

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023 Holy Eucharist— 9:45 AM

Welcome to St. Peter's. We are glad you are here!

Our worship uses the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and the 1982 Hymnal (Hymnal), so the entire liturgy is here in the bulletin. If you have any questions, please ask any of our members who will be glad to help.

Children are always welcome in worship.

Worship with us live online at: YouTube.com/StPetersEllicottCity or www.stpetersec.com/live Connect with StPetersEC on: Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram

Prelude: Observed Silence

Upon the sound of the singing bowl, please practice silence and meditation. Guides are available in the pews.

At the sound of the bell, the congregation stands as able for the processional.

Opening Hymn

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Hymnal 493

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue

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.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8,9

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

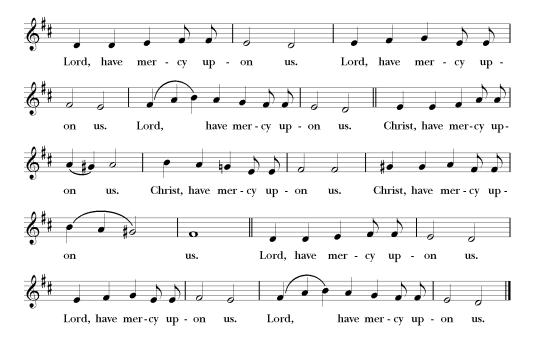
Minister and People

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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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*.

Kyrie Hymnal S-91



Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you,

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

[&]quot;After each reading, the Lector says "The Word of the Lord" and the People respond: "Thanks be to God."



- 1 -- The / Lord is^my shep-herd; *
 I / shall not be in^want.
- 2 He makes me lie / down in^green pas-tures * and leads me be-/side still wa-ters.
- 3 He re-/vives my () soul * and guides me along right pathways / for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall / fear no e-vil; * for you are with me; your rod and your / staff, they com-fort^me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of / those who^trou-ble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is / run-ning o-ver.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the / days of my life, *
 and I will dwell in the house of the / Lord for ev-er.

Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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All stand, as able, for the procession and proclamation of the Holy Gospel.



THEY THAT put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount *Si*-on, * which may not be removed, but standeth fast *for* ev-er.

The hills stand about Je-*ru*-sa lem; *
even so standeth the Lord round about his people,

from this time forth for ever-more.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel John 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Reverend Joy Walton

Nicene Creed BCP pg. 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.

The Prayers of the People

Form I

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Ellicott City, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Peter and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The ministers and people share the peace of Christ as a sign of reconciliation and with the hope of continuing this work in the world.

Announcements

Offertory

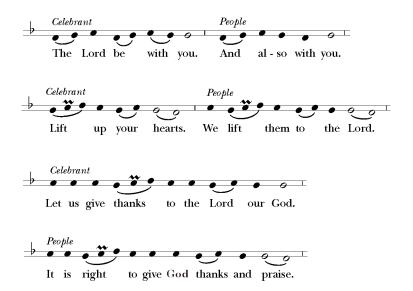
Presentation Hymn

My shepherd will supply my need

Hymnal 664

The people stand while offerings are presented and placed on the altar.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

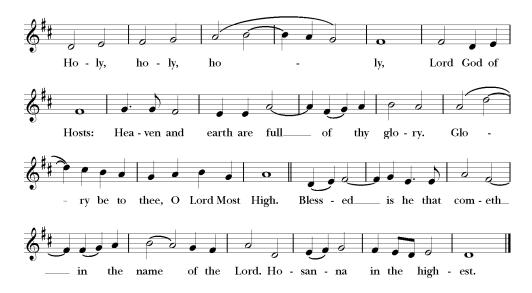


Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant continues to chant the Proper Preface of the Season followed by:

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:



The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues the consecratory prayer telling of God's interaction with humanity throughout history, our need for redemption in Jesus Christ, and consecrates the bread and wine with the words Jesus used at the Last Supper. The full text is found in the BCP on page 367.

Then the Celebrant says.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer Hymnal S-119



Fraction Anthem Hymnal S-158



Invitation to Communion

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people who may also receive both kinds.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Should I Receive Communion?

What follows is Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist. That being said, no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please speak to our Rector, Fr. Derek, following the service (he LOVES talking about baptism!). When receiving the Holy Communion, you may take just the bread if you prefer, or the clergyperson can provide a gluten-free wafer upon request. If you are not baptized or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that we at St. Peter's practice radical welcome, because Jesus did the same!

Gluten free wafers are available - please let the priest know you desire gluten-free when you come to the altar rail.

If you are unable to come forward, please let the usher know and the ministers will bring the Sacrament to you in the pew.

Communion

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

Communion Hymn

How wondrous and great thy works

Hymnal 533

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Post-Communion Prayer

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.

Prayer Over the People

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the light

Hymnal 490

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Observed Silence

The people depart in silence.

The Lenten Wreath is given to the Glory of God, by Mina Uhl.

ST. PETER'S PRAYER LIST

The Church: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Eugene, Bishop of Maryland; Derek, our Rector, Joy, our Assisting Priest

Recent Needs: Jenna Bolton, FinleyPattie Bond, Dan Hogan, Liam Reigel, Beth & Dick Mitchell, Samantha Mitchell Reigel Green, Dick & Roz Tierno, Carol Brooks, Adam Brooks, Jon Brooks, Chris Germida, Heather D'Amore and family, Jeremy Scharfenburg, Bryce Scharfenburg, Chiara D'Amore, Sasha D'Amore, Justin Gooden, Mina Uhl, Elizabeth Cahoon, Kennette Mitchell

(Names remain on the Recent Needs Prayer List for 30 days unless notified otherwise.)

Ongoing Needs: Darrell Reid, Midori Ataka, Katherine Schnorrenberg, Sebastian Reid, Stephanie Reid, Phil Reid, Chuck Hersl, Sylvia Ramsey, Sabrina Mitchell, Scott Miller, Gwen Watts, Carlos Bonilla, Gigi Bonilla & Family, Bernadette Skelly, Bob Williams, Morris Powell, Sue & Steve Hartlaub, Butch Lanham, Ron Brueggeman, Tom Tozazini, Mary Lewis, Harrison Morson, Rebecca Light, Jennie Boyer, Ray & Rose Powell, Thomas Kirwan, Mary Mitchell, Jennifer Foster, Arthur Ronald Parham, Brian & Rick Kneeland, George Spencer, John Jordan

(Names remain on the Ongoing Needs Prayer List for 90 days unless notified otherwise.)

Homebound Members: Allie & Dick Suelflow, Frieda Gregory, Earl Elliott, Irene & Walter Closson

Repose of the Soul: Karolyn Tierno, Everard Cox, Jr., Michael Richards, Warren Brooks, Patrick Johnson-Lowe

(Names remain on the Repose of the Soul List for 30 days unless notified otherwise.)

Vestry and Officers: Doug Pryor, Judith Kilroy, Alexa Fair, Greg Busch, Jonnie Widener, Tom Donohue, Hal Clay, John Francis, Katie Shaw

Would you like to add someone to the prayer list or have an announcement featured here? Please submit names/announcements to the church office by email: parish.admin@stpetersec.org BY SUNDAY NIGHT.

ST. PETER'S PRESCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

April 28, 2023 (6 pm—10 pm) at Rolling Roads Golf Club, Adults Only.

We hope you will join us!

Part of our festivities that evening will be a Silent Auction and the raffling off of prizes.

We need your help. We are seeking donations of goods or services to auction off or give away at our party.

If you own a small business and would like to make a donation towards our event, we would be so grateful.

Our tax number is available upon request.

Possible donations include (but are not limited to):

Tickets to a sporting event, a weekend/week at your vacation home, or special experiences you can offer (like if you are a personal trainer or a chef).

The possibilities are endless, as I know how talented all of you are!

PLEASE LET RITA KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP US MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR SCHOOL!

PLEASE CONTACT, RITA DAI WANG, DIRECTOR AT <u>DIRECTOR@STPETERSPRESCHOOL.ORG</u> OR (410)461-7283

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOSPITALITY HOUR: Do you enjoy seeing your friends after church? Do you want to help St. Peter's welcome guests? Volunteer for Hospitality Hour! For help or instructions: **Squad@stpetersec.org** OR Call: **Judi** (**410-807-6460**).

OUTREACH MINISTRY: The next ZOOM Outreach Ministry Meeting is on *April 11*, **2023**. Meetings are held on the **2nd Tuesday of the month at 2 pm**. All are welcome to attend. For more information on how to get involved please email:

Outreach@stpetersec.org

OUTREACH ACTION DATES: March 23, 2023—Pete's Packs Delivery—Doug Pryor; March 30, 2023—Pete's Packs Packing—Kitchen; March 30, 2023—Pete's Packs Delivery—Sharon Sachs; April 13, 2023—Pete's Packs Delivery—Betsy Groomes.

ST. PETER'S PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY: This Ministry is available to assist parishioners who are in need. In order for the Pastoral Care Ministry to coordinate a response to parishioner's needs, please notify Father Derek: rector@stpetersec.org and/or the Pastoral Care Ministry: pastoral.care@stpetersec.org

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Upcoming Event Schedule

Friday, March 24th, 2023 (Stations of the Cross)

7:00 PM

Every Friday During Lent

Soup Supper & Education in St. Joseph's Hall

Saturday, March 25, 2023 (Annunciation)

7:00 PM Evening Prayer

Sunday, March 26, 2023 (Lent 5)

9:45 AM Mass

Coffee Hour to Follow in St. Joseph's Hall

Friday, March 31st, 2023 (Stations of the Cross with Benediction)

7:00 PM

Every Friday During Lent

Soup Supper & Education in St. Joseph's Hall

Sunday, April 2, 2023 (Palm Sunday)

9:45 AM Mass

Coffee Hour to Follow in St. Joseph's Hall

Monday, April 3, 2023 (Monday of Holy Week)

7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 (Tuesday Of Holy Week)

7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 (Spy Wednesday/Tenebrae)

7:00 PM

Thursday, April 6, 2023 (Maundy Thursday)

7:00 PM

Friday, April 7, 2023 (Good Friday)

7:00 PM

Loose-Plate Offerings

Offerings given in the plate that are not designated will go to support the following funds:

1st Sunday—Discretionary Fund

2nd Sunday—Outreach Fund

3rd-5th Sundays—General Operating Fund

SERVING THIS WEEK			
Altar Guild	Stan Brown		
Acolyte	Doug Pryor		
Bell Ringer	Tom Donohue		
Celebrant	The Reverend Joy Walton		
Flag Guild	Nicole Busch		
Flower Guild	No Flowers In Lent		
Intercessor	Angela Mitchell		
Lector 1	Alexa Fair		
Lector 2	Tom Donohue		
Livestream/AV	Judi Mahaffey		
Preacher	The Reverend Joy Walton		
Tellers	Sharon Sachs & Diana Pon		
Thurifer	Stan Brown		
Ushers	Angela Mitchell		