



A Church on a Mission:
*To embody the love of God as
Christ's heart, mind and hands.*

A Service for the Nation

November 7, 2018, 12:00

Holy Eucharist: Enriching Our Worship



Welcome to St. Peter's Church

We are glad that you are with us today. Our worship of God is a communal experience. Please join in the prayers, communion, and fellowship as fully as you are comfortable doing. We encourage children to participate. Help us welcome you by filling out one of the "Welcome" cards located in the box pews, and give it to an usher, greeter, or member of the clergy, or place it in the offering plate.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people stand as the clergy enter.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Song of Praise

A Song of Ezekiel

Celebrant and people:

***I will take you from among all nations; *
and gather you from all lands to bring you home.***

***I will sprinkle clean water upon you; *
and purify you from false gods and uncleanness.***

***A new heart I will give you *
and a new spirit put within you.***

***I will take the stone heart from your chest *
and give you a heart of flesh.***

***I will help you walk in my laws *
and cherish my commandments and do them.***

***You shall be my people, *
and I will be your God.***

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day.

Holy God, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Revelation 22: 1-7

The People sit. The Lector reads the Lesson, saying after the Reading:

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62

The people read the psalm in unison.

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| 1 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
from God comes my salvation. | 8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge. |
| 2 God alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken. | 9 Put your trust in God always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before the One who is our refuge. |
| 3 How long will you assail me to crush me,
all of you together, *
as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall? | 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted. |
| 4 They seek only to bring me down
from my place of honor; *
lies are their chief delight. | 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath; *
all of them together. |
| 5 They bless with their lips, *
but in their hearts they curse. | 12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it. |
| 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, there is my hope. | 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God. |
| 7 God alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken. | 14 Steadfast love is yours, O God, *
for you repay everyone according to their deeds. |

The Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The people stand. The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflection

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: O God,

Response: **hear our prayer.**

Please remember those who have asked for our prayers:

Kathie	Mary	Agnes	Lee Roy	Shawn	Cynthia	Lynda
Gerald	Susan	Jesse	Jo-Anna	Sue	Sean	Jim
Paul & Lisa	Frank & Mair	Ejner & Pozi	Douglas & Francine		Marcy & Allan	

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People:

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,**

and the evil done on our behalf.

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes:

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

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Enriching our Worship

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Celebrant and People:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues:

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Peter and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at this, Christ's Table.

This is the Lord's supper: God's feast for all of God's people. There is always an abundance here and there is a place for you. You are invited and encouraged to feast at God's table. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the bread or wine, you are welcome; come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

If you are allergic to wheat flour please notify the priest. We have a wheat free/gluten free alternative available.

Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the people stand and the Celebrant says:

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth rejoicing in the name of Christ.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Go in peace, and return often to worship with us.

Sunday:

- 9 AM – Worship service with Holy Eucharist and sermon
- 9 AM – Children’s service with songs, stories and activities
- 10 AM – “Sundays @10” adult education
- 11 AM – Worship service with music, Holy Eucharist, and sermon

Tuesday:

- 7:45 AM – “Eat, Pray, Laugh” morning prayer and Bible study

Wednesday:

- 6 PM – Evening Meditation and Contemplative Prayer

THE LAYOUT OF ST. PETER’S

The unusual layout of the church reflects the emphasis on Bible-reading and preaching in 1761, during the Great Awakening evangelical movement. Putting the reading desk and pulpit at the west end gave them greater prominence than the altar opposite, since the communion service was held only occasionally. The resulting need to face in both directions during services meant that the original box pews, designed for warmth, had to be retained after the invention of central heating.

For more information on the long history of the church, pick up one of the brochures at the west end or inquire about purchasing a copy of *St. Peter’s Church: Faith in Action for 250 Years*, published in 2011.

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