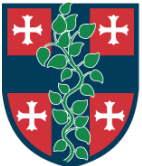
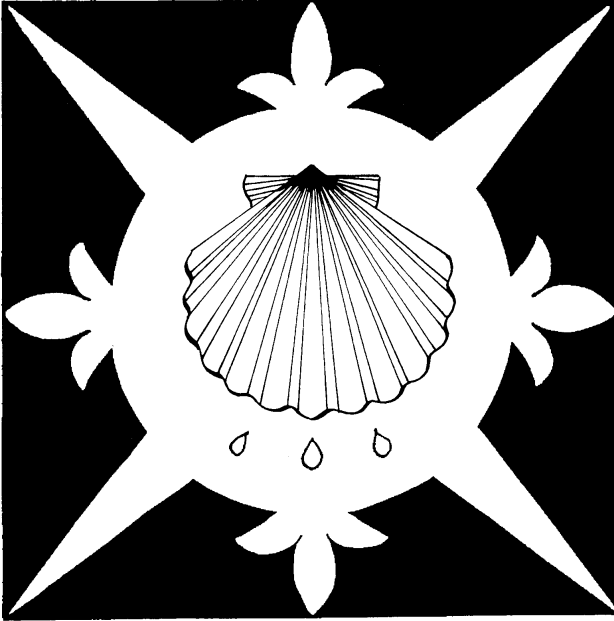


The Holy Eucharist

January 28, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



ST. PETER'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

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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

Earth and All Stars

David Johnson

PROCESSIONAL

Moscow

Hymn 371

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I

command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

Psalm 111

Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

GOSPEL GRADUAL

Celtic Alleluia

SPH 4

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the

unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

SERMON

The Rev. Jo Barrett

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

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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

The Old Year

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

LITURGY OF THE TABLE



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

Sanctus

S125

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

Nyland
Franconia

Hymn 655
Hymn 656

POST COMMUNION HYMN

SURELY THE PRESENCE
OF THE LORD IS IN THIS PLACE

SPH 17

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

Tidings

HYMN 539

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

Our worship is over, and so our service begins!

Parish Prayers

Our Parish Prayer List:

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 Trevorrow, 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:

Beth and Dan Baker
Lynda, Haim, Stacie and Talia BarNoy
Mary Baron

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:

Lay Eucharistic Minister	Marilyn Bragg
Lector	Leslie Blake
Altar Preparation	Micky Knox/Joan Randal
Usher	Michael Chapman
Altar Flowers	Jean Fugina

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