

SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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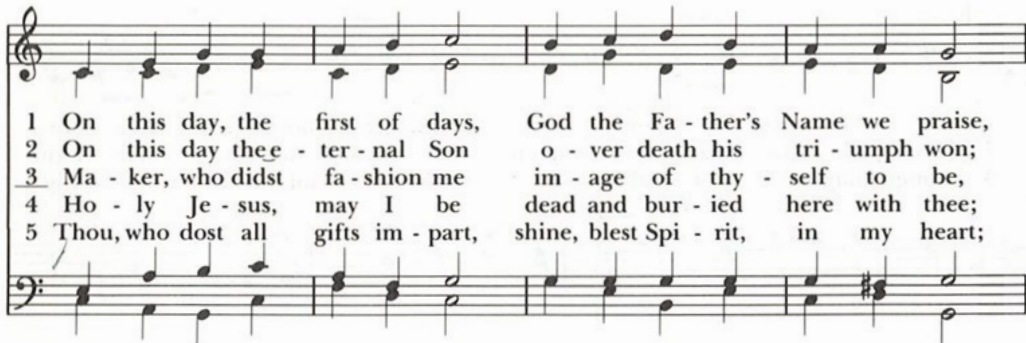
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Welcome to worship at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

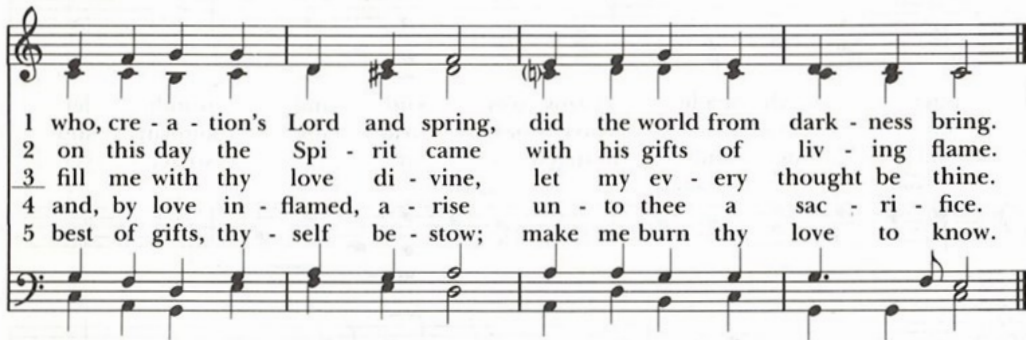
We are glad you're here!

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING HYMN: "On This Day" (Hymn 47)



1 On this day, the first of days, God the Fa - ther's Name we praise,
2 On this day the e - ter - nal Son o - ver death his tri - umph won;
3 Ma - ker, who didst fa - shion me im - age of thy - self to be,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, may I be dead and bur - ied here with thee;
5 Thou, who dost all gifts im - part, shine, blest Spi - rit, in my heart;



1 who, cre - a - tion's Lord and spring, did the world from dark - ness bring.
2 on this day the Spi - rit came with his gifts of liv - ing flame.
3 fill me with thy love di - vine, let my ev - ery thought be thine.
4 and, by love in - flamed, a - rise un - to thee a sac - ri - fice.
5 best of gifts, thy - self be - stow; make me burn thy love to know.

6 God, the blessed Three in One
dwell within my heart alone;
thou dost give thyself to me:
help me give myself to thee.

Words: Latin; tr. Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.
Music: *Gott sei Dank*, melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704;
adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

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Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

HYMN: "Christ Our Passover" (*Pascha nostrum*)



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
 3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
 death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
 though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in

sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
 him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
 Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -

le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: *Sine Nomine*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest 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 8:26-40)

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 the choir in chanting the psalm.

THE PSALM (Psalm 22:24-30)

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24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

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.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *

he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that he has done.

THE SECOND LESSON (1 John 4:7-21)

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.

SEQUENCE HYMN: "Blessed Assurance" #184 from *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*

1. Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, Vi - sions of
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my

1. fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of
 2. rap - ture now burst on my sight; — An - gels de-scend - ing, bring from a -
 3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

1. God, — Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood. —
 2. bove — Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis-pers of love. —
 3. bove, — Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. —

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — Prais - ing my

sav - ior all the day long; — This is my sto - ry, this is my

song, — Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. —

Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)
 Music: Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908)

THE GOSPEL (JOHN 15:1-8)

Deacon 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 vinegrower. 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. John H. Bonner III

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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 OF THE PEOPLE *(The people stand or kneel.)*

Please join in praying our Clergy Search prayer.

Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church in every place: Look graciously upon St. Peter's Church and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new priest for this parish. Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing. Guide the members of St. Peter's Vestry, as they labor to be faithful in seeking your will. We pray for the life of St. Peter's Parish that we may continue in our mission to proclaim not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Christ's sake. Amen.

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop;
Brian, our Bishop; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for Joe, our President; the Congress and the Supreme Court; for Bill, our
Governor; and Tim, our Mayor. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in
the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor We pray for the poor and the homeless. We pray for the sick, especially those on our church prayer list. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor We remember those who have died. Give to the departed eternal rest.

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life. Let us offer our prayers of thanksgiving, silently or aloud. *[Pause]*

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *[Pause]*

The Priest adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

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Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people greet one another in the name of the Risen Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Eucharistic table is set while the choir sings an anthem and the ushers collect offerings from the congregation. If you prefer to make an online donation, please use this QR code:



OFFERTORY HYMN: "Creator Spirit" (Hymn 500)

1 Cre - a - tor Spi - rit, by whose aid the world's foun -
 2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, the Fa - ther's
 3 Plen - teous of grace, come from on high, rich in thy

da - tions first were laid, come, vis - it ev - ery hum - ble
 prom - ised Par - a - clete, thrice ho - ly Fount, thrice ho - ly
 seven - fold en - er - gy; make us e - ter - nal truth re -

mind; come, pour thy joys on hu - man - kind; from sin and
 Fire, our hearts with heaven - ly love in - spire; come, and thy
 ceive, and prac - tice all that we be - lieve; give us thy -

sor - row set us free, and make thy tem - ples wor - thy thee.
 sa - cred unc - tion bring to sanc - ti - fy us while we sing.
 self, that we may see the Fa - ther and the Son by thee.

Words: John Dryden (1631-1700); tr. of *Veni Creator Spiritus*
 Music: Surrey, melody Henry Carey (1690?-1743)

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Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. [*Here a Proper Preface is said.*] 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:

The Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow - er and might. Heav - en and Earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Bles - sed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Priest: (*The people stand or kneel*) 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."

Memorial Acclamation

Priest Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Priest: 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. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **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 Priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem

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Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac - ri - ficed for
 us. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu. There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

f *sub. p*
mp *rit.*

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians, regardless of age or denomination, are invited to receive the bread and wine.

Come up the center aisle to receive the Eucharist at the altar rail. Return to your pew using the side aisle.

If you prefer to receive a blessing, please let the clergy know by crossing your arms in front of you at the altar.

The chalice will be offered to all. If you prefer not to receive, you may choose to reverently acknowledge the presence of Christ in the wine, while the minister says, "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

COMMUNION HYMN: "Come My Way" (Hymn 487)

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a

way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can

strife; such a life as kill eth death.
length; such a strength as makes his guest.
part; such a heart as joys in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: *The Call*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Deacon We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body,

People Because we all share one bread and one cup.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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All 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.

THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord" (Hymn 304)

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see and praise him here.
 5 in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.

Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Lectors: Caroline Johnson (OT), Bob Gary (NT)

Eucharistic Ministers: Kim Kilgore, Joani Koch

Intercessor: David Garland; **Livestream / Audio:** Jeff Davis

Acolytes: Gracelynn Garland, Lucy Davis, David Garland

Ushers: Ron Abston, Ben Cooper; **Healing Altar:** Rena Stansbury

Greeter: Gail Terwilleger Abston; **Lights & Locks:** Tammy Garland

We pray for the healing and comfort of:


Alicia, Ann Doré, Betty Lamance, Betty Thompson, Bill Kazmier, Bill Pichette, Bryson Tidwell, Caroline Johnson, Charlie Willett, Cynthia Millwood, Dianne Stone, Dixie Warren, Donie, Eddie Rodgers, Emmalea Rogers, Ernestine Rogers, Garnet Johnston, Gene Vredevel, Jaye Harris, Jimmy McDaniel, Julie Suttles Saunders, June Glass, Karin Gilstrap, Kelly Snyder, Kevin Blasbery, Maggie Williams, Marcia Jaynes, Mark Northern, Mary Cook, Matt Klinger, Megan Zahrt, Pete Cooper, Richard Rogers, Robert Carnes, Satedra Smith, Sawyer Burch, Susan Harris, Suzy Marland, Terrell Williams, Terry Arnold, Tony D, Vicki Neff, William Johnston

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St. Peter's Women's Group

See Jaime McDaniel-Porter or Shanda Schmitt for more information.
Last day to donate is Sunday May 12, 2024.

COMING SOON TO ST. PETER'S

**SENIOR
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**DAVID
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5 MAY
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**AND THEN HEAD TO THE BRACEWELL ROOM
AS WE CELEBRATE YOUTH & LAY ASSOCIATE MINISTER**



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AS SHE PREPARES TO LEAVE FOR SEMINARY

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are new to St. Peter's, please fill out the visitor form found in the pews so we can welcome you properly. Drop the form in the collection plate or hand it to any clergy or staff member.

The next **Women's Group** meeting will take place on **Monday, April 29**, at 6:30 p.m. at Aubrey's on Hixson Pike. All women of the parish are welcome. Come help plan next year's retreat!

Senior Recognition Sunday is May 5. Graduating senior **David Garland** will provide the homily, and at the reception following the 10:30 a.m. service, we will honor this year's graduates and celebrate **Youth Minister Kelsey Aebi** as she prepare to leave St. Peter's for seminary in Sewanee.

St. Peter's will hold a Mother's Day Drive for **Room in the Inn** on **Sunday, May 12**. Please pick up a flyer with more information or check the Friday email announcements.

Pentecost Sunday is May 19. Wear red if you'd like and stop by the Bracewell Room after the 10:30 a.m. service for 12 months of cake! Contact Fr. Bonner if you are interested in baptism.

Mark your calendars now for **St. Peter's Vacation Bible School: June 28-30.**

Once again, VBS will end on **St. Peter's Day**, with a potluck lunch and fun & fellowship for all. We hope you will join us!