



the **Church**  
of **St Peter** and  
**St Simon-the-Apostle**

## **Sunday May 10, 2026** **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Welcome to the Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle.

The flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God and in celebration  
of all the mothers in our parish, by Vanessa Scott

### **Holy Eucharist at 9.00 am.** In the Chapel of the Holy Spirit

The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Celebrant & Preacher      The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess

### **Choral Matins at 10:30 am.**

Officiant                      The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess

Crucifer                      Tony Pearce

Director of Music          Mervin Fick

Organist                      Mervin Fick

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The service begins on page 1 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

**Prelude** *Menuet from "Berenice"*

GF HANDEL

**Processional Hymn** 459 Christ is our Cornerstone

HAREWOOD

**Opening Sentences** – *BCP p. 1-2*

**Invitation to Confession** – *BCP p. 4*

**General Confession & Absolution** – *BCP p. 4-5 Please kneel or be seated*

*Officiant*      Almighty and most merciful Father,

*All*              **We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,**

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
 and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;  
 and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
 miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.  
 Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises  
 declared unto all people in Christ Jesu our Lord.  
 And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
 that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
 to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

**The Absolution – BCP p. 5**

**The Lord’s Prayer – BCP pp. 5-6**

**Preces & Responses – BCP p. 6**

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips;

*All* **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us;

*All* **O Lord, make haste to help us.** *All stand.*

*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

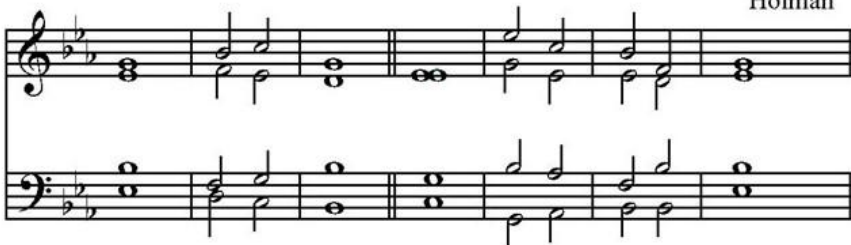
*All* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
 world without end. Amen.**

*Officiant* Praise ye the Lord;

*All* **The Lord’s Name be praised.**

**The Venite – Psalm 95 BCP pp. 6-7 Sung by all, standing.**

Holman



The Lord God om | nipotent reigneth: / O | come, | let us worship.

O come, let us | sing unto · the | Lord: /

\* let us heartily rejoice in the | strength of | our sal | vation.

Let us come before his | presence with | thanksgiving /

\* and show ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.

For the Lord is a | great | God /  
 \* and a great | King a · bove | all | gods.  
 In his hand are all the | corners · of the | earth /  
 \* and the | strength of · the | hills is · his | also.  
 The sea is | his and · he | made it /  
 \* and his | hands pre | pared the · dry | land.  
 O come, let us worship and | fall | down /  
 \* and | kneel be · fore the | Lord, our | Maker.  
 For he is the | Lord our | God /  
 \* and we are the people of his pasture, | and the | sheep of · his | hand.  
 To-day, O that ye would | hear his | voice: /  
 \* ‘Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation, and as in the day of Temp | tation |  
 in the |wilderness  
 When your fathers | tempted | me, /  
 \* proved | me, and | saw my | works.  
 Forty years long was I grieved with that gene | ration, and | said, /  
 \* “It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they | have not | known my | ways”;  
 Unto whom I | swear in my | wrath, /  
 \* that they should not | enter | into my | rest.’  
 Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son, \* and | to the | Holy | Ghost;  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be, \* world without | end. | A- | men.  
 The Lord God om | nipotent reigneth: / O | come, | let us worship.

## The First Lesson

Michelle Vernonesi

*Reader* The first lesson is written in Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor<sup>[a]</sup> he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for

God<sup>[b]</sup> and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

*Reader*     The word of the Lord.

*All*         **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 66: 7-18** *Sung by all. Please remain seated.*

<sup>7</sup>Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard;

<sup>8</sup>Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.

<sup>9</sup>For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>10</sup>You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

<sup>11</sup>You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

<sup>12</sup>I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

<sup>13</sup>I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

<sup>14</sup>Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me.

<sup>15</sup>I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue.

<sup>16</sup>If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

<sup>17</sup>But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

<sup>18</sup>Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*nor withheld his love from me.

Glory be to the Father, and ' to the ' Son /  
and ' to the ' Holy ' Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ' ever ' shall be /  
world without ' end. A'—'men.

## The Second Lesson

Peggy Needham

*Reader* The second lesson is written in 1 Peter 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

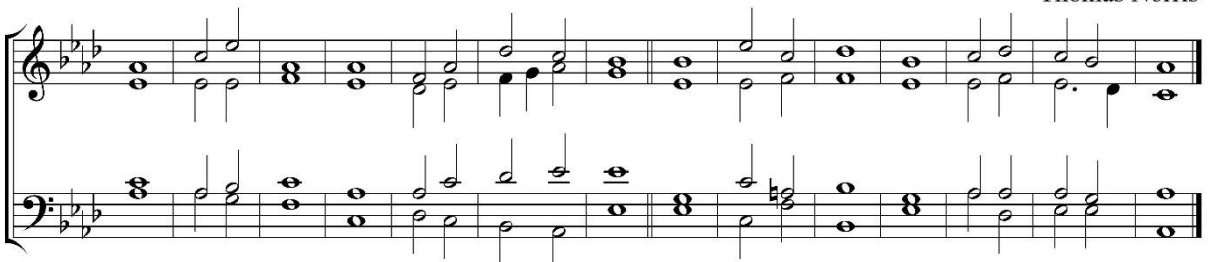
*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Canticle Te Deum

*Please stand as able.*

Thomas Norris

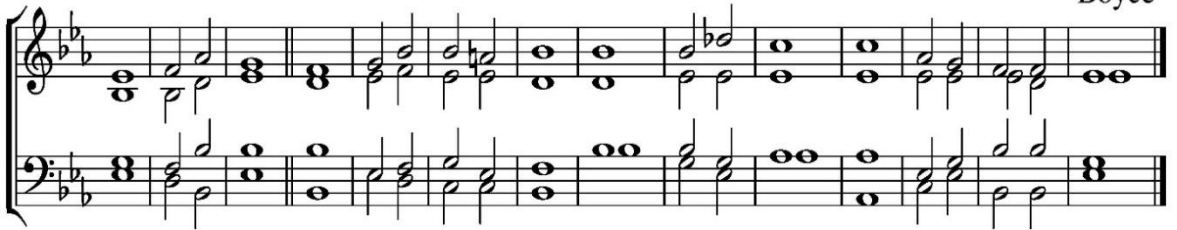


The image shows a musical score for the Canticle Te Deum. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The music is written in a simple, homophonic style, primarily using chords and single notes. The melody is mostly contained within the bass clef staff, while the treble clef staff provides harmonic support with chords. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens and all the Powers therein.  
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,

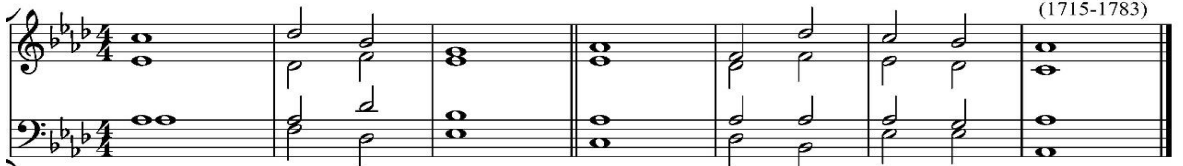
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts;  
 Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.  
 The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee;  
 The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee;  
 The noble army of Martyrs praise thee;  
 The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,  
 The Father, of an infinite Majesty;  
 Thine honourable, true, and only Son;  
 Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Boyce



THOU art the King of Glory, O Christ.  
 Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
 When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's  
 womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the  
 kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
 Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.  
 We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.  
 We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy  
 precious blood.  
 Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting.

James Nares  
 (1715-1783)



O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;  
 Govern them, and lift them up for ever.  
 Day by day we magnify thee;  
 And we worship thy Name, ever world without end.  
 Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.  
O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

### Third Reading

Read by the Reverend Canon Michael Burgess

*Reader* The third lesson is written in John 14:15-21

Jesus said:

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

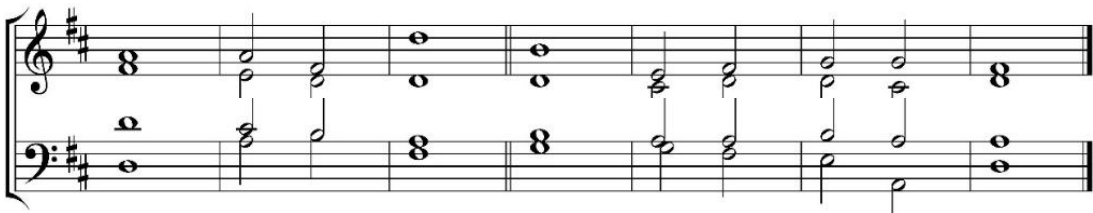
<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Jubilate Deo** *Sung by all. Please stand.*

Jonathan Battishill  
(1738-1801)



<sup>1</sup> O be joyful in the Lord, ' all ye ' lands:

\* serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his ' presence ' with a ' song.

<sup>2</sup> Be ye sure that the ' Lord · he is ' God;

\* it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, '  
and the ' sheep of · his ' pasture.

<sup>3</sup> O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his ' courts with ' praise;

\* be thankful unto him, ' and speak ' good of · his ' Name.  
4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is ' ever ' lasting;  
\* and his truth endureth from gene ' ration to ' gene ' ration.  
Glory be to the Father, and ' to the ' Son, \* and ' to the ' Holy ' Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ' ever ' shall be, \* world without ' end. Amen.

### **The Apostles' Creed – BCP pp. 10-11**

*Officiant* I believe in God  
*All* **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried:  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church;  
The Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins;  
the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you;

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray. *Please kneel or be seated.*

*Officiant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*All* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Officiant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Officiant* Our Father

*All* **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 them that trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*All* **And grant us thy salvation.**

*Officiant* O Lord, save the King;

*All* **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

*Officiant* Endue thy ministers with righteousness;



*All*        **Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness  
and loving-kindness to us and to all people.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,  
and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives;  
by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory,  
world without end. Amen.**

**Prayer of St Chrysostom – BCP p. 15**

*Officiant*    Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our  
common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are  
gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord,  
the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them;  
granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life  
everlasting. **Amen.**

**The Grace**

*All*        **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn 322 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

MILES LANE

**Postlude *Gavotte***

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## **In our Prayers this Week**

The Anglican Communion: The Church of Pakistan (United)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Oshawa Deanery

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer: Pray for St. George on-the-Hill, its prayer shawl ministry, community garden initiative, Lenten "shoe bag" program, and support of the Dorothy Ley Hospice, St. James Food Basket and local Out of the Cold programs; for St. George, Allandale, its Deacon's cupboard, support of Hospice Simcoe, the David Busby Centre, Samaritan House and Grove Park seniors' home; and for St. George, Fairvalley, its support of Mariposa House Hospice, FaithWorks, and area foodbanks.

Parish Cycle: Heather Speakman, Norma Spence, John & Katherine Stevens, Mario Svalbe  
Home Bound Parishioners Marie Adams, Evelyn Baird, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lorraine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Ivaline Jonas, Everton Morris, Ann Nellis, Denise Orioux, Marjorie Philip, Valda Phillips, Lucy Simons, Rex Southgate, Vernita Theobolds, Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Vashti White.



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### **Sundays**

9.00am	Holy Eucharist BCP (in the Chapel of Holy Spirit)
10.30 am	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays Choral Eucharist – Traditional BCP Rite
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Choral Matins (unless announced)
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Choral Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite
Evensong	As Announced

### **Wednesdays**

11.00 am	Holy Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite
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We acknowledge that in gathering to worship Almighty God, we are in the traditional territory of many First Nations peoples including the Mississaugas of the New Credit, the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat.

*"The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is, the world and all who dwell therein."  
Psalm 24.1.*