

Prince of Peace Episcopal Church



May 11, 2025 10am
Fourth Sunday of Easter

We welcome you to Prince of Peace Episcopal Church. We are blessed that you have chosen this community as your place of worship this morning. If you do not have a regular church family, we invite you to make Prince of Peace your spiritual home.

All are welcome in this place!

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Mission Statement

*Prince of Peace Episcopal Church is called to know,
love and serve Jesus as Savior and Lord, to share
His healing and transformation with all people.*

FOR VISITORS: Consider yourself our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give an offering. We invite you to fill out a Visitor Card, found in the pew rack, and place it in the collection plate. Please join us for coffee on the patio after the service.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY: Welcome to children in Nursery, Preschool and Kindergarten to Grade 5. Lil' Lambs Nursery is open every Sunday at 10am providing loving care for children up to age 3. A children's area is available in the Chapel and activity bags are available for children in the Narthex (church entrance). Sunday School for Children in Preschool meets in the Preschool Room. Kindergarten to Grade 5 meets in The Reasoner Family Center.

YOUTH MINISTRY invites Middle School and High School students to join in fellowship with Christian friends and learn more about God while being in a safe environment.

HOLY COMMUNION: All persons who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit are welcome and encouraged to receive Communion. The ushers will direct you. The wafer will be placed in your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available as well. Wine is offered in the common cup. You may receive the wine either by intinction (bread will be dipped in the wine and placed in your mouth) or by drinking from the chalice. If you do not wish to receive communion, we encourage you to come forward for a blessing. Crossing your arms over your chest will indicate that you wish to receive a blessing only. Communion is celebrated weekly: Wednesdays at 8am and Sundays at 8am and 10am.

PASTORAL CARE: If you or someone you know has a pastoral need, please contact the church office at (818) 346-6968.

PRAYER REQUEST slips (yellow) and Thanksgiving and Praise slips (blue) are in the pew racks. You are invited to place completed cards in the collection plate.

HEALING MINISTRY welcomes those seeking healing of body, mind or spirit to come to the Chapel for prayer at the conclusion of the weekly 8am and 10am Sunday services.

Please turn off all cell phones

Prelude

Rise, My Soul, the Lord is Risen

Water to Wine

Verse 1

Rise, my soul, the Lord is risen
Come behold the empty grave
See the place where darkness laid Him
Sing for only hope remains
Hallelujah, praise forever,
Death defeated and life restored
By that great immortal power
Christ is risen, arise my soul

Verse 2

Rest, my soul, the Lord is risen
Love's redeeming work is done
Now the Father sees His children
As He sees His sinless Son
Oh, the wonder; oh, the glory
That same favor is now my own
Shame behind me, grace before me
Christ is risen, arise my soul

Bridge

Arise, my soul, arise, my soul
Arise, my soul, arise, my soul

Verse 3

Peace, my soul, the Lord is risen
Come and have your hope renewed
For this trial is brief and fleeting
Tears will turn to glory soon
Shout with joy and sound the triumph
Let the music of heaven roar
Let the boast of death be silent
Christ is risen, arise my soul

Verse 4

Arise, my soul, for I am risen
Seated now with Christ my Lord
As my life belongs to heaven
Fear shall hold its sway no more
Onward, upward, toward the treasure
Filled with courage and endless hope
For this truth is mine forever
Christ is risen, arise my soul
For this truth is mine forever
Christ is risen, arise my soul

Opening Hymn

The Strife is o'er

Hymnal 208

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

His Glory and My Good

Verse

There is hope in every trial
For I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him
And help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus
On the road not understood
For I know that He is working
For His glory and my good

Chorus

To our God be the glory
To our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

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, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Lesson

Acts 9:36-43

Pew Bible page 1001

The Epistle

Revelation 7:9-17

Pew Bible page 1122

The Gospel Hymn

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Chorus (x2)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Verse

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

Bridge

Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see You
I want to see You

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Deacon George Packer+

Earliest Creed of the Christian Church

Priest: The Spirit of Truth leads us into all truth, giving us grace to confess:

People: Jesus is Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray with grateful hearts, in thanksgiving for all the blessings that God has so freely given to us, and in hope for our needs and the needs of the world, saying “Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.”

Merciful God, we thank you for the gift of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who by his cross and his resurrection has set us free of the bondage of sin and death. Grant to us and all your Church the strength and courage always to follow him, that we may walk in the light to do your will. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God of Peace, we thank you that through your Son you have reconciled us to yourself. Guide us to be reconciled to one another, that we might live in tranquillity in our homes, families, and communities; and bring your peace to prevail throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God Almighty, we thank you for those who serve faithfully in positions of leadership in your Church, this nation, and every nation. Fill them and all those in authority with the desire to work for justice, and the wisdom to make right decisions for the good of all. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God of Comfort, just as your Son appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping: comfort and console all those who are sad, lonely, fearful, or grieving; encourage them and bring them into a community of love, that they might experience joy. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God of Hope, who through the Passion of your Son brings healing to the world, and through his resurrection brings new life: be present with all those who are sick or troubled in body, mind or spirit, that they may be made whole and have confidence in your loving care. We pray especially for all those on our parish prayer list. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: God of Life who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ: receive our loved ones who have died into the arms of your eternal love. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, grant that we who rejoice in the power of the Resurrection may praise you forever, together with the angels and saints who continuously sing “Alleluia, Alleluia” to the praise of your glory. We ask this through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Priest: As we kneel, let us pray to God for the forgiveness of our sins.

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.

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Verse 1

I approach the throne of glory
Nothing in my hands I bring
But the promise of acceptance
From a good and gracious King

Verse 2

I will give to You my burden
As You give to me Your strength
Come and fill me with Your Spirit
As I sing to You this praise

Chorus

You deserve the greater glory
Overcome I lift my voice
To the King in need of nothing
Emptyhanded, I rejoice

Good and Gracious King

You deserve the greater glory
Overcome with joy I sing
By Your love I am accepted
You're a good and gracious King

Verse 3

O what grace that You would see me
As Your child and as Your friend
Safe, secure in You forever
I pour out my praise again (*Chorus*)

Bridge

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty
Good and gracious
Good and gracious
Holy, holy, Lord Almighty
Good and gracious King (*Chorus*)

The Holy Communion

Priest: The Lord be always 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 our thanks and praise.**

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 Passover 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Southern Harmony

1 Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might;

5 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -

7 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is

10 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

13 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

(Kneel as you are able)

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Fraction Anthem

Southern Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia - Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia - Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

All persons who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit are welcome and encouraged to receive Communion. Those who are not baptized are welcome and encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing.

By crossing your arms on your shoulders, you indicate you would like a blessing!

Communion Music

Verse 1

I love You, Lord
Oh, Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Post Communion Hymn

**I want to walk
as a child of the light**

Hymnal #490

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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.

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 with you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Spread, O spread thou mighty word

Hymnal #530

Deacon: Go in peace rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Postlude

Holy is the Lord God Almighty

Verse

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great, how awesome is He

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

Pre-Chorus

And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Bridge

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

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*Healing Ministry – Those who are seeking healing of body, mind or spirit
are invited to come to the Chapel for prayer.*

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*A Sanctuary Light has been donated to the Glory of God
and in thanksgiving for my family and good health
by Alek Sheibani*

Worship and Discipleship

Prince of Peace is a unique Christian Community of Faith. If you are searching for a place to explore and express spirituality, we invite you to make Prince of Peace your spiritual home. If you would like to be on our mailing list, please fill out the Visitor/Guest card in the pew rack and place it in the collection plate when it comes by.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY for May-July 2005 is now available in the Tract Rack or the Welcome Wagon. This is a daily devotional with suggested readings, commentaries on them, and a prayer focus for a Diocese or Province in the Anglican Communion. Large print copies are also available.

DEAD SEA SCROLLS AT THE REAGAN LIBRARY: Please join us **Friday, May 16**, for a bus trip to this historic exhibit. This will be a self-guided tour. Spaces are limited. For details and to sign up, please email (office@popwh.org) or call the Church Office.

PASTOR MEET AND GREET: Please join the pastors **Sunday, May 18**, in the Guild Room to share thoughts, but more importantly, field questions you might have about anything relating to Prince of Peace. Have questions? We might have answers! Join us, and bring your coffee and doughnut(s)!

SCOUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Also on **Sunday, May 18**, Scout Troop 22 will be treating us to their annual Pancake Breakfast (\$10 per person) in the parking lot!

NEWCOMERS' BRUNCH: On **Sunday, May 25**, following the 10am service, we will again be hosting our Newcomers' Brunch. This is an opportunity to meet the pastors and connect with others who make Prince of Peace their home. If you have recently joined our congregation (in the last 6 months or so), please consider joining us for a light lunch and good fellowship in the Guild Room!

KATHIE CLARK SCHOLARSHIP, 2025: Are you a female student graduating from high school or continuing your higher-level education during 2025, have been involved at Prince of Peace church and not previously received the Kathie Clark scholarship? If so, the Episcopal Church Women invite you to submit an application for this \$1,500.00 scholarship. Contact Alma Fountain (family@popwh.org or 818-346-6968 [Office]) to obtain a copy of the eligibility/criteria information and application form. To be considered, your completed application must be received no later than **May 31, 2025**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – CHILDREN: HOW TO TRAIN YOUR EMOTIONS! Anger is the emotion that most makes us want to belch fire like a dragon! We will learn: *“When I’m angry, I will remember God’s mercy for me and others.”* In our Bible lesson, we'll learn about a time when God's chosen people Israel got angry with God. We're going to see that not only does God love us, even when we're angry, but there's really never any reason to let anger stick around for long. (Exodus 17:2-7, **Water from the Rock**)

Memory verse: *“I will be glad and full of joy because of you, Most High God. I will sing the praises of your name.”* Psalm 9:2 (NirV)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) ADVENTURE will be on **July 14-18** (9am-3:30pm). Invite your friends and family to come to VBS. Many families are already planning their children's summer program. **Please see this week's *Happenings* for a special Invitation Image you can send them!** Use this QR code to register online. We are building our VBS Team now – come join us! Help us with planning and preparations for this BIG week. Please contact Alma Fountain at family@popwh.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH:

Youth Alpha: “What’s On Your Mind?” A new video series that explores religious questions on the minds of Youth framed in the perspective of today's world – how we influence and how we are influenced. Upcoming classes are scheduled for **today, May 11**, and May 25.

RETIREMENT DAY! It's time to celebrate the 36 years of devotion and service that Father Rand has given us! We will be having **one service on Sunday, June 8*, at 10am** to say ***Thank You and Goodbye*** to Father Rand and Kathryn. Light refreshments will be provided after the service. (*don't forget to wear **red** for Pentecost!)

Please consider making a donation to this celebration to help cover the cost of gifts and refreshments. Put a donation marked **RETIREMENT** in the offering plate or mail to the office. All donations must be received by **June 1**. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Bill Prescott (bprescott60@yahoo.com) or Becky Wray (bbaileywray@aol.com).

CLIMATE CHANGE: The Bishop's Commission on Climate Change (BCCC) is asking all congregations to assign or elect a liaison, in a new initiative to share and discuss creation care projects and create direct communication among congregational “green teams” or creation care ministries. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office.

PARISH PROFILE NEWS: Thank you to the nearly 100 people who participated in person for Story Day. Your thoughtful responses are appreciated and will add greatly to our parish profile. Thank you to those who have completed your Story Day survey that was sent via email. There are still about 35 surveys to be returned. **PLEASE** complete yours and return it as soon as possible. One more thank-you goes to Pat Parks and Becky Wray who provided food for us. The breakfast breads and tacos were delicious!

The Story Day facilitators will meet next week to review what you contributed about our church community that points to consistent, overarching themes, hopes and desires. Something that is already evident is we love Prince of Peace, its pastors and each other. Praise be to God! – Patty Papps.

CALENDAR	
Sunday May 11	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8am and 10am Holy Eucharist Music at 10am by contemporary group Water to Wine
Wednesday May 14	8am Eucharist and continental breakfast following in RFC
Friday May 16	Dead Sea Scrolls at Reagan Library 9am meet at PoP
Saturday May 17	10am Tai Chi/Qigong on lawn 9-11am Healing Prayer Meeting, Guild Room
Sunday May 18	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8am and 10am Holy Eucharist Following each service today: Pastor Meet and Greet Guild Room Scout Troop 22 Pancake Breakfast, Parking Lot

LOOKING AHEAD	
May 24	Exceptional Families Ministry 5pm, Church Sanctuary
May 25	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8am and 10am Holy Eucharist Bell Sunday Newcomers' Brunch following 10am service, Guild Room
June 1	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8am and 10am Holy Eucharist
June 8	PENTECOST SUNDAY One service at 10AM – Wear Red! Today we say THANK YOU!! to Father Rand and Kathryn Reasoner!
June 15	TRINITY SUNDAY 8am and 10am Holy Eucharist Baptism
July-August	Summer Sundays ONE SERVICE at 9am with Brunch following
July 14-18	Vacation Bible School

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP	
CELEBRANT	8am: Brian Tucker+ 10am: Rand Reasoner+
DEACON	George Packer+
MUSIC DIR.	Boude Moore
MUSIC INTERN	Samuel Cher

8am

USHER	Aaron Hemmings
CHALICE/LEM	Becky Wray
HEALING PRAYER	Linda Armstrong Becky Wray

10am

USHERS	Roya Muniz, Josh Stambaugh, Andrew Pullinger, Mahala Jory
LECTORS	Bill Prescott Jeff Severa
CHALICE BEARERS	Stephanie Kren Nancy Alspaugh-Jackson
ACOLYTE	Cathy Gero
ALTAR GUILD	Team B: Anna Boghosian, Jesslyn Bothwell, Ann Gillinger, Jennifer Lee- Thorp, Pat Parks
CLERGY PRAYER/ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Ann Gillinger Patti Crawford
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HEALING PRAYER	Russell Rayburn Joyce Prescott
COFFEE/NURSERY	Neria Arinda
MOTION PICTURE	Nance Crawford David Stifel
WELCOME MINISTRY	John Katwire Dennis Bartz

Readings for Next Week, May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Rev. 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

Hymns for May 18, 2025:

- #47 On this day, the first of days
- #566 From Thee all skill and science flow
- #487 Come, my way, my truth, my life
- #296 We know that Christ is raised