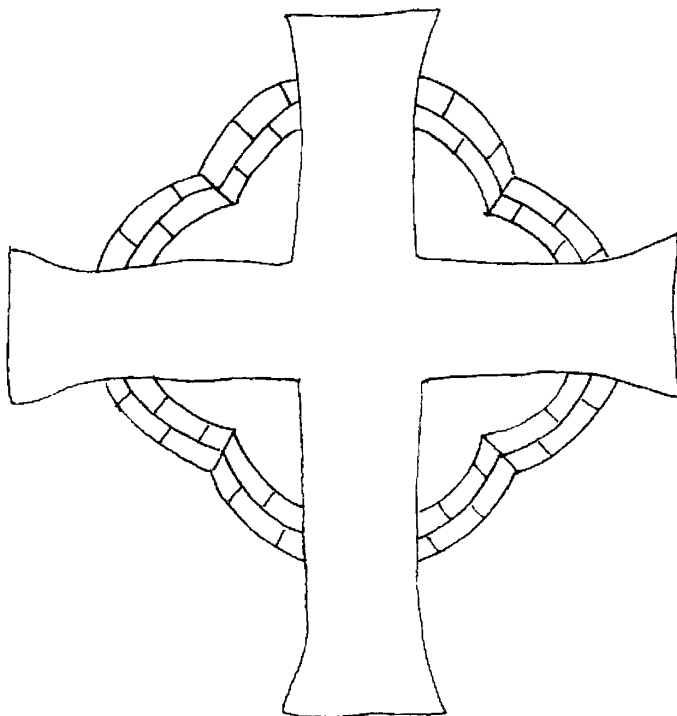


# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Second Sunday in Lent

MARCH 1, 2026, 9:30 A.M.



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, at the front of the hymnal.

## OPENING CHIME

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

## PRELUDE

Prelude in e minor

Bach

## HYMN 636

How firm a foundation

*Foundation*

## THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

### OPENING SENTENCES

BCP 355

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

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*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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 Priest, stands and says*

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

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### KYRIE ELEISON

SPH 2

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

Genesis 12:1-4a

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**PSALM 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*

**from where is my help to come?**

My help comes from the Lord, \*

**the maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved \*

**and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.**

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*

**shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

The Lord himself watches over you; \*

**the Lord is your shade at your right hand,**

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*

**nor the moon by night.**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*

**it is he who shall keep you safe.**

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*

**from this time forth for evermore.**

**SECOND READING**

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness."

Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

#### **GOSPEL GRADUAL**

SPH 10

#### **GOSPEL**

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses

lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**SERMON**

Rev. Mary Beth Mills-Curran

*Following 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

**EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# 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.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Take up your cross

Lodlack

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS.



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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 372

## SANCTUS

SPH 5

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

**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

### HYMN 337

And now, O Father, mindful of the love *Lobet den herren*

## POST COMMUNION

### HYMN 439 v. 2

What wondrous love is this

*Wondrous love*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BCP 365

**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**

**HYMN 473**

Lift high the cross

*Crucifer*

**DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**

Postlude in g minor

Bach

***Now that our worship is over, our service begins!***

## Parish Prayers

### **Our Parish Prayer List:**

Patti Pzegeo, Barbara (Sargent) Johnson, Marjory Kelley, Liz Lannigan, Roberta Smith, Prakash and Santhi Mathews, Robert Bringhurst, Will Kullman, Ethel Neusch, Deanie Reinhardt, Justina Trevorrow, Brian Paciulan, Nancy Wood, Mary Sargent, Rebecca DuPont, Lauren Shultz, Paula Tamaro, Carol Jugenheimer, Jessica Guard, Shelley, Namira Evans, Kathryn Dunn, Bob Moore, Ruth Hobbs, Ruth-ann and Shannon, Elizabeth Padd, Kyle Lane, Caroline and Charlotte Harrison, Nikki Golden, Michael LaGasse, Bob Furtado, Jorqui William Armando Abreau, Hank Gagnon, Monica, Dick Saikevicz, Scott Scifres, Charlie Roy, David Petroski, Callan Sanger, Stephanie, Judy Ackroyd, Kate Wedemeyer, Zev Rieser, Mary Ellen McDonough, and John Moynihan.

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

Noel and Shirley Cartwright  
Patty and James Cooper  
Jane Cooper

#### **Assisting in the service of worship today are:**

<b>Lector</b>	Dan Bragg
<b>Lay Eucharistic Minister</b>	Marilyn Bragg
<b>Second Chalice</b>	Sally Nelson
<b>Altar Preparation</b>	Judy Ackroyd and Carol Bates
<b>Usher</b>	
<b>Flower Committee Member</b>	Colleen Ellek

#### **Parish Leadership:**

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