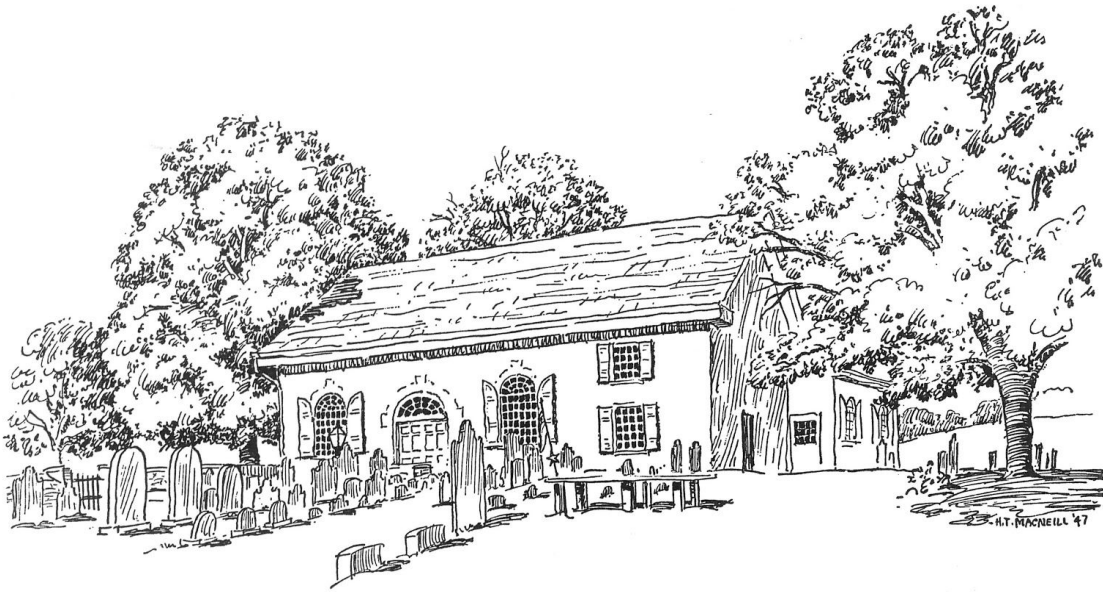


ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MORNING PRAYER — RITE TWO

MARCH 29, 2020 — 10:00 AM

*Welcome! We are so glad that you are joining us virtually this morning. Corporate worship is important to us and we want to do whatever we can to maintain our sense of community even when we cannot be together physically. We encourage you to leave comments and even post pictures of yourself. In this way we can see one another even when we are not able to be with one another. In this leaflet the words to be said by all are **bolded**.*



THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 29:

- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite Two – Via Facebook Live
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour – Via Zoom
- 2:00 p.m. Youth Group – Via Zoom

MONDAY, MARCH 30:

- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live

TUESDAY, MARCH 31:

- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
- 5:00 p.m. Centering Prayer – email abigail@stpetersgv.org for information
- 7:15 p.m. Vestry meeting – Via Zoom

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1:

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study and Morning Prayer – Via Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper – Via Zoom

THURSDAY APRIL 2:

- 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group – Via Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live

FRIDAY, APRIL 3:

- 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross – Via Facebook Live

SUNDAY, APRIL 4: Palm Sunday

- 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer – Rite Two – Via Facebook Live

Opening Sentence

Presider To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, because we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws which he set before us. *Daniel 9:9–10*

The Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

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.

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 Invitatory and Psalter

The people standing, the Presider says

Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 130

De profundis

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

The Old Testament

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Epistle

Romans 8:6–11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law— indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, *
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,
and of all their righteous offspring:

You made the heavens and the earth, *
with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence; *
they tremble because of your power.

But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; *
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.

O Lord, you are full of compassion, *
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.

You hold back your hand; *
you do not punish as we deserve.

In your great goodness, Lord,
you have promised forgiveness to sinners, *
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, *
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, *
and I know my wickedness only too well.

Therefore I make this prayer to you: *
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.

Do not let me perish in my sin, *
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.

For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, *
and in me you will show forth your goodness.

Unworthy as I am, you will save me,
in accordance with your great mercy, *
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.

For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, *
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she

got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Presider The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

People 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 Suffrages

Presider Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People **And grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People **Let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth;

People **Your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Organ Music

Intercessions

We invite you to pray for any concerns or thanksgivings either aloud, via Facebook comment, or in the silence of your hearts.

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Announcements

Please see last page of the leaflet

The Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Presider May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Postlude *Koraal from Suite Modale*

Flor Peeters (1903–1986)

We are sent forth to be Christ's blessing in the world.

Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with grace.

We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

Our worship and programs are happening virtually at this time, but we remain a community in which all are welcome!

Rector's Warden: Eileen Klein
Vestry Warden: Wilson Smith

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Donna Fabius
Charlene Hanbury
Wilson Smith

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ST. PETER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE LEAFLETS are available on our website stpetersgv.org or follow the link in keynotes.

WHILE WE ARE APART please check our website stpetersgv.org for updates and resources during the pandemic.

ADULT FORMATION IS NOT MEETING AT THIS TIME but please visit our Facebook page for interviews with our scheduled speakers.

ST. PETER'S PASSPORTS During Lent, the children of the parish have been given access to a passport to help them follow their Lenten journey to Easter Sunday. *Be sure to post a picture of you and your passport on Sunday after our 10 a.m. virtual service via Facebook live.* If you have any questions, please contact Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org.

NOONDAY PRAYER To help keep us grounded in this time, Chris and I have added daily Noonday prayer to our offerings. This will be available on Facebook live at 12:00 p.m. Monday–Thursday. Please join us virtually as you are able. Also, if you wish to spend time in either the historic church or bank barn for private prayer, please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org or her cell at 410-829-4180 to make arrangements.

ST. PETER'S BEDTIME STORIES Abigail and Chris have pulled some of their favorite books from the archives and found new books which they haven't seen before and have created some short videos (about 5 minutes long) of them reading to you and your children. We hope that you will join them on the St. Peter's Facebook page each night at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in reading your favorite book and making a video of this to share on our Facebook page, please contact Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org.

MORNING PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY will continue to take place on Wednesday mornings via Zoom. If you would like to participate, please contact Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org for the necessary details.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS Please join us Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The link is <https://zoom.us/j/9717421358>. Meeting ID is 971 742 1358. Chris will lead a Lenten discussion series from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. about how images and symbols of Holy Scriptures are used in Sunday Worship. If you have any technical questions, please contact Chris at chris@stpetersgv.org.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will continue every Friday through April 10, virtually through our St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley our Facebook page at 7:30 p.m. in the barn.

MAUNDY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY WATCH Under ordinary circumstances, parishioners keep watch at the altar of repose set up in the historic church following the Maundy Thursday service until the Good Friday liturgy at noon. In these unusual times we are inviting people to choose an hour to keep watch at home. Find a quiet place, light a candle and pray for an hour with Jesus. Please let us know which hour you choose by contacting Elizabeth at elizabeth@stpeterschurchgv.org or 610-644-2261. As usual, a choir member will be in the church throughout the night to be present when others are not able.

GATEKEEPER TRAINING In February, parishioner Brendan Hickey led an adult formation program on signs of and myths about suicide. If there is sufficient interest, Brendan can offer further training for adult members of the congregation committed to enhancing their knowledge and abilities in suicide prevention. "Question, Persuade, Refer" (QPR) is an instructional program for people without a clinical background. Someone who completes the training, called a "Gatekeeper," learns the warning signs of suicide, how to offer help, and how to connect another person to the professional support that can help to save a life. Gatekeeper Training takes approximately one hour to complete. It includes two printed resources for Gatekeepers to use for reference. The cost of the copyrighted resources that are included in the training is approximately \$3.00 per participant. If you are interested in QPR training, please contact him at brendan_hickey@hotmail.com.

DRIVEWAY AND MEGAPHONE MINISTRY We cannot visit with you in your home, but Abigail, Chris and others are happy to stop by your house for a visit in the driveway. You can stay at a safe distance, but enjoy a bit of face to face company. Abigail even borrowed a megaphone from a friend who coaches rowing so that you can hear her from inside your home. We promise no unannounced visits—so, please contact Abigail at abigail@stpetersgv.org if you or someone you know would welcome one.