SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 25, 2024 - 10:30 A.M.



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

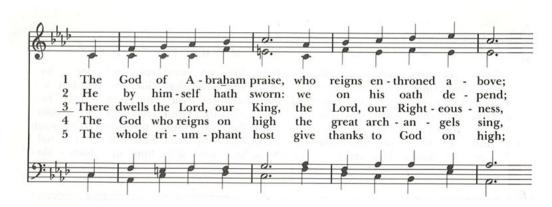
Welcome to worship at St. Peter's Episcopal Church! We are glad that you are here. Please join us for coffee after this service.

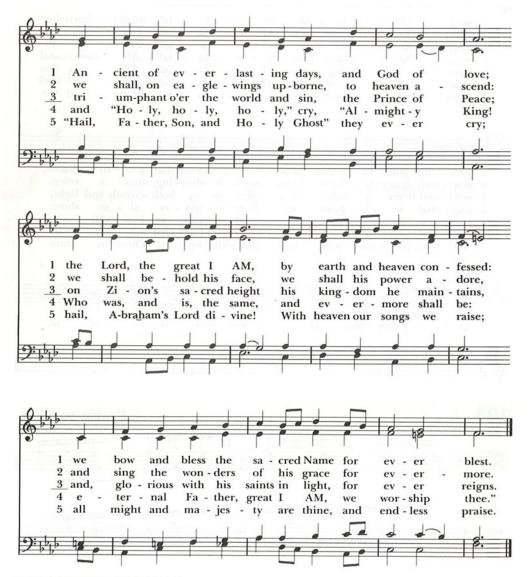
THE WORD OF GOD

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

BCP 351

OPENING HYMN: "The God of Abraham" (Hymn 401)





Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.

Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, alt.

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Priest Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The people kneel.

THE DECALOGUE BCP 350

Priest Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Priest You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Priest You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Priest Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Priest Honor your father and your mother.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Priest You shall not commit murder.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Priest You shall not commit adultery.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Priest You shall not steal.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Priest You shall not be a false witness.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Priest You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Priest Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

BCP 352

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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



THE WORD OF THE LORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 218

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have

gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON (Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (Psalm 22:22-30)

BCP 610

- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; * stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; * but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
 "May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; * he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

THE SECOND LESSON (Romans 4:13-25)

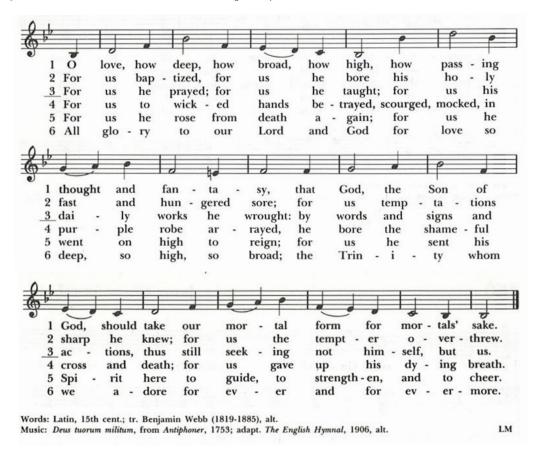
For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: "O Love, How Deep" (Hymn 448)



THE GOSPEL (Mark 8:31-38)

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON Kim Kilgore

THE NICENE CREED BCP 358

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.

Please join in praying our Clergy Search prayer.

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

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Brian; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. *Silence.*

Intercessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence.

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

Please stand and greet one another.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

As the Eucharistic table is set, the ushers collect offerings from the congregation. If you prefer to make an online donation, please use this QR code.



OFFERTORY HYMN: "Praise the Lord" (Hymn 484)





Words: Rhijnvis Feith (1753-1824); para. James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.

Music: Wachet auf, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608);
arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

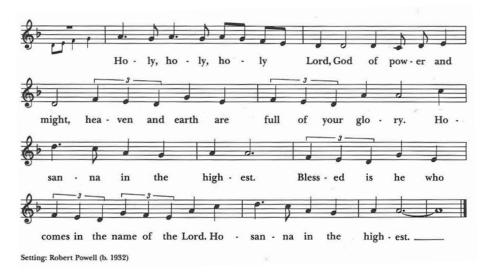
People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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:





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

Memorial Acclamation

Priest 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 the blessed Virgin Mary, St. 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.

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

The Priest breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Priest

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei (S-164)









Setting: From Deutsche Messe; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

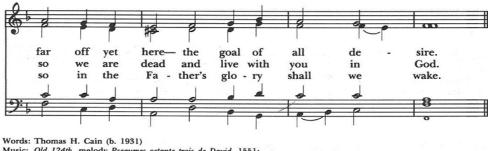
Come up the center aisle to receive the Eucharist at the altar rail. Return to your pew using the side aisle.

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

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

COMMUNION HYMN: "Eternal Lord of Love" (Hymn 149)





Music: Old 124th, melody Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

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

People Because we all share one bread and one cup.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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 people kneel.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

BOS 11

Deacon Bow down before the Lord

Priest Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!" (Hymn 495)



Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt. Music: In Babilone, melody from Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradanseu, 1710

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THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Lectors: Laura Burgess (OT), Anne Spratt (NT)
Intercessor: Susan Crawford; Livestream / Audio: John Trieber
Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Rena Stansbury, Joani Koch
Acolytes: Madison Wolford, Sterling Porter, Lillian Wolford
Ushers: Ron Abston, David Andreae; Healing Altar: Rena Stansbury
Greeter: Shanda Schmitt

We pray for the healing and comfort of:

Alicia, Betty Lamance, Betty Thompson, Bill Kazmier, Bryson Tidwell, Cynthia Millwood, Dianne Stone, Dixie Warren, Donie, Eddie Rodgers, Emmalea Rogers, Ernestine Rogers, Garnet Johnston, Gene Vredeveld, Gerald Motley, Jack Rudez, Jaye Harris, Jimmy McDaniel, John Hickman, Julie Suttles Saunders, Karin Gilstrap, Kelly Snyder, Kevin Blasbery, Leon Ellis, Maggie Williams, Mark Northern, Mary Cook, Matt Klinger, Pete Cooper, Richard Rogers, Robert Carnes, Satedra Smith, Sawyer Burch, Suzy Marland, Terrell Williams, Terry Arnold, Tony D, Vicki Neff

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us today as we say *Thank you and best wishes!* to our former Director of Children's Ministry, Morgan Giannotti. After this service, you are invited to gather in the Bracewell Room for a small reception in her honor. We are thankful for Morgan's work with our parish children and look forward to her contributions to the St. Peter's community in the future.