

Prince of Peace Episcopal Church



**May 18, 2025 10am
Fifth 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

**Call to Worship
and Pealing of Bells**

Alleluia, Christ is Risen

**Mozart Canon
Choir and Bells**

Announcements

Opening Hymn

O holy city seen of John

Hymnal #583

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

God's Paschal Lamb

God's Pas - chal Lamb, the Christ, our ris - en King, is
Light scat - ters dark - ness, let our hope re - vive; for
Let ev - ery knee bow down with one ac - cord, let

sac - ri - ficed for us, let prais - es ring as
as in A - dam all with death must strive: al -
ev - ery tongue con - fess, with love out poured, pro -

Christ - ians keep the Ho - ly Feast and sing Al -
so in in Christ shall all be made a - live. Al -
claim a - loud, that Je - sus Christ is Lord, Al -

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

The Collect of the Day

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.**

ANTIPHON

Christ is a - ris - en, Christ is a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;

Christ is a - ris - en, Christ is a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;

PSALM

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| <p>1 Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord from the / heavens; *
praise him in the / heights.</p> <p>2 Praise him, all you angels of / his; *
praise him, all / his host.</p> <p>3 Praise him, sun and / moon; *
praise him, all you shining / stars.</p> <p>4 Praise him, heaven of / heavens, *
and you waters above / the heavens.</p> <p>5 Let them praise the Name of the / Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were / created.</p> <p>6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not
pass / away.</p> <p>7 Praise the Lord from the / earth, *
you sea-monsters and all / deeps;</p> <p>8 Fire and hail, snow and / fog, *
Tempestuous wind, doing / his will;</p> | <p>9 Mountains and all / hills, *
Fruit trees and all / cedars;</p> <p>10 Wild beasts and all / cattle, *
Creeping things and / winged birds;</p> <p>11 Kings of the earth and all / peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the / world;</p> <p>12 Young men and / maidens, *
Old and young / together.</p> <p>13 Let them praise the Name of the / Lord, *
For his Name only is exalted, his splendor
is over earth / and heaven.</p> <p>14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal / servants, *
The children of Israel, a people who are
near him. Hal/lelujah!</p> |
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The Gospel Hymn Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor
(v. 1, 4, 5)

Hymnal #307

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

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

The Gospel

John 13:31-35

Pew Bible page 982

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Canon Rand Reasoner+

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.

Offertory Anthem

Thanks be to God

Doxology *(As the offerings are brought to the altar, please stand and sing.)*

Hymns of glory, songs of praise, Alleluia!

Father unto thee we raise, Alleluia!

Risen Lord all praise to thee, Alleluia!

With the Spirit ever be, Alleluia!

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

Timpani Mass

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord. God of pow'r and might;
 hea-ven and earth are full, full of your glo-ry,
 ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
 ho-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

Hampton Christ our Passover



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

Organ Voluntary

Post Communion Hymn

**Come, my Way,
my Truth, my Life**

Hymnal #487

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

We know that Christ is raised

Hymnal #296

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

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

Postlude

Improvisation

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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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*The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God
and in remembrance of our mothers, Ruth and Vivian,
and Happy Birthday to Jeff by Elaine Severa*

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.

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. (*and don't forget to wear **red** for Pentecost!)

Please make 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).

HAPPENING TODAY, MAY 18:

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS! *I'm clearing out my office library. Tables full of books will be on the patio for the next three weeks, starting **today, May 18**, May 24, and June 1. Please browse and take as many as you want. These have been old friends, and I'm glad to be able to share them with you! – Father Rand*

PASTOR MEET AND GREET: Please join the pastors in the Guild Room **today** after both the 8am and 10am services 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, doughnut(s), and/or pancakes!

SCOUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Scout Troop 22 will be treating us to their annual Pancake Breakfast after each service in the parking lot! (\$10 per person)

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING will be held in Fr. Rand's office after both 8am and 10am services.

FROM FATHER RAND:

VESTRY RETIREMENT: On behalf of the People, Wardens, and Vestry of Prince of Peace, I want to say a huge thank you to **Ron Workman**, who because of health reasons has had to retire from the Vestry.

Ron served as our Facilities Chair for several years, sharing his experience, ideas, and supervision repairing that which is broken and helping to improve this facility. This facility looks wonderful! We thank Ron for his care and efforts the past two years. Please keep Ron's healing and growth in physical strength in your prayers. Well done, good and faithful Vestry member!!!!

ALSO, special thanks to **Dan Nelson**, who constructed the metal shade over our playground. What a gift and blessing to keep the sun off of our young people at play! Thanks, Dan, and thanks to your crew!

SEARCH FOR OUR NEXT RECTOR: Many thanks to all of you who participated in Story Day – either by coming to our meetings or answering our Survey. The information received will be incorporated into our Parish Profile. (This is the document that will be used to let candidates for our next rector learn about our parish – what is unique about Prince of Peace!)

Once this document is completed and given to the Vestry to review, it will be sent to the Diocese. Once the Diocese accepts it, they will instruct us in forming a Search Committee to begin the task of looking for our next rector. This process does take a while. I estimate that it will be early Fall before we can put a committee together.

In the meantime, the Diocese will appoint an interim priest to work alongside Fr. Brian. Deacon George, and the rest of the staff. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please let me know. Bill Prescott, Senior Warden

EXCEPTIONAL FAMILIES WORSHIP SERVICE: Join us **Saturday, May 24** at 5pm in the Church Sanctuary, with a nourishing dinner and activities to follow. All are welcome! For more details, contact Nancy Alspaugh-Jackson (818-203-2230). Worship, Praise, Rejoice!

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 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 – FEAR

A good healthy fear, or respect, for dangerous things can keep us safe. But fear can also paralyze us and it can stop us from doing things that God wants us to do. *We will learn: "When I'm afraid, I will remember God is in control."* In our Bible Story, Jesus Calms the Storm for the disciples (Luke 8:22-25). He will calm our worst fears too.

Sunday School kids have been filling our marbles jar since the beginning of the year! We will celebrate and have fun in fellowship this Sunday (May 18, noon) at Winnetka Bowl!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL starts in 8 weeks! This year's VBS will be held July 14-18, from 9am to noon, with optional Afternoon Camp until 3:30pm. Register now for **TRUE NORTH: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!** Space is limited! This is for entering Kindergarten to 5th grade. We have lots of Volunteer Opportunities for Adults and Youth too!

Do you have Alaska-themed decorations you can lend us? Please contact Alma Fountain family@popwh.org if you have any questions or interested in helping us prepare for this important Children and Families Ministry program, or visit www.popwh.org/vbs for more information. Campers and volunteers can conveniently register online at this link: <https://vbspro.events/p/89a3909>.

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. The next class is scheduled for May 25.

MIGRATION MINISTRIES TO END: Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe sent a letter this week to members of the Church announcing that The Episcopal Church's Migration Ministries will end its nearly four-decade partnership with the federal government, citing its moral principles after being instructed to give priority to a group of white South African refugees, while rejecting other groups who have been waiting longer.

Please prayerfully read the entire letter from Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe at this link:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/letter-from-presiding-bishop-sean-rowe-on-episcopal-migration-ministries/>.

CALENDAR	
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 Blood Pressure Screenings Fr. Rand's Office
Wednesday May 21	8am Eucharist and continental breakfast following in RFC
Saturday May 24	10am Tai Chi/Qigong on lawn 9-11am Healing Prayer Meeting , Guild Room Exceptional Families Ministry 5pm, Church Sanctuary
Sunday May 25	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8am and 10am Holy Eucharist Bell Sunday Newcomers' Brunch following 10am service, Guild Room

LOOKING AHEAD	
Tuesday May 26	ECW Meeting 1pm Guild Room
Saturday May 31	Prayer Shawl Ministry 10am Guild Room
Sunday June 1	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8am and 10am Holy Eucharist
Sunday June 8	PENTECOST SUNDAY One service at 10AM – Wear Red! Today we say THANK YOU AND GOODBYE!! to Father Rand and Kathryn Reasoner!
Sunday June 15	TRINITY SUNDAY 8am and 10am Holy Eucharist
Sundays July-August	Summer Sundays ONE SERVICE at 9am with Brunch following
Mon-Friday July 14-18	Vacation Bible School
Saturday July 19	Secret Prayer Partner Social 12 noon, Family Center

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

8am	
USHERS	Larry & Sandi Totter
CHALICE/LEM	David Tong
HEALING PRAYER	Joyce Prescott Marc Miller

10am	
USHERS	John & Margie Mueller Jeff & Elaine Severa
LECTORS	Simon Frost Marc Miller
CHALICE BEARERS	Becky Wray David Tong
ACOLYTE	Cathy Gero
ALTAR GUILD	Team C: Margaret Clarke, Diana Kjabago, Mary Laccinole, Etta Litterini, Barbara Pullinger
CLERGY PRAYER/ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Paul Bishop Donna Houchen
FILMING Cameras Director	Richard Muniz Hannah Muniz
HEALING PRAYER	Leona Sondie Becky Wray
COFFEE/NURSERY	Neria Arinda
MOTION PICTURE	George Packer Christine Lehman
WELCOME MINISTRY	Bruce Roe Kathie Clark

Readings for Next Week, May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Rev. 21:10, 22 - 22:5, John 5:1-9

Hymns for May 18, 2025:

#292 O Jesus, crowned with all renown

#500 Creator Spirit, by whose aid

#460 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!