



## The First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025, 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. 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. You can also fill out a Welcome card online at [www.stpetersphila.org/welcome](http://www.stpetersphila.org/welcome) or by scanning the QR code here.



## ***St. Peter's Church Celebrates Women's History Month***

*Each Sunday in March, there will be a woman in the pulpit preaching at St. Peter's Church.  
This Sunday we welcome the Rev. Canon Toneh Smyth, Diocesan Canon for Mission.*

**Rev. Toneh Smyth** was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, but lived most of her life in Florida. She is a licensed clinical social worker and certified Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing therapist. Rev Smyth has more than 18 years experience working in the nonprofit industry. In those 18 years she has worked as a program director for residential programs for adults with mental disabilities, a case manager for homeless veterans, worked directly with shelters throughout Philadelphia promoting the integration of mental health/addiction services into housing initiatives, and a compliance analyst for a behavioral health insurance company under the Philadelphia Department of Health and Intellectual disAbility Services.

Rev. Smyth was ordained as Deacon on June 17, 2017, with the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. She is passionate about uplifting the marginalized by building solidarity and proclaiming the gospel amongst all communities. As the Canon for Mission she engages churches, communities, and other denominations in addressing systemic societal conditions that undermine human dignity such as discrimination, food insecurity, economic hardship, addiction, and access to education. Since joining the Bishop's staff as canon, she has created the Veterans Ministry, parish wellness, created the LGBTQIA+ committee, and coordinated the COVID vaccine clinics for the diocese. She is also the liaison for all diocesan mission related commissions: Global Missions, People with Disabilities, Anti Racism, Gun Violence, Recovery and Addiction, Sex Trafficking, Health Committee, and Veterans.

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*Also this Sunday, our organist Charles Johnson will participate in the annual "Women Composer Sunday," joining with organists around the world to perform works by women composers.*

**Diane Joyce Bish** is an American organist, composer, conductor, as well as executive producer and host of The Joy of Music television series. As a concert organist, she performs at concerts throughout North America and Europe. Bish also continues to tape episodes for her television series by visiting notable organs throughout the world. Diane Bish displays her dazzling virtuosity and unique showmanship the world over to international acclaim.

In 2016, Miss Bish received the inaugural Distinguished Career Award from the New York City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists "for exemplary service to the organ, choral music, and related fields." That same year, she was named one of Celebrating Women International of Nassau, Bahamas' Women of Distinction.

In 1989, Miss Bish was awarded the National Citation by the National Federation of Music Clubs of America. Diane Bish served as senior organist and artist-in-residence at the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for over 20 years. While at Coral Ridge Church, she led the design of the 117-rank Ruffatti organ, recognized as one of the great organs in America.

Miss Bish has recorded on the foremost organs of the world and was the first American woman to record on the four organs of Freiburg Cathedral, Germany. Diane Bish began her study with Dorothy Addy in Wichita, Kansas, and continued as a student of Mildred Andrews at the University of Oklahoma.

- [dianebishorgan.com](http://dianebishorgan.com)

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**Evelyn Larter** was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and is an honoree of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music in concert piano and general music education. Larter moved to the United States in 1988. She was the former Assistant Organist at Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA. Since 2003, she has been the Organist and Director of Music at Deerfield Presbyterian Church in Bridgeton, NJ. As a composer, she is known for her compositions of organ solos, choral anthems, and piano duets. The prelude this morning is her recent composition that won second place in the "Short Composition for Worship Services" category of the American Guild Of Organists' 2025 Woman Composer Sunday Composition Competition. Below are notes from the composer on this morning's prelude:

"I have loved African American spirituals all my life and became acquainted with many more of them after moving to the United States from Scotland in 1988. I have had the privilege of accompanying many wonderful singers for whom these works were not just beautiful songs but also an integral part of their heritage as descendants of enslaved people. I chose 'Here's One' because of the personal connection to my late friend Deborah Ford (former artist in residence, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Trenton, NJ). William Grant Still's arrangement was one of my favorites to hear her sing."

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*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.*

*Children are welcome here!*



*We are happy you and your child have joined us for worship! If at any time during the service, your child would like to get their wiggles out, you are invited to take a break in our Wiggle Room (accessible through the door to the right of the Reading Desk and up the stairs).*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Opening Voluntary

“He’s One!” (“Talk About a Child that Do Love Jesus”)

Traditional Spiritual  
arr. Evelyn R. Larter

*The people stand as the clergy enter.*

### The Great Litany

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

***Have mercy on us.***

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

***Have mercy on us.***

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

***Have mercy on us.***

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

***Have mercy on us.***

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy;  
from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

***Savior deliver us.***

From sloth, worldliness and love of money;

from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

***Savior deliver us.***

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,

***Savior deliver us.***

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,

***Savior deliver us.***

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgement,

***Savior deliver us.***

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;

by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

***Savior deliver us.***

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,

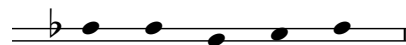
***Savior deliver us.***

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,

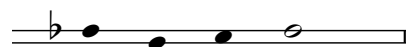
***Savior deliver us.***

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

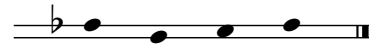
***Savior deliver us.***



Have mer - cy on us.



Sav - ior de - liver us.



Hear us, O Christ.

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

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**Hear us, O Christ.**

*Please remember those who have asked for our prayers:*

Josh	John	Abigail	Kathy	Cole	Tessa	Sienna
Rose	Eric	Holly	Patricia	Charles	Judy	Ozzie
Jean	Claire	Hannah	Emily	Mildred	Jill	Kevin
Pat	Marylou	Doug	Kevin	Sabine	Sara	Carmen
Joe	Sarah	Barbara	Margie	Natalie & Ryan	Chris & Don	
Esther & Jim	Benedikta and the Pugh family					

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Show your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

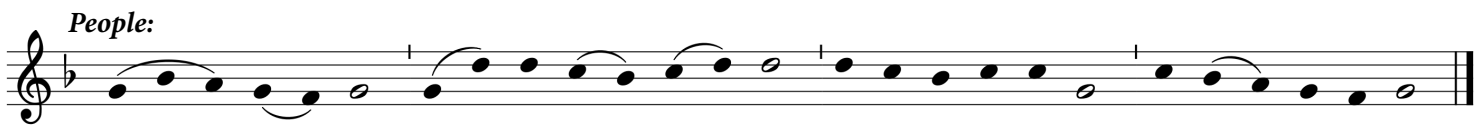
Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy on us.

**Invitation to the Observance of a Holy Lent**

*the Ash Wednesday Liturgy, The Book of Common Prayer*

*Celebrant:*

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel or stand before the Lord, our maker and redeemer. (*A period of silence is kept.*)

### 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:*

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Moses said, "When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house."

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

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

*Qui habitat*

Chant: John Goss

*The people remain seated as the choir chants the psalm.*

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| 1  | He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *<br>abides under the shadow of the Almighty.            | 12 | They shall bear you in their hands, *<br>lest you dash your foot against a stone.   |
| 2  | He shall say to the Lord,<br>"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *<br>my God in whom I put my trust." | 13 | You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *<br>you shall trample the young lion<br>and the serpent under your feet.        |
| 9  | Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *<br>and the Most High your habitation,                     | 14 | Because he is bound to me in love,<br>therefore will I deliver him; *<br>I will protect him, because he knows my Name.    |
| 10 | There shall no evil happen to you, *<br>neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.               | 15 | He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *<br>I am with him in trouble;<br>I will rescue him and bring him to honor. |
| 11 | For he shall give his angels charge over you, *<br>to keep you in all your ways.                        | 16 | With long life will I satisfy him, *<br>and show him my salvation.  |

**Second Lesson** Romans 10:8b-13

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

*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.*



Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ! Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je-sus Christ!

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

**The Gospel:** Luke 4:1-13

*The people stand. The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*  
The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’ ”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ” Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*After the Gospel, the Priest says*  
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon** The Reverend Canon Toneh Smyth

## 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.

## 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 [www.stpetersphila.org/give-online](http://www.stpetersphila.org/give-online) for links to donate using PayPal, or through our secure website.*

## Offertory Anthem

“Behold the Lamb of God” from *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel

Behold the Lamb of God,  
that taketh away the sin of the world.

## Presentation Hymn

*The choir sings the refrain, then the people join, repeating meditatively, while a small group sings the verse.*

*Refrain*

O Chris - te Do - mi - ne Je - su, O Chris - te Do - mi - ne Je - su! O

*Verse:*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

## Eucharistic Prayer A

Book of Common Prayer

*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 God thanks and praise.**

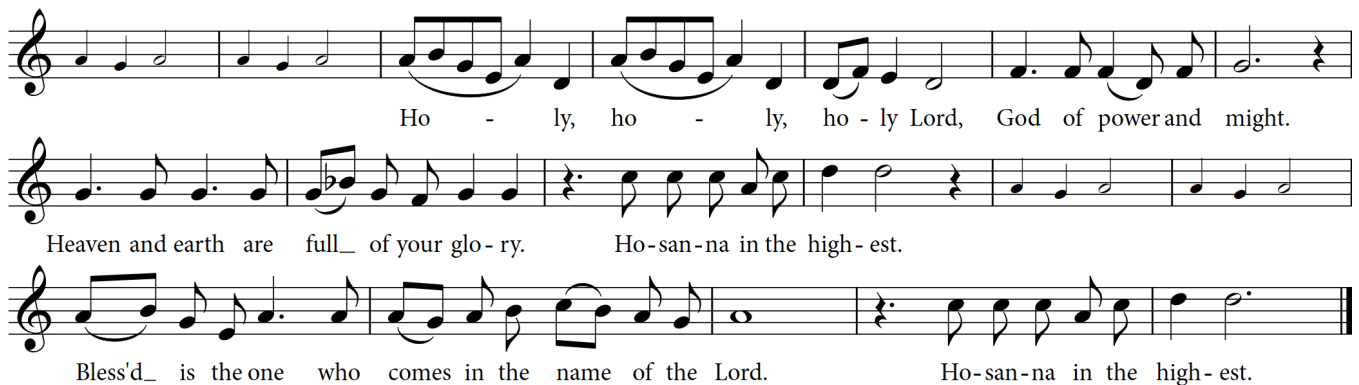
*The Celebrant continues:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:

## Sanctus

William Matthias



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
Bless'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

*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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

*Celebrant and People:*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*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.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**



**The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant:*  
*All:*

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

William Matthias

*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.*

*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. **Please do not intinct (dip) the bread into the cup of wine.** 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**  
**Communion Anthem**

"Bread of Life"  
"Swing low, sweet chariot"

arr. Evelyn R. Larter  
African American Spiritual  
arr. William Dawson

Swing low, sweet chariot  
Coming for to carry me home,  
Swing low, sweet chariot  
Coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan,  
and what did I see?  
Coming for to carry me home,  
A band of angels comin' after me,  
Coming for to carry me home.

If you get there before I do,  
Coming for to carry me home,  
Tell all my friends I'm coming too  
Coming for to carry me home.

**Communion Hymn 142** "Lord, who throughout these forty days"

St. Flavian

### Postcommunion Prayer

*After Communion, the people stand and the Celebrant says:*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

**Eternal God,**

***you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;***

***by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love:***

***teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,***

***and enable us to live lives grounded in service to you and to one another;***

***through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### Solemn Prayer of Lent

*Celebrant:* Bow down your hearts before the Lord our God.

*The Presider offers the prayer over the people.*

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us bless the Lord.

*Response:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Closing Voluntary

Voluntary on *Nettleton*

arr. Diane Bish (b.1947)

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## The St. Peter's Church Rector Transition Search Prayer

*Holy and immortal God, who has blessed and sustained us through the years, we stand before you at a time of transition in the life of St. Peter's Church. We seek your guidance and help to lead us in the direction that will help us fulfill the life-giving ministry of your Church. Protect us from seeking our own will and all that prevents us from following where you may lead. Instill in us a right spirit of love and acceptance. Lead us to a faithful priest and pastor who will care for us and equip us for our ministries. And when we have discerned your will for us, give us the strength and courage to accept it and the resources to accomplish it. All this we ask in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*


### Serving This Morning

<b>Communion Bread Bakers:</b>	Maryfrances Parisi, Barbara Angelini, Barbara Matteucci, Matt Kuentzler, Harrison Stowe, Travis Stewart, Lex Johnson
<b>Broadcast Technicians:</b>	Dan Layman, Danny Alvarado
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Kathleen Stephenson
<b>Greeter:</b>	Christine Magne
<b>Verger:</b>	Kathleen Stephenson
<b>Lectors:</b>	Herb Snyder, Dan Layman
<b>Preacher:</b>	The Reverend Canon Toneh Smyth
<b>Usher:</b>	Steve Zettler, Chris Cielo
<b>Intercessor:</b>	Hannah Poole
<b>Celebrant:</b>	The Reverend Sarah Hedgis-Kligerman
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Christy Santos
<b>Junior Acolyte:</b>	Eva Cielo
<b>Refreshments:</b>	Emy Halpert
<b>Bell Ringer:</b>	Gretchen Cowell


# 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!


## TNT Lenten Discipleship Group 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays starting March 11

 Join others at St. Peter's in their 20s/30s as we read "God Didn't Make Us to Hate Us: 40 Devotions to Liberate Your Faith from Fear and Reconnect with Joy" by Rev. Lizzie McManus-Dail. We will meet Tuesdays 7:30-9 p.m. on Zoom beginning Tuesday, March 11, and ending on April 15. Look in your enews for the registration link!


## Lenten Supper & Study Group 6 p.m. Wednesdays starting March 12

 St. Peter's will join with Christ Church for a five-week Lenten supper and study group, discussing the book "Healing Our Broken Humanity: Practices for Revitalizing the Church and Renewing the World" by Grace Ji-Su Kim and Graham Hill. Each week the discussion will focus on two of the book's chapters. We will conclude each session with Compline. Books are available for purchase from Head House Books. Location for the study group will rotate between St. Peter's Parish House and Christ Church Neighborhood House; the first gathering on March 12 will be here at St. Peter's. Please sign up to let us know you will be joining us! Look in your enews or St. Peter's website calendar for the registration link.

## Spotlight on Food Insecurity 10 a.m. Sundays, March 16, 23 & 30

 During this Lenten season, St. Peter's Church is shining a spotlight on food insecurity and diving deeper into understanding this complex issue that stems from poverty and systemic racism. In March, we will welcome guest speakers to share their expertise at the 10 AM hour. We hope you will join us for one or all of these programs to gain a better understanding of this issue and how we can make a difference.

## LGBTQ+ Gathering 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 23

 Get to know other LGBTQ+ parishioners on Sunday, March 23, at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish House. Coffee and bagels will be served. We will introduce ourselves, discuss future plans, and maybe even come up with a fun name for this ministry! It's a chance to get to know each other and spend time together. Please RSVP to Christy Santos at [christysantos@gmail.com](mailto:christysantos@gmail.com).

## Announcements

**Book Group:** The Book Group meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, to discuss "A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains" by Isabella Bird.

**Churchyard Gardeners:** Our Churchyard Gardeners kick off the gardening season with a workday on Saturday, March 8. All are welcome to join from 10 a.m. - Noon to lend a hand.

**Families & Children:** The Lenten theme for Family Worship this year will be Bread of Life. We will highlight how Jesus fed people—not just their bodies but their souls—with good news, redemption, and stories of God's kin(g)dom. Join us at 9 AM!

**Food Cupboard:** Sponsor a week of groceries by making a donation during our annual Food Cupboard fundraiser. Please make a donation by April 6 at: [www.stpetersphila.org/foodcupboard](http://www.stpetersphila.org/foodcupboard).

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

**Sages:** This monthly lunch gathering will be held in the Parish House at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, with special guest Clint Randall, Vice President for Economic Development at the Center City District. Bring a bag lunch!

**TNT (20s & 30s):** Sign up for our Lenten Discipleship Group, which meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Check your enews for the link to register.

**Tuesday Noon Service:** Join us for a spoken worship service every Tuesday at Noon in the church.

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To learn more, visit [stpetersphila.org](http://stpetersphila.org) or sign up for our weekly newsletter at [www.stpetersphila.org/enews](http://www.stpetersphila.org/enews).

You can also email  
Parish Administrator Kate Randall:  
[randall@stpetersphila.org](mailto:randall@stpetersphila.org).

*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

9am - Contemplative, spoken worship service

11 am – Worship service with music, Holy Eucharist, and sermon

**Tuesday:**

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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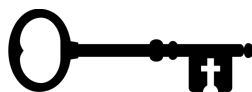
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