

Sunday, May 11 , 2025  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
9:00 AM RITE II



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O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

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**SERVING TODAY**

**Officiating:** Reverend Robert Leaverton  
**Pianist:** Patty Dean  
**Lay Reader:** Chris Stockwell  
Sharon Nielsen  
**LEM:** Larry Nielsen  
**Crucifer:** Nick Jaynes  
**Torchbearers:** Will Jaynes and Joel Robison

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**THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II**

**THE OPENING HYMN** *Hymnal 208*  
*"The strife is o'er"*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**THE SALUTATION** *BCP 355*  
*Please stand, as you are able.*

**THE GLORIA** *Hymnal S280*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you  
*And also with you*  
Let us pray

**THE FIRST LESSON**

**Acts 9:36-43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

**THE RESPONSE****Psalm 23***Together*

*1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.*

*2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.*

*3 He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.*

*4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

*5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.*

*6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*

**THE EPISTLE****Revelation 7:9-17**

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

**THE GOSPEL HYMN****Hymnal 184**

*"Christ the Lord is risen again!"*

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

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

**THE GOSPEL****John 10:22-30**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will

never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Robert Leaverton

## THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors,  
and for those who are alone.*

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 peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all  
who seek the Truth.*

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Marty, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence -The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

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

*Silence - The people may add their own thanksgivings*

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 - The people may add their own petitions*

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.

*Silence may be kept.*

*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 PEACE** **BCP 360**  
*Please stand, as you are able.*

**THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
*Please be seated.*

**THE PRAYER FOR A NEW DEAN**  
*Together*

*Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Peter's Cathedral. Be with us and lead us as we seek the next Dean for our church. Enlighten with your grace the Search Committee. We ask for discernment, wisdom, and guidance. We pray for whom you guide to our parish, that they hear your calling and join our congregation swiftly, with joy in their hearts. We pray for the life of our parish, that we may joyfully continue to be strengthened in our mission to "Love God and Our Neighbor and Make Disciples for Christ." Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**THE PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES** **BCP 830**

**Watch over your children, 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 your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**  
*The ushers bring the offering to the altar during the singing of the Offertory hymn*

**THE OFFERTORY HYMN**  
*"Christ is alive!"* **Hymnal 182**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**  
**Eucharistic Prayer A** **BCP 361**

**THE SANCTUS** **Hymnal S129**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** **BCP 364**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**  
**BCP 364**

**THE AGNUS DEI** **Hymnal S163**

**THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**  
*The officiant offers a prayer for those live-streaming the liturgy.*

**THE COMMUNION HYMNS**  
*My faith looks up to thee* **Hymnal 691**  
*Jerusalem, my happy home* **Hymnal 620**  
*Hark! The sound of holy voices* **Hymnal 275**

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**  
**BCP 365**

**THE BLESSING** **BCP 366**

**THE CLOSING HYMN** **Hymnal 522**  
*"Glorious things of thee are spoken"*

**THE DISMISSAL** **BCP 366**

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