

St. Peter's Episcopal Church



Holy Eucharistic

In Advent

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Welcome to St. Peter's. We are pleased and honored that you have chosen to worship with St. Peter's. Everything you need for the service is in this leaflet, readings and hymn sheets. 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 church. 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 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

The people stand as the procession enters.

Opening Hymn

Sung by all.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

Collect for Purity

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

The people remain standing as they are able.

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray. ... **Amen.**

The Word of God

The First Reading

The people sit.

Reader A reading from ...

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day

The people sit.

The Second Reading

The people sit.

Reader A reading from ...

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Sung by all, standing as able.

Taize

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

The first line of the hymn is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name."

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The second line of the hymn continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life."

The Holy Gospel

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

People **Glory to you, O Christ**

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people sit.

Homily

The Nicene Creed

Sung by all on a monotone.

**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 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.

The Prayers of the People

The people stand as they are able.

- Presider** O God, source of all life, you are the alpha and the omega, you show us the face of divinity and reveal the fullness of our humanity, hear our prayers for your church and the world.
- Intercessor** In you, we are made one people, one faith, one church; create in us a spirit of advent, ready and alert to welcome and receive you in the stranger's face, the loving act, the moment of grace, the presence of healing, the birth of possibility, the gift of wonder; we pray,
- People** **Come and hear our prayers**
- Intercessor** In you, every nation is called to the way of love; guide our leaders and all who shape society to serve your peace, raise up prophets to call us back to your justice, and empower us to heal the world, we pray,
- People** **Come and hear our prayers.**
- Intercessor** In you, every door is opened, the impossible is made possible; set us free to live in your hope, so that we may heal the sick, mend the broken, protect the vulnerable, shelter the refugee, strengthen the weary, rescue the lost, and give courage to all who struggle;
- People** **Come and hear our prayers.**
- Intercessor** In you, we are made whole again, release us from all afflictions and distress in body, mind and spirit; especially **Bill Jays, Sara Emerson, Kathy Runyeon, Rosy Velasco, Andy Signore, Sylvia Dorsey, Yvette Melendez, Andy Freeman, Martin Shepherd, Desiree Oliver, Rafael Morenos, Esmeralda Barrera, Kimberley McClaren, Bella,, Anne and Denis Oakden, Jerry Berning, Jim Redman, Joe and Muriel, Sir-Hoi Chen, Mitra J., Edie M., Sophie Yost, Jim Runyeon, Joanne Runyeon, David Elms, Peggy Trei, Robin Nolan, Emily Thomann ...** and those we name now ... (pause) ... Grant them peace, and restore their joy,
- People** **Come and hear our prayers.**
- Intercessor** In you, we live in the promise of eternal life; comfort those who are at the end of life, especially those who may be sparated from loved ones at this time; and bring those who have died into your everlasting presence especially **George Salinger, Anne Montagna, Eleanor Antonakos, Tom Kennedy, David Malm, Kerry Stratton, Miguel Andrade Sr., and the Rev. Iain Stanford ...**and those we name now ... (pause) .. we pray,
- People** **Come and hear our prayers.**

Presider O God of Wonder, who has come, who does come, and who is yet to come; hear the prayers of your people and prepare us to be your advent people. Renew our hope and restore us in Christ, and in the end, grant us the promise of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

All may greet each other in the name of Christ. 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.

Prayers of Blessing

Birthay Prayer Watch over thy child, O God, 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.

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.

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.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory

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

Offertory Hymn

Sung by all, standing as able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship Prayer 1

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.

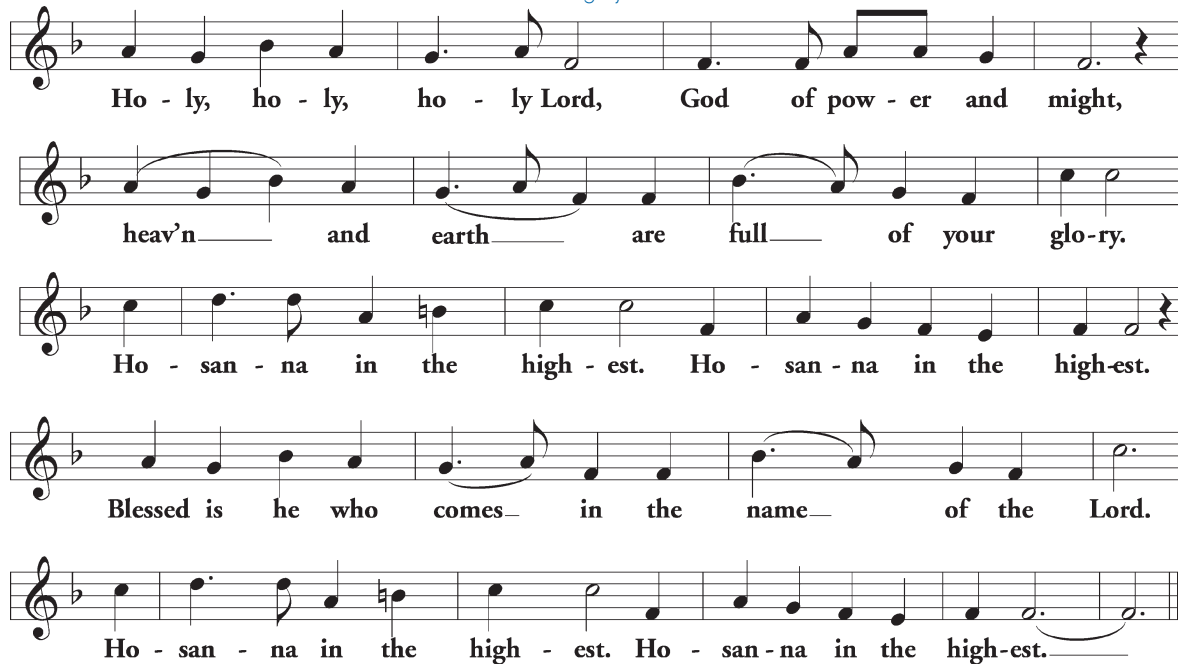
Presider It is right, and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Gracious God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, took on our humanity in perfection through the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever 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.

text: trad.; music: from A Community Mass; 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 your 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 thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

The Book of Common Prayer

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. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Hymn

Sung by all, standing.

Postcommunion Prayer

After all have received Communion, the people stand.

Presider Let us pray.

All **God for whom we wait, in this sacrament you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your Name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Sending

The Blessing

Presider May the love of God be always at the center of our lives, and the blessing of God, One holy and undivided Trinity, be with us now and always.

Closing Hymn

People

Amen.

Sung by all, standing, as able.

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

