

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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THE MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH
 Our mission is to meet people where they are on their faith journey
 and help them move closer to Christ.

Opening Hymn 292 – *O Jesus, crowned with all renown*

1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast
 2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be
 3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy

trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -
 given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe
 throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -

forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
 from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
 pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee

thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
 gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that
 all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and

thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
 kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

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

Celebrant 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

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.

Celebrant God be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray

Collect of the Day—See Insert

A Collect for Creation: Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessing be upon the earth that we till, the seeds that we plant, and the new life that comes from the woods, the meadows, and the seas; and grant that it may serve to your glory and the welfare of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The Book of Acts 10:44-48 —See Insert

Psalm 98 —See Insert

The First Letter of John 5:1-6—See Insert

Hymn 492 – Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's

Heavenly Hugs will meet on **Saturday, May 18 from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm** in the **Large Classroom**. If you knit or crochet, or are interested in learning, join us for some fun, fellowship, and some tasty brunch items!

Wapping Community Church is celebrating their **3rd Annual Peace through Pie** event **this afternoon from 2-4pm**. The church is located at 1790 Ellington Road, South Windsor.

While you are grocery shopping and perhaps thinking about **food for the hungry, don't forget the food box located in the Narthex**. Ingrid Menon takes the items to the South Windsor Food Bank on a regular basis. Some suggestions from the food bank include canned pasta, cans of chunk chicken/tuna, paper towels/toilet paper, cans of fruit, pasta sauce, granola bars and crackers, fresh produce (take directly to community center, DO NOT PUT IN BOX), cereal, peanut butter and jelly, personal hygiene products (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, feminine care products, etc...), and cleaning products. Since this list overlaps the list for the little pantry you can put some of them in either place.

We have a new system for keeping the little pantry stocked. There is a sign-up sheet on the short hall bulletin board where you can sign up to tend to the pantry for a week at a time. It involves bringing items from the counting room out to the pantry twice during your assigned week.

The Little Pantry in front of the Church is used often and, therefore, frequently empty. Please help by putting items directly in the pantry. Thank you. This week's suggestions: baked beans, canned chili, and canned vegetables.

Thanksgiving: for this day that is sacred to the Lord..

Readings for next Sunday, May 12: The Book of Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; The first letter of John 5:9-13; The Gospel of John 17:6-19.

Serving:	Today 8am	Today 10am	Next Week 8am	Next Week 10am
Ushers:	J. Bodfish	D. Nanci	B. McBeth	M. Bell
Lectors:	B. Hartley	T. Fornuto	D. Bennett	N. T-Z
Intercessors:	B. Hartley	D. Ober	D. Bennett	D. Fornuto
E. Minister:	B. Hartley	D. Ober	I. Menon	A. Hubeny
Tech:	N/A		D. Hubeny	
Counters:	N. Eaton/D. Nanci		M. Bell/T. Fornuto	
Coffee Hour:	Hoff/Ober		Hubenys	



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
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Dismissal

Announcements

SPOT will meet on **Sunday, May 12** at **9:00 am** in the **Large Classroom**. Please come if you are interested in outreach.

The next **Men's breakfast** will be on **Monday, May 13** at **7:00 am** at **Oscar's Restaurant, Sullivan Avenue, South Windsor**. No sign-up required.

The **Vestry** will meet on **Monday, May 13** at **7:00 pm** in the **office wing meeting room**. All members of St. Peter's are welcome to attend.



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
 Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
 kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
 throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
 bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
 Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
 till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
 gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
 full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
 newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel—John 15:9-17—See Insert

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

Gospel Reflection and Sharing

The Nicene Creed

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

In peace and in faith, let us offer our prayers, saying, “Christ, have mercy.”

For peace and tranquility in the world, and for the salvation of all, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jeffrey and Laura, our own Bishops, for Nigerian bishops John and Markus, for Anne, Zeb, and Jessie, our Clergy, and for all the People of God, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For the Church of God in every place, that it may persevere in faith and hope, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For the leaders of our nation, and all in positions of authority, that they may honor the trust placed in them by the people they serve, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For favorable weather, temperate rains, and fruitful seasons, that there may be good and drink for all of your creatures. For your blessing upon the lands and water, and all who work upon them to bring forth food and all things needful for your people; and for all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of your creation may abound from age to age, let us pray.

Christ, have mercy.

For the concerns of our hearts and our community, and those in need of healing and comfort, especially— Stafford Springs Baptist Church, Lorraine, John Heavens, Michelle, Grisel, Jan and Tom, Lynn and Helen Reagan, Matt Dillon, Karen Kubica, and those committed to our ongoing prayers. For our Armed Forces serving at home and abroad, and their families, especially Richard Nuñez, Jr., Kenneth Fraley, Jr., Jason Dorval, Ryan Waitt, Luke Kunz, and Melissa Buonanducci; the victims of natural disasters and human violence throughout the world, including the people of Ukraine, Israel & Palestine; and for victims of gun violence in the United States, their families and communities; for Indigenous, Asian

art, — how great Thou art! — Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to
Thee: — How great Thou art, — how great Thou art! —

Postcommunion Prayer

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Announcements

The Blessing

Closing Hymn – Hymnal 400– *All creatures of our God and King*

1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5 All 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
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

Post Communion Hymn — Songbook 59 — *How great thou art*



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou



American and Pacific Islander peoples impacted by racism; for those suffering from centuries of anti-black bias, and for others seeking to undo the harm of racism and hate. For those who identify as LGBTQ+ facing discrimination and threats of violence, let us pray.
Christ, have mercy.

For groups to whom we extend hospitality through the use of our building, especially Boy Scout Troop 682 for girls, and for the concerns and organizations supported by St. Peter's through mission, especially: The Friendship Kitchen, let us pray.
Christ, have mercy.

For all who minister in our midst, especially the Lectors & Intercessors. For parish members the Prokop, Redinger, and Rios/Fernandez families, and for Pat Jennings, Anna Gazis, and Noah Frank who are celebrating birthdays this week and Jonathan & Julie Dixon who are celebrating an anniversary this week, let us pray.
Christ, have mercy.

For those whose souls have gone to eternal rest, especially Patricia Cain Goodrich in whose memory today's altar flowers are given by Susan Cain McBeth and Patricia Cain McBeth, let us pray.
Christ, have mercy.

For the blessings of our days, and the gifts of grace we receive, let us pray.
Christ, have mercy.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All 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.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Offertory Hymn - Songbook 9—Give Thanks - See Insert

The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is truly right, good, and joyful to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when

he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Peter and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

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.

The Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant 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 Distribution of Communion