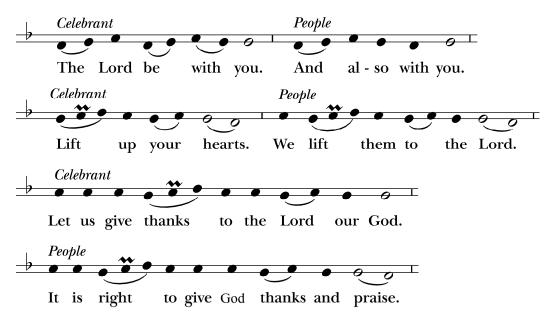
Offertory Anthem: "E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord Almighty God, who was and is and is to come. Sing holy, holy Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming, is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more. They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

#### The Great Thanksgiving

#### All stand as are able.

- CelebrantBlessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we<br/>have this bread to offer, which the earth has given, and human hands<br/>have made. It will become for us the bread of life.PeopleBlessed be God forever.
- Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine, and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.
- People Blessed be God forever.
- *Celebrant* Pray, my sisters, and brothers, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty.
- People May the Lord receive this sacrifice at your hands to the praise and glory of God's name, to our benefit, and to that of all God's holy Church.

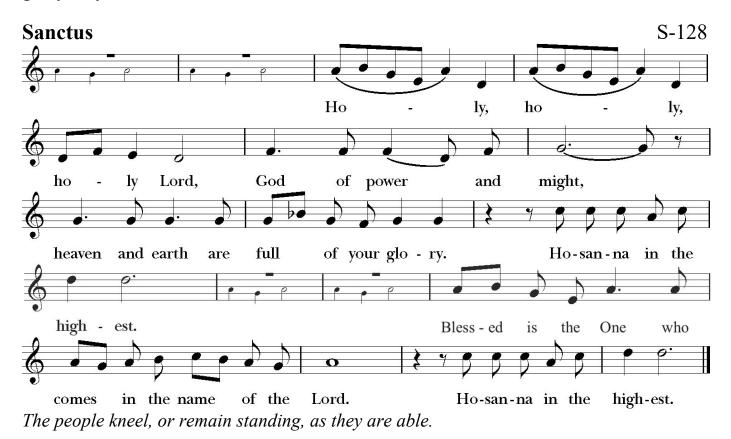


#### The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:



#### Then the Celebrant continues

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.

### The Celebrant continues

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.

People Amen.

#### The Celebrant then continues

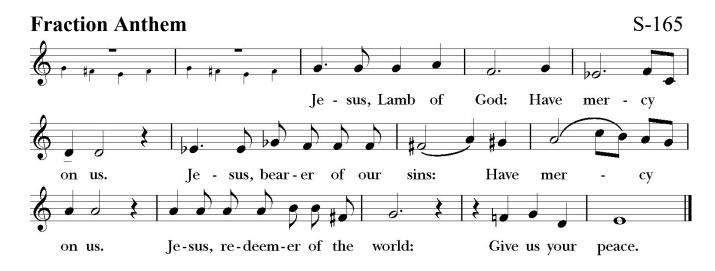
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

#### People and Celebrant

Our Father and Mother in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

CelebrantAlleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!



The Celebrant says,

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People may be seated; the usher will indicate each row for communion. All who feel called are welcome to receive communion; alternatively, you may cross your arms over your chest if you prefer to receive a blessing.





After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People, all standing or kneeling as they are able

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.

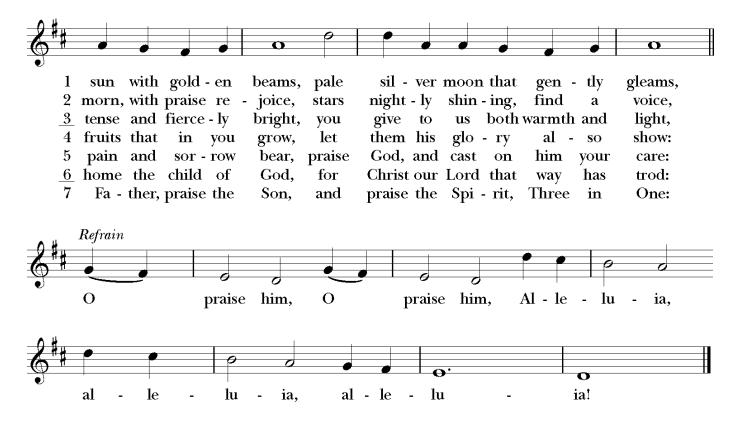
#### **Blessing**

Celebrant: May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

#### Hymn Hymn 400, verses 1, 4, 5 and 7 1 All of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let crea - tures us \*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez-es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -Swift flow - ing clear, make mu - sic \*3 wa - ter, pure and for your Lord to Dear mo - ther earth, you day day un - fold your bless-ings 4 by on our 5All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your \*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal $\mathbf{7}$ Let hum - bleall things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in O

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| 1 sing:                  | Al-le - lu - ia, | al - le - lu - ia! | Bright | burn - ing  |
| 2 loft,                  | O praise him,    | Al - le - lu - ia! | Fair   | ris - ing   |
| <u> </u>                 | Al-le-lu-ia,     | al - le - lu - ia! | Fire,  | so in -     |
| 4 way,                   | O praise him,    | Al-le-lu-ia!       | All f  | flowers and |
| 5 part,                  | O sing now:      | Al - le - lu - ia! | All    | you that    |
| <u>    6    </u> breath, | O praise him,    | Al - le - lu - ia! | You    | lead back   |
| 7 ness,                  | O praise him,    | Al-le-lu-ia!       | Praise | God the     |



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

#### Dismissal

Celebrant:Let us go forth in the name of Christ.People:Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Pastorale"

Domenico Zipoli

#### First Sundays Organ Recital, at 5:00 p.m., Spring 2025

June 1 Dr. Michael Szostak (Warsaw, Poland)

We're glad you joined us this Sunday! If you'd like to learn more about T+SP, please feel free to contact us using the information below or visit our website: trinity-stpeters.org

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