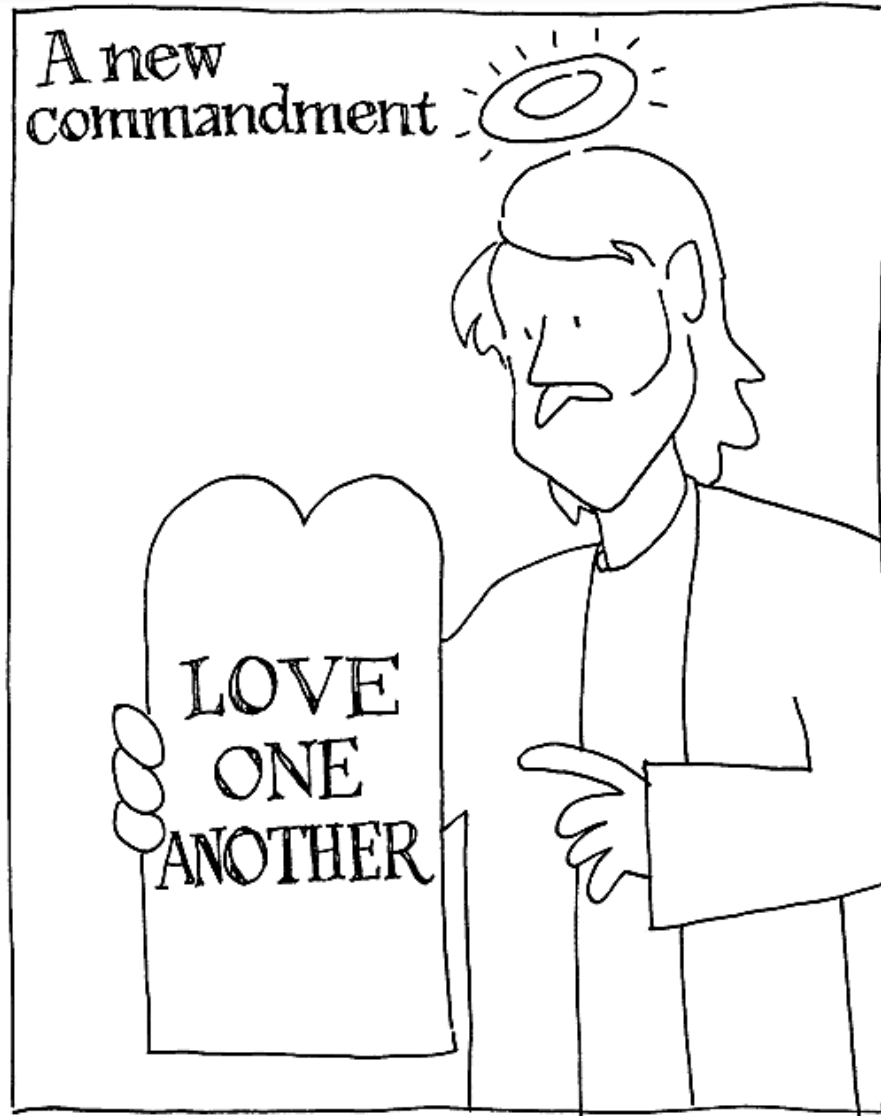




ST. PETER'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Sam*



Cartoon courtesy of The Reverend Jay Sidebotham and his book *Drawn to the Gospels, Year B*.

*Flowers this weekend are given by Annie and Alan Clopine, in celebration of our 36<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and in gratitude to our St. Peter's family.*

## Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church!

We're glad you're here. Our services are in person Saturdays at 5pm, Sundays at 8 and 9:30am, and Wednesday services of healing are at 9:30am. To keep our most vulnerable churchgoers safe, we have a "mask friendly" zone in the south transept. Sunday services are livestreamed on [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#). We do our best to have the 8am streamed on time but please be patient with us. If it's not available right at 8am it will be shortly thereafter. If you're concerned about being visible on camera, please let an usher know so you can be seated in an area off-camera. Thank you for doing your part to keep our community safe and healthy.

### Prayer Requests

For those whom our prayers have been requested, especially Della Halleck, Penny Johnson, Val; Palmer, the Jarrett family, Mhords Giron, all health care providers, care givers, first responders, for God's comfort, protection and peace for all affected financially, physically, emotionally and spiritually by Covid, and all in need known to God.

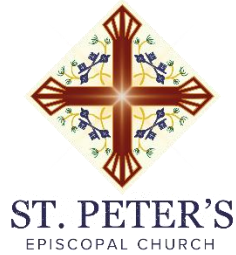
We continue our prayers for Judy and Consuela, Dan, Mother Paige and Josie, Fran, Larry, Jenny and Baby William, Sarah, Bill, John, Joan, Jay, Deacon Bob, Nancy, Debra, Amanda, Judy and TJ, Carlene, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Brian and Umi, Gloria, Milton, the people of the Holy Land, Jacque, Liam, Deacon Al, Joshua, Brenda, Fran, Barbara, Marian, Rosemarie, Brandon, Andrejka, Ulrika, Maureen, for gun reform, and all those affected by gun violence, victims of violence throughout the world, and those imprisoned.

For all travelers in our parish community, and for our veterans and all in our Uniformed Services at home and abroad, especially Christina, Jacquilene, Jamal, Edward, Megan, Gunnar, Robert, and Rob.

We pray for all who have died, especially Lillian Jarrett, Will, Maureen, and Joyce Justus, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

On the Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Bangladesh; on our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the clergy and people of St. Andrew's by-the-Lake, Lake Elsinore. On our military cycle of prayer we pray for USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG 54), and on our St. Peter's cycle of prayer we pray for our grief group.

To have names added to the bulletin Prayer Requests, email Deacon Bob Nelson at [bobnelson1@hotmail.com](mailto:bobnelson1@hotmail.com). Prayers are printed almost a week in advance. If you notice your prayer request is not listed, it will be included the following week.



## St. Peter's Vision, Values, and Mission Statements

### **Our Vision**

St. Peter's dares to be an open embracing community;  
discovering, celebrating, and sharing the Love of Christ.

### **Our Values**

Joyfully Christ-Centered...

We value growth on our spiritual journey as members of the Body of Christ.

We value our Anglican heritage as an authentic, evolving tradition.

We value loving, compassionate service.

We value gratitude and generosity as stewards of all God's gifts.

We value everyone and welcome all to find a place to belong in the worship,  
fellowship and ministry of this parish.

### **Our Mission**

St. Peter's invites you to a spiritual journey; to love God and your neighbors near and far; to worship, pray and serve joyfully in community; to strive to become more Christ-like in living out the promises of our baptism ...that all may know Christ's healing love.

**On My Heart and Mind As I Come to Church Today/Sermon Notes:**

# Liturgy of the Word

Please stand and remain so until the First Reading.

Please sing.

## Opening Hymn # 379 "God is Love"

Text: Timothy Rees (1874 - 1939), alt.

Music: Abbott's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (b. 1907)

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -  
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

**Opening Acclamation**

BCP 355

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

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

**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 (S202)**

Healey Willan (1880-1968)  
*Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*


1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,  
 good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,



we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give



thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly




King, God the Fa-ther Al - might - y.




4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;




5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that




ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -



on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the



world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the



right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou  
on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most  
high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. —  
A - - - - - men.

### 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.*

*Please be seated.*

### First Reading

Acts 8:26 - 40

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please join in singing the psalm.

Psalm 22:24 - 30 *Deus, Deus meus*

based on “Birmingham”

Make known the sav - - - ing deeds that God has done.

A B

A 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

B 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"

[ANT]



A 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

A 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.

B 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him. [ANT]

A 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

B 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done. [ANT]

## Second Reading

1 John 4:7 - 21

A Reading from the First Letter of St. John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

Please stand and remain so thru the Holy Gospel.

**Sequence Hymn 178** “Jesus is Lord of All the Earth” (Refrain) Text: Donald Fishel (b. 1950)

Music: *Alleluia No. 1*, Donald Fishel (b. 1950); arr. Betty Pulkingham (1928 – 2019), Charles Mallory (b. 1950) and George Mims (b. 1938)

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of two staves each. The first system begins with a *Descant* section, followed by the *Refrain*. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give Praise to his Name. Name." The score includes repeat signs and a *Final Ending* section marked "1-4".

### Holy Gospel

John 15:1 – 8

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered,

thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

The Reverend Susan Astarita, Pastoral Associate

*Please stand.*

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

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.

### Prayers of the People

### Praying the Scriptures

Prayer Chant: "Lead Me, Guide Me" (LEVAS 194) Doris M. Akers; arr. Richard Smallwood

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,  
For if you lead me, I can - not stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.  
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

**Fine**

We give you thanks for those who offer their best as leaders of your people—for our bishops, priests, and deacons. Pray for those who carry out your mission under their leadership. Pray for +Dede, +Scott, +Daniel, +Sean, and +Robert, who have been nominated for the slate to elect our next Presiding Bishop. Pray for God’s church.

*Silence.*

We offer our prayers for the leaders of our nation—for our president, our governor, Congress, and the courts of this land. Give them courage and wisdom and a heart for justice. Pray for all nations, remembering the people of Haiti, Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence.*

We pray for mercy for those who suffer from hunger, in poverty, in the wake of violent storms, after earthquakes. Sustain them in their struggles and give them hope. We are thankful for compassionate people who answer their call for help. Pray for those who suffer around the world.

*Silence.*

We pray for those who are ill, for those who live in fear and whose spirits are restless, for those suffering from mental illness, and their caregivers. Give comfort to those who are dying and those who stand beside them as they find their way home. Pray for new and unending life in this world and the next.

*Silence.*

We pray for those who have died.

*Our hearts are full this day, Lord, as we embrace new life in you. We give you thanks for the gift of song and joyful spirits.*

### Prayer Chant

*The Confession is omitted during the festal season of Eastertide.*

**Peace** *Please 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.*

### Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

BCP 830

Watch over thy servants, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Liturgy of the Holy Communion

### Offertory

*The celebrant says an offering sentence. Offerings can now be done via "Text2Give" via text to 858-252-0622.*

**At the Offertory:** "My Eyes for Beauty Pine"

Herbert Howells (1892 - 1983)

My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddës grace;  
No other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.  
One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above:  
'Tis named when God's name is said, 'tis love, 'tis heavenly love.  
And every gentle heart that burns with true desire,  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.

Please sing.

**Doxology: Hymn 193 v. 5** "That Easter Day"

Text: Latin, 5<sup>th</sup> cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1940*

Music: *Puer nobis*, melody from *Trier MS.*, 15<sup>th</sup> cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius (1571 - 1621)

5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to  
5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther  
5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

**Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**

BCP 361

Please remain standing.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 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:

*Celebrant and People*

*Sanctus et Benedictus Qui Venit* (S114)

Healey Willan (1880 - 1968)

Music: *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand and 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:

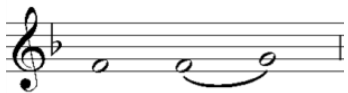
*Celebrant and People*  
Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*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.



A - men.

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

*Celebrant and People*

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.

## Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



*The Celebrant says*

This is the table, not of the church but of Jesus Christ.  
It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more.  
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;  
You who have been here often  
and you who have not been for a long time or ever before;  
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed;  
Come, not because the Church invites you;  
It is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here. *-The Iona Community Worship Book*

### **Invitation and Ministration of Holy Communion**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation or similar words.*

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.

**Communion Anthem:** “*Agnus Dei*”

Imant Raminah (1598 – 1662)

*Agnus dei qui tollis peccata mundi. Agnus dei, miserere nobis. Dona nobis pacem. Amen.*

Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Grant us peace. Amen.

### **Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors**

*Deacon* We send you out to share Communion with those members who are not able to be with us.

*People* May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ’s presence.

*Deacon* May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

*People* Amen.

### **Blessing of the Healing Prayer Team**

Loving God, pour upon this healing team the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who come before *them* may be restored to wholeness in mind, body and spirit, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

BCP 365

*The Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and 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.

**Easter Blessing**

Book of Occasional Services

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

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

**Announcements of the Parish**

*Please sing.*

**Procession into the World # 488** “O Love, How Deep” Text: Timothy Rees (1874 – 1939), alt.  
 Music: *Abbott’s Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (b. 1907)

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

*The Deacon offers a dismissal.*

**Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*People's Response*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Postlude: "Trumpet Tune"**

Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

**Lectors:** Gigi Miller, Joan Swecker

**Usher:** Rodney Crooks

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sheryl Adams, Cathy Straitiff

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY'S FORUM:** We continue discussion *A Journey with Mark* (chapters 15 and 16; pp. 49 - 55) after the 9:30am service. Find the companion book at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). Search "A Journey with Mark."

**UPCOMING MEMORIALS**

- \* **LILLIAN JARRETT:** A celebration of life will be held for Lillian next Saturday, May 4 at 10am with a reception to follow.
- \* **JOYCE JUSTUS:** Joyce's celebration is Saturday, May 11 at 2pm with a reception after

**LOCAL ANTI-RACISM TRAINING:** This anti-racism workshop focuses on local history and populations and deals with regional issues and stories. It will take place in-person on May 3 (4-9 pm) & May 4 (9:30 am-4:30 pm) at St. Matthew's, National City. Registration ends April 29. Register at <https://edsd.org/event/lark-training-may-2024-at-st-matthews-national-city/>.

**SPONSORING ALTAR FLOWERS:** Signing up to sponsor altar flowers gives you an opportunity to celebrate or honor loved ones and friends in a very special way, while supporting a beautiful ministry. If you sign up for a particular Sunday, you'll be contacted by a member of the Altar Guild for information about your wishes. Sign up using the Altar Flowers Chart at the back of the church posted near the south door. We have openings for May, June and July. Thank you for your support!

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE:** Join us Monday, May 27 at 11am for our annual community Memorial Day service. This year's preacher is Mr. Dan Donoghue, CDR, USN, (Ret.). After the service of hymns and prayer, there will be a Memorial Roll Call where names of members of the armed forces who died in active service will be read, to recognize those who paid the ultimate price. Please email names for roll call no later than May

20 to Vicki Harney at [vharney@stpetersdelmar.net](mailto:vharney@stpetersdelmar.net) and include rank, full name and branch of service. The service will conclude with Taps. Everyone is welcome.

**EDSD VOTER INITIATIVE:** The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego has organized an excellent monthly series to train us for voting and encouraging others to vote in November. Voter Engagement trainings are intended to empower congregational voting advocates and others to share voter-related information with their congregations and communities. Speakers will be prepared to share practical guidance with attendees, especially multi-lingual tools and resources, being mindful of technical terms and parlance. On May 7, the Rev. Douglas Worthington of All Souls, Point Loma will speak on the “Legal Explanation of Nonpartisan Election Activities.” On June 4, representatives from the San Diego Registrar of Voters will speak on the “Election Processes, Security and Vote Counting.” And on July 2, EDSD Executive Council member Mae Chao will speak on “Conducting Civil Conversations and Addressing Misinformation.” Join us and take part! Trainings are from 6:20pm – 7pm on Zoom. For details visit <https://edsd.org/civiclifef/>

**LATEST FINANCIAL NEWS:** For the month of March, St. Peter’s had **revenue** of \$167,297, which was \$13,857 above plan and **expenses** of \$144,753, which were \$9,535 above plan.

**Year to date March 31, 2024**

	Actuals	plan	difference
Parishioner Giving	\$290,736	\$247,040	\$ 43,696
Thrift Shop	\$ 83,168	\$ 71,600	\$ 11,568
Other Revenue & Transfers	\$ 86,386	\$ 92,144	(\$ 5,759)
Total Revenue & Transfers	\$ 460,289	\$ 409,684	\$ 50,605
Expenses	\$ 406,849	\$ 401,873	\$ 4,976
Net Ordinary Income/(Loss)	\$ 53,441	\$ 7,812	\$ 45,629

**Year to date REVENUE:**

**Pledges** of \$244,720 were \$34,720 above budget. **Pledges-prior year** were \$16,010 and were not budgeted. **Gifts of Record** received of \$21,797 were \$6,603 below budget. **Lenten Offerings** of \$972 were \$228 below budget and **Easter Offerings** received so far were \$4,789. **Rectory Lease Income** was below budget but new renters moved into the rectory in late March and rent will be received in April. The **Thrift Shop** was 16% above plan. During March, **Outreach Direct Donations** collected \$2,680 for Camp Stevens through giving jar and designated fund contributions.

**Average Sunday Attendance** numbers are interesting. Remember March had Easter—albeit a rainy Easter—this year....

	Total attendance by March 31	Sundays	Average Sunday Attendance
2024	2,318	13	178
2023	1,915	13	147
2022	1,329	13	102
2019	3,381	13	260

**YOUTH NEWS:**

- ❖ **CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE:** This Easter season, the Children and Youth Ministry Team will have thoughtful conversations about how we might shape the future of our children's and youth ministry programs. To facilitate deep listening and creative planning, we will not hold regular Sunday school until the fall. However, we'll have many other opportunities for fellowship and faith formation this spring and summer, so please stay tuned! Mary Via will contact families individually over the next few weeks, but if you have ideas or insights you want to share, please email her at [families@stpetersdelmar.net](mailto:families@stpetersdelmar.net). We can find time to speak by phone or in person, as well. Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and dedication to nurturing the faith of our children and youth.
- ❖ **YOUTH SUNDAY MAY 12:** Join us for our annual Youth Sunday service May 12 (Mother's Day)! We'll gather to honor our graduating seniors and hear from our youth preachers as they reflect on their journey of faith. We'll also recognize the dedication and faithfulness of students in grades 6 - 12 by presenting them with inscribed bibles. If you would like an inscribed bible, please email Mary Via by May 1 at [families@stpetersdelmar.net](mailto:families@stpetersdelmar.net).
- ❖ **YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL NOMINATIONS OPEN:** The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego believes in the leadership of young people and it's time to nominate youth entering grades 10-12 in the '24-'25 school year. The YLC meets four times a year, in addition to assisting with youth events. If you know a young person who would be interested in being a member of this year's council, please have them apply for the council and ask your clergy or youth leader to nominate them. Complete this two-step process before June 7, 2024, at <https://edsd.org/formation/youth-leadership-council/>. Students will be contacted with results by June 16, 2024
- ❖ **CAMP FOOTPRINT SUMMER CAMP:** This summer (June 3 - 7 or June 10 - 14) from 9am - 3pm, St. Peter's is hosting Camp Footprint, a youth-led environmental education camp for students in 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Campers will have the opportunity to engage with several Del Mar community organizations, including our very own Thrift Shop! For more information and to register, scan the QR code.



❖ **YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS: JOIN OUR ACOLYTES!** Participating on the altar as an acolyte is a great way to be engaged during the service, and gain experience through hands-on interactions. We acolyte Sundays at 9:30am and we're pretty great. We'd love to have you. Contact Viki Harney in the office at 858-755-1616 or [vharney@stpetersdelmar.net](mailto:vharney@stpetersdelmar.net) and we'll get you in touch with our coordinator.

**ST. PETER'S WOMEN'S GROUP:** A group for women's fellowship meets every Monday from 5 - 7pm in the upstairs Youth Room. Come when you can, as often as you want. This is a casual, non-committal gathering; no RSVP needed. We only ask that you bring a potluck to share. See you there!

**ST. PETER'S THEOLOGY BOOK CLUB:** Join us May 15 from 6:30 - 8:30pm as we delve into a new book exploring different aspects of theology, spirituality, prayer, history, and other topics relevant to our spiritual journeys. We meet the third Wednesday monthly in our library for light fellowship and reflection on the book and the themes presented. There's a Zoom option for those who can't make it in person. May's book is *The Scandalous Gospel of Jesus*, by the Rev. Peter Gomes. About the book, Amazon says, "Jesus came preaching, but the church wound up preaching Jesus. Why does the church insist upon making Jesus the object of its attention rather than heeding his message?" You can just show up in the library, or RSVP to Vicki Harney ([vharney@stpetersdelmar.net](mailto:vharney@stpetersdelmar.net) or 858-755-1616) if you need the Zoom link.

**CHURCH PHOTOGRAPHY 101:** May 18 from 9am to 3pm at St. Paul's Cathedral, this immersive class will illuminate the art of capturing the profound beauty and joy of church environments. Open to photographers of all levels; the workshop welcomes participants using any type of camera—from DSLRs and mirrorless cameras to the simplicity of a cell phone. A modest fee of \$15 offsets the cost of lunch and refreshments. Registration required at <https://edsd.org/event/church-photography-101/>.

**ECS MOONLIGHT BALL MAY 18:** Episcopal Community Services' annual Moonlight Ball fundraiser is May 18, 2024 at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla. Enjoy fine dining, live music, auctions and more, supporting vital health and human services programs for over 7,000 clients in the areas of homelessness, mental health, substance use disorder treatment, and early childhood education. Purchase Moonlight Ball tickets now at <https://www.ecscalifornia.org/moonlightball2024>.

**SAVE THE DATE - General Convention - Ask Me Anything!** Bishop Susan Brown Snook, the Rev. Hannah Wilder, and Rachel Ambasing invite you to a special live "Ask Me Anything About General Convention" Zoom session at 5:30pm on May 29, 2024. This is your chance to ask any questions you have about the upcoming General Convention. Submit up to three questions. Due to time constraints, it may not be possible to address every question submitted. Sign up at <https://form.jotform.com/EDSD/general-convention-2024-ask-me>

**APRIL OUTREACH FOCUS:** During April, we focus on the wonderful work being done at NAMI San Diego and Imperial Counties, the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. NAMI SD/IC has a three-fold mission: To support people with mental health challenges

and their families, and to educate people about mental illness with the goal of reducing the stigma in the community, to advocate for more research and an improved system of mental health services across the nation. For more information about programs and resources from NAMI SD/IC, please call (858) 634-6580 or visit [www.namisanidiego.org](http://www.namisanidiego.org).

**TEXT2GIVE:** Connect to WiFi and text “Register” to 858-252-0622. Click the response link and enter your contact info. Choose your payment method and giving limit, then submit. You’ll receive a confirmation; then you’re ready to make your first gift. Designate your gift or send it to the General Fund. For detailed information or to register from your computer visit <https://secure.etransfer.com/StPetersDelMar/T2G.cfm>. Visit the FAQs to learn how to register, update, void and process refunds, or remove to deactivate.

**EPISCOPAL NEWS SERVICE – Upcoming Elections of the Presiding Bishop:** The Episcopal Church’s Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop announced the names of the bishops it will nominate to succeed Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. Bishops will elect and deputies will confirm a new churchwide leader when they gather in June for the 81<sup>st</sup> General Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. As we continue to pray for +Dede, +Scott, +Daniel, +Sean, and +Robert who have been nominated for the slate to elect our next Presiding Bishop, watch their videos and read biographical information on each candidate here: <https://generalconvention.org/nominees-for-the-28th-presiding-bishop/>.

## **NEXT WEEKEND’S READINGS – Easter 6, May 3 – 4, 2024**

Acts 10:44 – 48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1 – 6; John 15:9 – 17

**\*\*Announcement Note:** deadline for announcements is Wednesdays at noon. Any received after that will be published the following week.

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