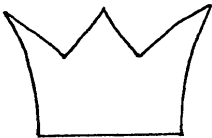
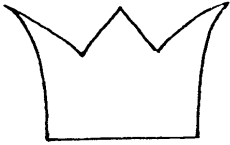


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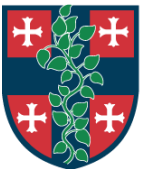
February 4, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



Nations  
shall come  
to your light  
and kings  
to the  
brightness  
of your  
rising.



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*We seek to worship God, welcome all, and serve Christ in one another.*

Welcome to St. Peter's Church! Our worship service can be found in the Red Book of Common Prayer, beginning on page 355. The hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal. Hymn numbers preceded by an "S" are service music, and can be found in the front of the hymnal. If you would like to use a kneeler, feel free to take one from the back wall of the sanctuary. **Please keep cell phones silenced.**

## **OPENING CHIME**

*A bell will chime to signal a period of silence so that we can center ourselves and prepare for worship.*

## **PRELUDE**

Voluntary on Slane

Ronald Arnatt

## **PROCESSIONAL**

St.Denio

*Hymn 423*

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## **COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **GLORIA**

HYMN S280

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Isaiah 40:21-31**

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.  
Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.  
To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.  
Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?  
He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.  
Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
"My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God"?  
Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

## Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.

Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

The LORD lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.

He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.

He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.

Hallelujah!

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel

free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

**GOSPEL GRADUAL**

*Celtic Alleluia*

**SPH 4**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**Mark 1:29-39**

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**SERMON**

The Rev. Jay Hutchinson

*After the sermon, a bell will chime to institute a period of silent reflection. The bell will chime a second time to indicate the end of the reflection period.*

**NICENE CREED**

BCP 358

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Form IV**

BCP 388

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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.

**EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

BCP 360

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY**

Thou Art The Way

Robert Smith

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

**LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

We seek to wor-ship God, wel-come all,  
and serve Christ in one a-noth-er.

*All who yearn to be transformed and fed by God are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ at the Lord's Table. If you do not wish to receive communion but feel called to come forward for a blessing, please indicate so by crossing your arms across your chest. We have gluten free Eucharistic bread for people who are gluten intolerant.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Yellow Insert

The Lord’s Prayer

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 HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN	Slane	Hymn 488
	Lucerna Laudonae	Hymn 538

POST COMMUNION HYMN	SURELY THE PRESENCE	SPH 17
	OF THE LORD IS IN THIS PLACE	

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

BLESSING		
RECESSIONAL	St. Matthew	HYMN 567
DISMISSAL		
POSTLUDE	Maestoso	G.F. Handel

*Our worship is over, and so our service begins!*

**Parish Prayers**

**Our Parish Prayer List:**

Chris Bacho, Bob Furtado, Karen Furtado, Prakash and Santhi Mathews, Robert Bringhurst, Anna Rich, Will Kullman, John, Benjamin, Marsha Boulanger, Bruce Burney, Louis Bellaud, Bill Lannigan, Kathleen Becker, Yvette Lascella, Dick Thompson, Ellen Walker, Susan Regal, Noela Thebodeau, Linda Bibeault, Ethel Neusch, Sharon, Deanie Reinhardt, Art & Justina Trevorow, Elaine Burris, Donald MacKay, Jean Mulhern, Brian Paciulan, Connie Reinhardt, Robert Robinson, Denny Bolis, Nancy Wood  
Names are kept on the prayer list for 30 days. Notify clergy if you wish to keep the name on for an additional 30 days.

**Pray during this week for our parish families:**

Nick and Jill Barretto  
Steven and Jonathan Billeci-Delong  
Leslie Blake

**Prayer for Transition Team:**

Help us to move forward in faith as we begin our journey to find our new Priest. Guide the members of the Transition Team with love, helping them to listen, to question, and to consider each other's and the congregation's needs. We pray for our St. Peter's family. Help us to be grateful for all we have and to open our hearts and minds to all we can become. Calm our fears, save us from discouragement and help us to stay on course. May we find inspiration in your word and peace in our hearts during this time of change. Amen

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nicholas Schiavo, Jr., Sandy Perry's brother.

**Assisting in the Service of Worship today are:**

<b>Lay Eucharistic Minister</b>	Penny Sullivan
<b>Lector</b>	Steve Young
<b>Altar Preparation</b>	Jane Parthum/Jonathan Belleci-Delong
<b>Usher</b>	Sandy Perry
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Steve Belleci-Delong

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