

## The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024, 11:00AM

Holy Eucharist, Rite II: The Book of Common Prayer



## 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.

## Welcome to St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Thank you for joining us for worship! Below are just a few of the groups and events happening at St. Peter's. All are welcome!

# Final Four Days! Food Cupboard Fundraiser Make a donation this Lent

One In 2023, we started the year feeding about 50 local Philadelphia families each month, and by December that number grew to 200. We want to give the St. Peter's Food Cupboard the funds to meet the growing needs of our neighbors in 2024. This Lent, will you consider making a donation of \$150 to sponsor a week of groceries? Any donation amount is appreciated! Visit www.stpetersphila.org/foodcupboard to make a donation online by March 20.

### Sages Gathering 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20

All are welcome to attend the Sages Gathering (a group of those mostly age 60 and older) in the Parish House on March 20. Rev. Sarah will join us as we explore the Stations of the Cross, focusing on the specific stations at St. Peter's created by Scott Erickson. Sarah will share information about each station and then we will have a lively discussion about the stations as a tradition and our own experience with them this year. Bring a bag lunch!

# **Easter Memorials Contribute by March 27**

It has long been the custom in the church at Easter to offer special gifts in thanksgiving or in memory of someone or some occasion in our lives. This Easter offering is how we fund our flowers and special music on Easter. With your contribution, please indicate the name of the person(s) whom you wish to remember or give thanks. All memorials must be received no later than Wednesday, March 27, to be included in the service.

# Holy Week

• Family Palm Sunday Service: 9 AM Sunday, March 24

• Palm Sunday Worship Service: 11 AM Sunday, March 24

Holy Eucharist Services: 7 PM Weeknights March 25-27
 Maundy Thursday Service: 7 PM Thursday, March 28

• **Good Friday Service:** 12 PM Friday, March 29

• Walking Stations of the Cross: 1 PM Friday, March 29

• Service of Silence & Sorrow: 2 PM Friday, March 29

• Easter Sunday Worship Service: 11 AM Sunday, March 31

• Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration: 12:30 PM Sunday, March 31

#### **Announcements**

**Book Group:** The Book Group meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, to discuss "The Future We Choose" by Christine Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac.

Family Worship: All families with young children are invited to our Palm Sunday Service at 9 a.m. Sunday, March 24. We will journey through Holy Week from Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem to Good Friday.

**Food Cupboard:** During Lent, we are raising money to support the Food Cupboard and its growth in 2024. You can make a donation online at: www.stpetersphila.org/foodcupboard.

**Morning Prayer:** We gather on Zoom every Wednesday at 8 a.m.

**Sages:** This monthly lunch gathering for those in their 60s & older will be held in the Parish House at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20. Bring a bag lunch! Our guest will be the Rev. Sarah Hedgis-Kligerman.

**Sunday School:** All children are invited to attend Sunday School during the 11 AM Worship Service.

**TNT (20s & 30s):** At our Lenten Discipleship Group we are discussing fasting. Discipleship Group (small group of folks in their 20s/30s) meets on Zoom Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday Eucharist Service:** Join us for a Holy Eucharist Service every Wednesday at Noon in the church.

To learn more, please check our website www.stpetersphila.org or sign up for our weekly newsletter at www.stpetersphila.org/enews. You can also email Parish Administrator Kate Randall at randall@stpetersphila.org.

## The Fifth Sunday in Lent

This church worship service will be livestreamed and recorded for our online congregation. By participating in person you acknowledge that you may be visible on live broadcast or archived video. If you are uncomfortable about the possibility of appearing on video, please see an usher to be reseated in a more private area.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Opening Voluntary** Chorale Prelude on "Rockingham" Charles H.H. Parry (1848-1918) The people stand as the clergy and choir enter. **Processional Hymn 690** "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" Cwm Rhondda 1 Guide me. 0 pil - grim through this thou Тe ho vah. bar ren land: 2 O - pen now the crys tal. fount - ain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow; 3 When I tread the bid anx - ious side; verge Jor dan, my fears sub 1 I weak, might - y; hold with thy. power - ful am but thou\_ art\_ me hand; 2 let cloud lead all the fire and у\_\_ pil - lar me my\_\_\_ jour - ney through; 3 death of death, and hell's\_ de struc - tion, land me safe on. Ca - naan's side; feed me now and ev - er - more.

- 1 bread of hea-ven, bread of hea-ven, feed me now and ev – er more,
  - be thou still my strength and shield.
- 2 strong de-liv-erer, strong de-liv-erer, be thou still my strength and shield. 3 songs of prais-es, songs of prais-es, I will ev - er give thee,
- I will ev er\_ give thee.

#### **Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: God's mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant:

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

#### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor. Celebrant:

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant 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;

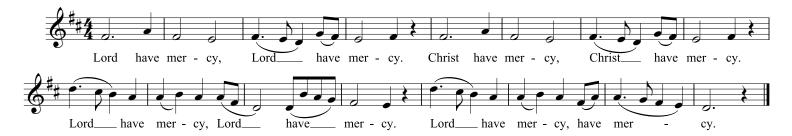
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The 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.

Kyrie Franz Schubert



#### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

#### **First Lesson:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Psalm 51:1-13 Miserere mei, Deus The people and choir sing the bolded text. Tone IV.1



- Have mercy on me, O God, according to your / loving-kíndness; \* in your great compassion / blot out mÿ of 'fënses.
- Wash me through and through / from my wickedness \* and / cleanse me fröm 'mÿ sin.
- 3 For I know / my transgréssions, \* and my sin is / ever bë 'före me.
- 4 Against you only / have I sínned \* and done what is / evil ïn 'yöur sight.
- 5 And so you are justified / when you spéak \* and up/right in your 'jüdgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked / from my birth, \* a sinner from my mö'thër's womb.

- 7 For behold, you look for truth / deep within me, \* and will make me understand / wisdom së 'crëtly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, / and I sháll be pure; \* wash me, and I / shall be clëan 'ïndeed.
- 9 Make me hear of / joy and gládness, \* that the body you have / broken mäy ´rëjoice.
- 10 Hide your face / from my sins \* and blot out / all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me / a clean héart, O God, \* and renew a right / spirit wi'thin me.
- 12 Cast me not away / from your présence \* and take not your / holy Spïrit 'fröm me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your / saving hélp again \* and sustain me with your / bountifül 'Spïrit.

**Second Lesson** Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Sequence** Lenten Gospel Acclamation

Tony Alonso

The cantor sings the refrain and the people repeat it.



Cantor: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. *All repeat refrain.* 

**The Gospel:** John 12:20-33

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.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

After the Gospel, the Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon The Reverend Clarke French

#### The Nicene Creed

The people stand and say together:

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 a 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. who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

#### **Prayers of the People**

After each petition, the people respond with:

Intercessor: Lord, hear us.

People: Lord, graciously hear us.

Please remember those who have asked for our prayers:

Colin Abigail Kathy Paul John Iim Marylou Nigel Victor Lisa Ed Beckett Quinn Cole Tessa Eduardo Harrison Sienna Rose Betsy Josh Val Io-Anna Holly Ginger Joe Natalie & Ryan Chris & Don Matt & Addie Sue Rodney Michel Iudi

#### The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

#### Announcements

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

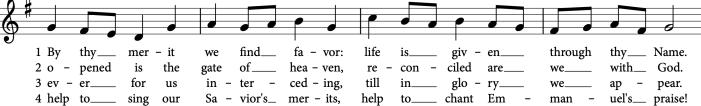


During the Offertory Anthem, ushers will take up an offering. You can also give to St. Peter's electronically through **Venmo @stpetersphila** (our profile appears in the Charities category), by scanning the QR code here, or visiting <a href="www.stpetersphila.org/give-online">www.stpetersphila.org/give-online</a> for links to donate using PayPal, or through our secure website.

Offertory Anthem "Lord, Make Me to Know Thy Ways"

William Byrd

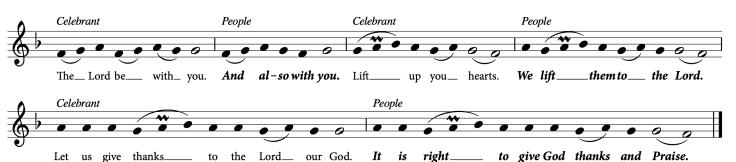
Lord, make me to know thy ways, O Lord. O Lord, teach me thy paths, O Lord. O lead me in thy truth, and teach me, for thou art the God of my salvation.



#### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

Let us give thanks\_

The Book of Common Prayer



the Lord our God.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments,

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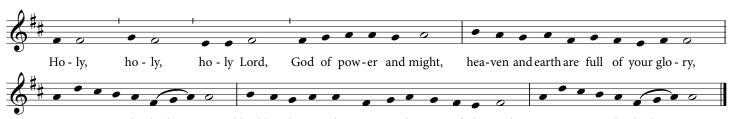
is

right.

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:

they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

David Hurd Sanctus



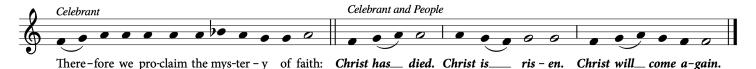
Ho-sa-na in the high - est. Ho-san-na in the high - est, bless'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,

*The Celebrant continues:* 

Holy and gracious God: 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 Mary, the mother of God, Peter our patron and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.



#### The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant:

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

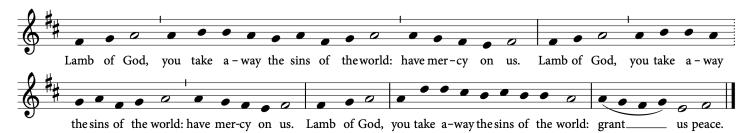
All:

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 forever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

David Hurd



*Celebrant:* 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. 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.

There is gluten free bread available. You can request this from the clergy when receiving.

To receive the wine, you may drink from the cup while the chalice bearer holds it for you. <u>Please do not intinct (dip) the bread</u> <u>into the cup of wine.</u> If you prefer to not drink from the common cup, receiving bread only is still full participation in the sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

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.

**Communion Voluntary** 

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

African American Spiritual arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904-1987)

**Communion Anthem** 

"Create in me a clean heart, o God"

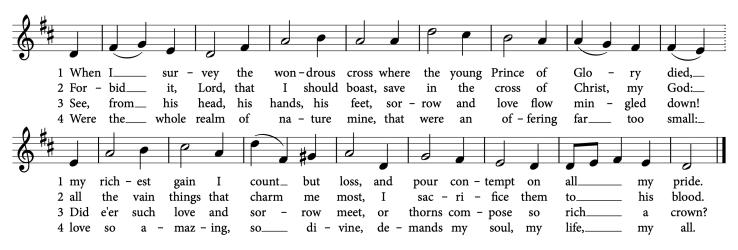
Healey Willlan

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.

Communion Hymn 474

"When I survey the wondrous cross"

Rockingham



#### **Postcommunion Prayer**

After Communion, the people stand and the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, Holy One, 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.

## **Solemn Prayer of Lent** *Celebrant:*

Grant, Almighty God, that we your people may recognize our weakness and put our whole trust in your strength, so that we may rejoice forever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Closing Voluntary**

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For those who want to remain masked and surrounded by those who are masked, there is a mask-required seating area in the church's south side balcony. Please ask an usher if you'd like assistance.

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

#### Sunday:

9 am – Children's service with songs, stories and activities
11 am – Worship service with music, Holy Eucharist, and sermon

Wednesday:
12 noon – Worship service with Holy Eucharist

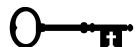
#### THE LAYOUT OF ST. PETER'S

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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