

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 9, 2021 – 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*Due to the pandemic, the music in this service **must be sung by a cantor only.**
You are invited to join by silently lifting up the words to God.*

Prelude: Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr, BWV 662
Reverie

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)
Wayne Oquin (b. 1977)

THE WORD OF GOD

Introit *Vocem jucunditatis*

Plainsong, Mode 4

With a joyful shout announce the good news, and let it be heard, alleluia; proclaim the tidings to the ends of the earth: the Lord has delivered his people; alleluia, alleluia. Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

– Isaiah 48, Psalm 66

Opening Acclamation

stand

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect for Purity

Priest: 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 (*sung by the cantor only*)

Missa Marialis, Mode 8

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins
of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand
of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory
of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: 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.
Amen.

The Lessons

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Lector: A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. (10:44-48)

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

Lector: Let us recite, in unison, Psalm 98.

- 1 **Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.**
- 2 **With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.**
- 3 **The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**
- 4 **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 **Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

- 6 **Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 **With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.**
- 8 **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- 9 **Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 10 **In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.**
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Alleluia *Ego vos elegi*

Plainsong, Mode I, *stand*

Cantor: Alleluia. I chose you out of the world that you should go out and bear fruit and that your fruit may abide. Alleluia.

–*John 15*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (15:9-17)

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: The Reverend Kelly Carlson

sit

The Nicene Creed

stand

Lector: Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: **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

Priest: Gathered together in the name and power of our risen Lord, through whom the glory of God is revealed, let us offer our prayers to almighty God, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: For the peace of the world, that all humanity may live in freedom with justice and dignity, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the unity of the church in Christ Jesus, that we may be one in Christ as Christ is one with God; and for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Deon, our Bishop; Kelly and Shug, our clergy; and the members of our parish staff, that all may follow Christ as they seek to serve his church, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the Search Committee and our final Candidates to serve as St. Peter's next Rector, that God's abundant grace gives them hearts and minds to discern and trust God's will for this parish family, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the apostolic mission of the church, that we may bring all humanity to the knowledge and love of God in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For the diaconal ministry of the church, that we may serve one another and our neighbors near and far in Christ's name, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all who need the love and power of Christ, especially Tom Bitting, Rylin Forde, Paul Hmiel, and Jen Schafer, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For all the saints in glory and all those whom we have known and loved who though dead are alive in Christ, especially Anthony Bott, Shirley Ivie, and our mothers we remember on this day, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For mothers, and all called upon to share a mother's love, that your grace is with them, to guide, nurture, and support them in all their days, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: Grant, eternal God, that we who are made one with Jesus Christ in the power of his death and resurrection may show forth in our lives the love which proclaims us his disciples, that the world may believe in you and be saved, through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*We invite you to extend the peace of God to others –
in person, via social media, or simply in your heart.*

Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

*During this time when we cannot safely pass the offertory plates,
please make your offering as you come up to receive Holy Communion.*

Offertory Anthem

Christ is atonement, the Paschal victim;
he gave his life that we might live forever.
We for redemption sing in exaltation
“*Glory to God, glory to God on high.*”

Christ is the great priest who sets a table,
making of bread and wine a sacred banquet.
We for this manna sing in exaltation
“*Glory to God, glory to God on high.*”

Christ is compassion, with us in sorrow;
he bears our burdens, shares our inmost
darkness.

We for such caring sing in exaltation
“*Glory to God, glory to God on high.*”

Christ is our freedom, true liberation;
in freeing us he bids us live for others.
We for this challenge sing in exaltation
“*Glory to God, glory to God on high.*”

Words and Music: *Patrick Wedd (1948–2019)*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

stand

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 God 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.

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:

Sanctus et Benedictus (*sung by the cantor only*) *Missa Marialis*, Plainsong, Mode 5

Cantor: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

Priest: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Peter and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: **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 (*Hymnal S 152*)

Cantors: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Administration of the Sacrament

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While we celebrate the Eucharist with both bread and wine, currently we receive in bread only, which is full participation. Please tell the clergy if you require gluten-free bread.

When an usher invites your pew, please come forward, drop your offering in the offertory plate if you choose, and move to receive communion from Kelly or Shug, observing the floor markers to maintain social distancing.

To receive without physical contact, place one hand on top of the other, palms open. Please consume the host when you have returned to your seat.

Crossing your arms over your chest will let the clergy know you would like to receive a blessing but not the sacrament.

If you are worshipping virtually and unable to physically partake of the sacrament, we invite you to make your spiritual communion by praying the following prayer, adapted from the prayer of St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

**Beloved Jesus,
We believe that you are truly present in the sacrament of the altar.
We long for you in our souls,
to know that we are in you and that you are in us.
Though physically isolated from your altar
and the sacrament of your Body and Blood,
We receive you into our hearts and the depths of our being.
United with you, help us know that our lives are hid
with you, O Christ, in the heart of God. Amen.**

Hymn 577: “God is love, and where true love is” (*sung by the cantor only*)

*God is love, and where true love is
God himself is there.*

Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling.
Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.
Let us fear and love him, holy God eternal.
Loving him, let each love Christ in one another.

When we Christians gather, members of one Body,
let there be in us no discord but one spirit.
Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel.
Christ, our God, be always present here among us.

Grant us love's fulfillment, joy with all the blessed,
when we see your face, O Savior, in its glory.
Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,
be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises.

Words: *Latin, tr. James Quinn (1919–2010), alt.*
Music: *Ubi caritas (Murray), A. Gregory Murray (1905–1992)*

Offering of Monetary Gifts

stand

Priest: All praise be yours, O risen Lord,
From death to endless life restored;

People: **All praise to God the Father be
And Holy Ghost eternally.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Priest: Let us pray.

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

Priest: The God of peace, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with Christ in his risen life; and the blessing of God
almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Procession

*Please remain in your pew until an usher invites you to exit through the narthex.
We hope you can stay for a cup of coffee and to catch up with friends
and fellow worshippers on the front lawn following the service.*

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God

*In loving memory of Nathaniel Wood Olk,
by Wendy, Hillary, Scott, and Molly.*

*In loving memory of Anita Beal,
by Connie Lohr and Carmen Hoerber.*

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Presider: The Rev. Kelly Carlson
Cantor: Cristina Kruger
Organ: David Sinden

8:00 A.M.

Lectors: Ann Randazzo, Katie Knapp
Ushers: Tony Randazzo, Rich Huck
Altar Guild: Claudia McMillan
Webcast: Jacquelyn VanWeelden

10:30 A.M.

Crucifer: Bailey Mathews
Lectors: Jeanie and Clark Davis
Ushers: Jack Gillis, Hal Burroughs,
Bud Wilson, Mark Pye
Altar Guild: Susan Schettler

MUSIC NOTES Since the beginning of Lent, we have been utilizing traditional plainsong melodies written a thousand years ago as the Introits for our services. The composers who wrote this music used every tool at their disposal, including choosing between one of eight Gregorian modes (scales). The appearance of the word “Alleluia” in this chants is a joyful hallmark of the season of Easter. And Alleluias in today’s Introit sound the same as in the Introits for Easter Day and the Fourth Sunday of Easter, all of which are in Mode 4. This exuberant Alleluia “refrain” serves as a kind of auditory signal that we continue to celebrate the Easter season in its fullness.

Patrick Wedd (1948–2019) was the organist and director of music at Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal for 25 years. Wedd has been described as the “driving force” behind the development of *Common Praise*, the hymnal of the Anglican Church of Canada since 1998. Many of Wedd’s own compositions are included in the book, including “Christ is atonement,” for which he also penned the words.

PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: Paul Hmiel and Jen Schafer.

For Family and Friends: Tom Bitting and Rylin Forde.

For the Faithful Departed: Dr. Anthony Rives Bott and Shirley Ivie.

For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces: Zach Greata and Matt Robinson.

For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Virginie Brightman, Donna Brookman, Elizabeth Clarke, Dick Colantuono, Kathryn Dewein, Bettie Lou Evans, Patty Hecker, Taffy Hoos, Steve Kohlbray, Ann Lilly, Bill McMahan, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Steven Minton, Missy Moppins, Linda Morotz, Signe Myles, Lucy Rise, Jeffrey Rixleben, Jane St. John, Greyson Schnoebelen, Carl Schuldt, Karmen Selby, Colleen Starkloff, Julie Stephenson, Henry Thompson, John Walters, Scott Weaver, Richelle Weisbrod, Rolla Wetzal, Dick Williams, Justin Williamson, Joey Wilson, Susie Yoder, and Helen Yount.

TODAY...

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US! – Whether you are worshipping from the nave or from home, we are glad you are with us to offer thanks and praise to God! To attend worship in person, please pre-register online, using the link at stpetersepiscope.org or in *News from the Rock*. If you are unable to go online, leave us a message at (314) 993-2306 ext 116. Visit our website to learn about worshipping in person during the pandemic.

ST. PETER'S VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR: At 9:15 a.m. today, join us for some Mother's Day Fun with Janet! And note our upcoming topics: May 16 – Episcopal City Mission with guest speaker Beth Goad, Executive Director and May 23 – Sacred Conversations: Exploring Race & Community continues with guest speaker Dr. Sharonica Hardin-Bartley, Superintendent of University City Schools. May 23 will be our final virtual coffee hour until fall, except for a possible special June 27 edition of Sacred Conversations. Stay tuned!

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL – Everyone is invited to join Children's Chapel on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom. This is a wonderful service where everyone can grow in their relationship with Christ. The Zoom link is in Friday's *News from the Rock*. For questions, please reach out to Annie at aknapp@stpetersepiscope.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS – 2021 altar flower sponsorships are now available! To give flowers in memory or honor of loved ones on a Sunday of your choice, with an acknowledgement printed in that morning's bulletins, go to stpetersepiscope.org/worship/sunday-flowers/ or call the Church Office at 314-993-2306. Your flower donation will be confirmed after payment is received by the Church Office. Thank you!

THIS WEEK...

WOMAN'S GUILD – Set aside some time for a bit of laughter and to catch up with one another! Join us each Tuesday via Zoom at 2:00 p.m. The link is provided in your weekly Guild email and Friday's *News from the Rock*.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – *We will not meet this Friday, May 14.* Please plan to join in our study of the Book of Deuteronomy on May 21 at 7:00 a.m., via Zoom. Email Kelly for the link at kcarlson@stpetersepiscope.org, or find it in Friday's *News from the Rock*.

PRAYER GROUP – The prayer group is scheduled to meet on Fridays at 10:00-11:30 a.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sally Lemkemeier at (314) 614-4321.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021 – Mark your calendars! VBS will run Monday, June 7th to Friday, June 11th, with both in person (outdoor) and virtual options. VBS is open to children entering Kindergarten - 5th grade. **Registration is open until this Friday, May 14th!** To register (similar to worship registration), go to stpetersepiscope.org/vbs2021. If you are an adult or youth interested in being a part of VBS, please reach out to Annie. The curriculum is written, we just need YOUR help to implement the learning and fun!

PENTECOST POWDER PARTY! – St. Peter's first ever **Pentecost Powder Party** is happening on Saturday, May 22nd from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. The front lawn will be bursting with color as we celebrate on the eve of Pentecost by dousing each other in colored powder. A Powder Party is a fun and unique party theme that celebrates happiness, bright colors, and the Spirit within each of us. If you want to stay out of the powder, no worries! We will have many other opportunities for fun. Masks required. Questions? Email Annie, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, at aknapp@stpetersepiscope.org.

CALLING ALL SOFTBALL PLAYERS! - Put on your ball cap and join your fellow parishioners for some fun. The sporting clergy of Trinity CWE and Holy Communion are organizing an Episcopal Church Softball Tournament on Friday, June 18 (evening), and Saturday, June 19 (morning/afternoon) in Tower Grove Park. If you are interested in "coaching" or playing on St. Peter's team, please contact Janet Rouse at janetr@specstl.org. The **DEADLINE** to respond is this **Thursday, May 13**. Each team needs a minimum of 8 players, but there is no maximum limit. All teams will play at least one game on Friday evening and one game on Saturday morning. Let's play ball!

GET INVOLVED, STAY CONNECTED...

ST. PETER'S NEEDS YOU! – We are seeking parishioners to help plan parish events, serve on the Stewardship Committee, and participate in worship as Lectors, Ushers, and Altar Guild members. Contact Janet Rouse, Director of Stewardship and Parish Life at janetr@specstl.org to learn more about these opportunities to serve and become more involved in the life of your church!

MUSIC NEWSLETTER – We are delighted to invite you to subscribe to the new redesigned Music Newsletter at St. Peter's. This periodic email newsletter will come to you in advance of Choral Evensong, Lessons and Carols, concerts, recitals, and other music events of note. We will also send exclusive recordings and videos to our subscribers. The first issue, coming this summer, will contain the latest information about the resumption of monthly Choral Evensong services and the first announcement of a new offering celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Mander organ at St. Peter's. Please note that this is a new email list, and if you were signed up for the previous Music Newsletter you will need to sign up again. To sign up, please email David Sinden at dsinden@specstl.org or Jacquelyn at jacquelynv@specstl.org

LOG IN TO REALM! Having an active Realm login will help with reserving your spot for upcoming worship services. You can also search the parish directory, check on giving history, and peruse groups to join. If you are having trouble, or have not set up your Realm login yet, contact Jacquelyn at jacquelynv@specstl.org

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE – Please keep the members of our Search Committee and our final Candidates for Rector in your prayers during this critical time of discernment.

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED - Check the parish website www.stpetersepiscope.org, and while you're there, sign up to receive the weekly *News from the Rock* for the latest about worship services, virtual programming, in person events, the search process, and more!

ST. PETER'S CHORISTERS – The Director of Music is also convening young singers on Tuesdays and Friday afternoons via Zoom. For more information, please email dsinden@stpetersepiscope.org

ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES – There are numerous books and films on anti-racism to spark good conversation with children of all ages, as well as adults. A list of resources, as well as steps for action are posted to our website. Go to stpetersepiscope.org/antiracism.