

St. Peter's Episcopal Church



**The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
January 29, 2023
Holy Eucharist 10 am**

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Welcome to St. Peter's Church! Everything you need for today's service is in this leaflet. If you are new to Episcopal worship services, we realize that it can be confusing at times. Don't worry about not knowing all the gestures! It is our hope that the rhythm of the liturgy will carry you and that you will drink deeply from God's well.

To keep everyone safe, we ask you to keep your mask on throughout the service.
You can lift it briefly at communion to consume the host.

Restrooms are located in the attached building to your right. To access them go through the door on the right side of the nave next to the creche. Proceed to the end of the hall and up the stairs. There is an all gender restroom to your left, and gendered restrooms to your right. If you are unable to use stairs, then after entering the hallway, take the first door to your right into the courtyard. There is a ramp located to your left, which will take to you into the attached building. To your left, you will find the restrooms.

Welcome

No matter who you are or where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

The Gathering

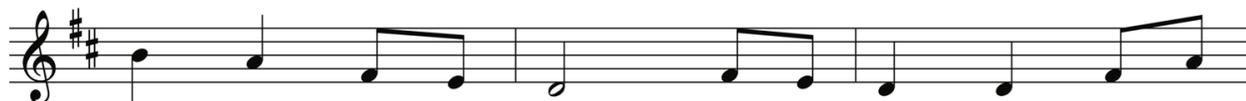
Opening Hymn

Sung by all, standing as able.

Nettleton



1. Sum - moned by the God who made us Rich in
2. Ra - diant ris - en from the wa - ter, Robed in
3. Trust the good - ness of cre - a - tion; Trust the
4. Bring the hopes of ev - 'ry na - tion; Bring the
5. Draw to - geth - er at one ta - ble All the



our di - ver - si - ty, Gath - ered in the name of
ho - li - ness and light, Male and fe - male in God's
Spir - it strong with - in. Dare to dream the vi - sion
art of ev - 'ry race. Weave a song of peace and
hu - man fam - i - ly; Shape a cir - cle ev - er



Je - sus, Rich - er still in u - ni - ty:
im - age, Male and fe - male, God's de - light:
prom - ised, Sprung from seed of what has been.
jus - tice; Let it sound through time and space.
wid - er And a peo - ple ev - er free.

Let us bring the gifts that dif - fer And, in
splen - did, var - ied ways, Sing a new Church in - to
be - ing, One in faith and love and praise.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB (b.1939) | Music: from *Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Pt. II*, 1813

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

The Collect for Purity

All **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.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray. 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.
Amen.

The Word of God

The First Reading

The people sit.

Micah 6:1-8

Reader A reading from the book of Micah

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?
 In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
 and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
 and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
 O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
 what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
 and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
 that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”
 “With what shall I come before the Lord
 and bow myself before God on high?
 Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
 with calves a year old?
 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
 with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
 Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
 the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
 He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
 and what does the Lord require of you
 but to do justice and to love kindness
 and to walk humbly with your God?

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Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15

1 O God, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
 who may abide upon your holy hill?
**2 Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right, *
 who speak the truth from the heart.**
 3 There is no guile upon their tongues;
 they do no evil to their friends; *
 they do not heap contempt upon their neighbors.
**4 In their sight the wicked are rejected, *
 but they honor those who fear God.**
 5 They have sworn to do no wrong *
 and do not take back their word.
**6 They do not give their money in hope of gain, *
 nor do they take a bribe against the innocent.**
 7 Whoever does these things *
 shall never be overthrown.

St. Helena Breviary

The Second Reading

The people sit.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Reader A reading from the book of First Peter.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
 but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
 and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." NSRV UE

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Sung by all, standing as able.

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

text: Celtic Alleluia

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Presider Hear the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew
 People **Glory to you, O Christ**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Homily

The people sit.

The Rev. Iain Stanford

The Nicene Creed

People stand, as able.

All **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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
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
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.

Enriching Our Worship

The Prayers of the People

The people stand as they are able.

Presider O God, you bring hope to your people, hear our prayers for your Church and the world.

Intercessor Open our hearts to welcome all who are seeking to find or deepen their faith and empower us to proclaim your gospel always and everywhere. We pray,

People **O God, hear our prayer**

Intercessor Look with compassion on your people, take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts, heal our division and strife, and grant us the strength and courage to struggle for justice that all may have abundant life. We pray,

People **O God, hear our prayer**

Intercessor Give comfort and help to all those who live with hunger and thirst, who live without adequate shelter, who live with any need. We pray,

People **O God, hear our prayer**

Intercessor Grant strength and peace to those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Sir-Hoi Chen, Mitra J., Edie M., Tom Brett, Sophie Yost, Deborah Runyeon, Jim Runyeon, Joanne Runyeon, David Elms, Peggy Trei, Robin Nolan, Tom Kennedy, Emily Thomann, and those we name now ... (pause). We pray,

People **O God, hear our prayer**

Intercessor Bring all those who have departed this life into your everlasting presence, especially those we name now ... (pause). We pray,

People **O God, hear our prayer**

Presider O God, hear the prayers of the your people gathered here and afar, guide our thoughts and actions that we may serve you in all things, and bring glory to your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor

All **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 our Savior 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.**

Enriching Our Worship

Presider 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.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Due to Covid, we ask that you offer each other a physically distanced sign of peace:
you may bow, wave, or use the peace sign.

Blessings

Birthay Prayer **Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand, comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if they fall; and in *their* hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Marraige Prayer **O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Travel Prayer **O God, our heavenly maker, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Announcements

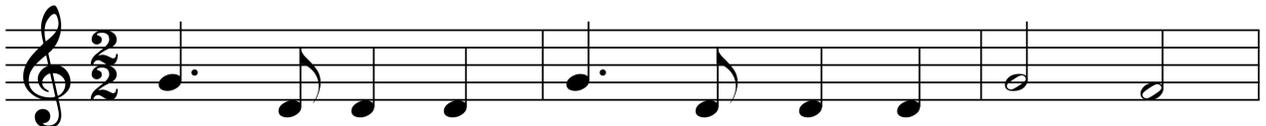
Holy Communion

Offertory

An offering will be collected. Thank you for your generosity.

Hymn

Sung by all, the people stand when the gifts are brought up.



1. Woe to you, the rich, who show no grace or
2. Woe to you, well - fed, who feast in thought - less
3. Woe to you who laugh, ig - nor - ing pain and
4. Woe to you who pride your-selves on fame and



pit - y. Blest are you, the poor, for yours is
plen - ty. Blest are you whose hun - gers shall no
sor - row. Blest are you who weep; you shall re -
glo - ry. Blest are you, de - spised, who live out



heav - en's Cit - y.
 more go emp - ty. This is the word of God, a
 joice to - mor - row.
 Christ's own sto - ry.



judg - ment up - on us all. Let those with ears to



hear now wake and heed the call.

Words: Based on Luke 6:20-26. Mary Louise Bringle (b. 1953) | Music: WILMOTH: Sally Ann Morris, (b. 1952)

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

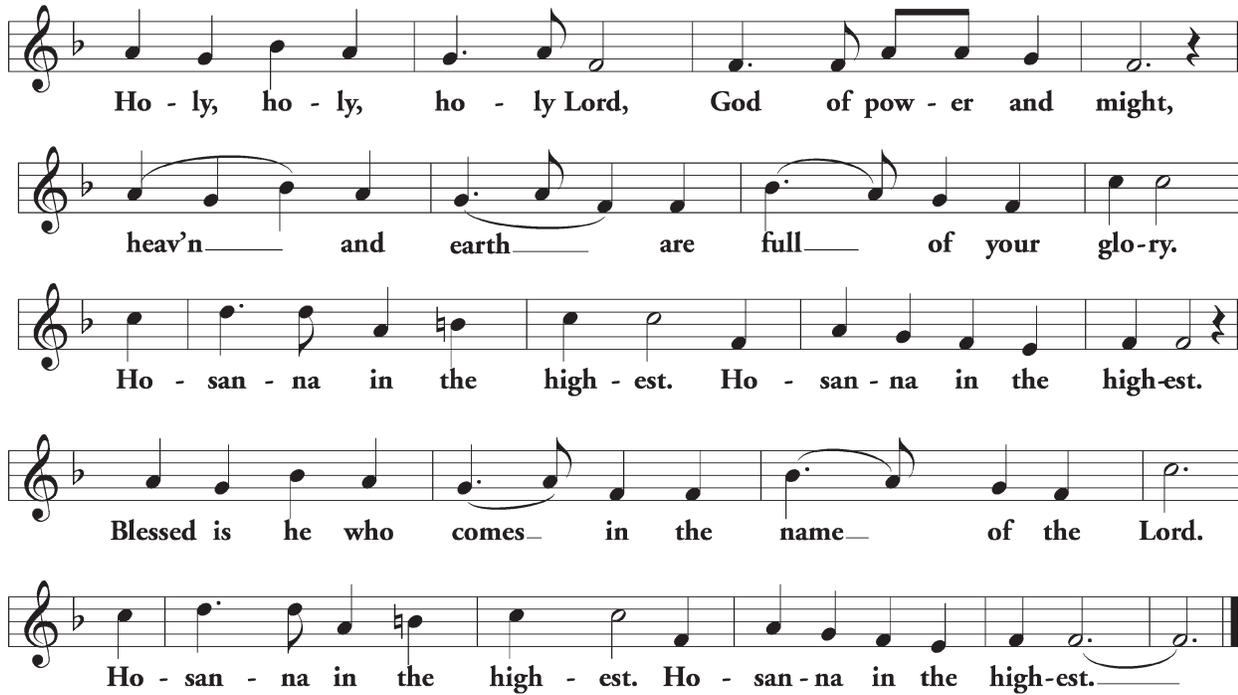
Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Gracious God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Sung by all.

Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Words: trad.; Music: from *A Community Mass*; arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Presider Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Peter, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,**

**Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bread is broken; silence is kept.

Enriching Our Worship

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All **We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

Invitation to Communion

Presider Behold who you are, may you become what you receive.

Following best practices for health safety due to Covid, we will share the bread only. We believe that reception of one element is sufficient for the full reception of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Please physically distance while in line for communion. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. You may lift your mask briefly to consume the host.

Hymn

Sung by all, standing as able.

Cantor:

1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
 2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
 3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
 4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:

All: *Cantor:*

Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
 Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
 Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
 Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and

All:

life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
 bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
 seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!
 love our home - land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the

King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,

Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

Words: Marty Haugen (b. 1950) | Music: Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

Post Communion Prayer *After all have received communion, the people stand.*

Presider Let us pray.

All **Radiant God,**
with our eyes we have seen your salvation,
and in this meal we have feasted on your grace.
May your Word take flesh in us,
that we may be your holy people,
revealing your glory made known to us
in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

"Radiant God" (Postcommunion prayer) is prayer 248 from Evangelical Lutheran Worship: originally from Sundays and Seasons © 1995, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001 by Augsburg Fortress; © 1995, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001 by Augsburg Fortress;

The Sending

Blessing

Presider Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill to share with the world; and the blessing of God: Ground, Word, and Spirit, be with you now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

Sung by all, remaining standing as able.



1. Called by Christ, you built on the bed - rock,
2. Called by Christ, you of - fer God's chil - dren
3. Called by Christ, you thirst af - ter good - ness.



God who was faith - ful through each pass - ing year.
Food for their hun - ger and songs for the soul.
Seek - ing God's pres - ence you sure - ly will find.



Spir - it - led, you wel - come the stran - ger,
Spir - it - led, you look to the fu - ture,
Spir - it - led, you plant for the har - vest,



Prom - ise of new life a - wak - en - ing here.
hand to your la - bor and eye on the goal.
Peace, love, and jus - tice for all hu - man - kind.

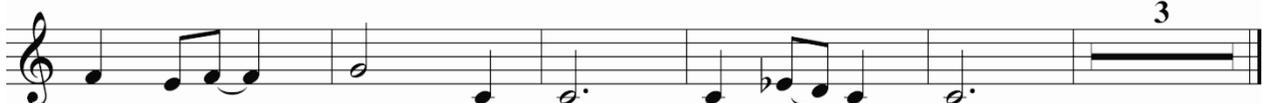
Refrain



Sing, sing, sing of God's good-ness. Cel - e-brate love a -



live here to - day. Share, share life in the Spir - it.



Look for God's reign and seek Je - sus' way.

Words: Ruth Duck (b. 1947) | Music: Aurelia, Kate Cuddy (b. 1953)

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

