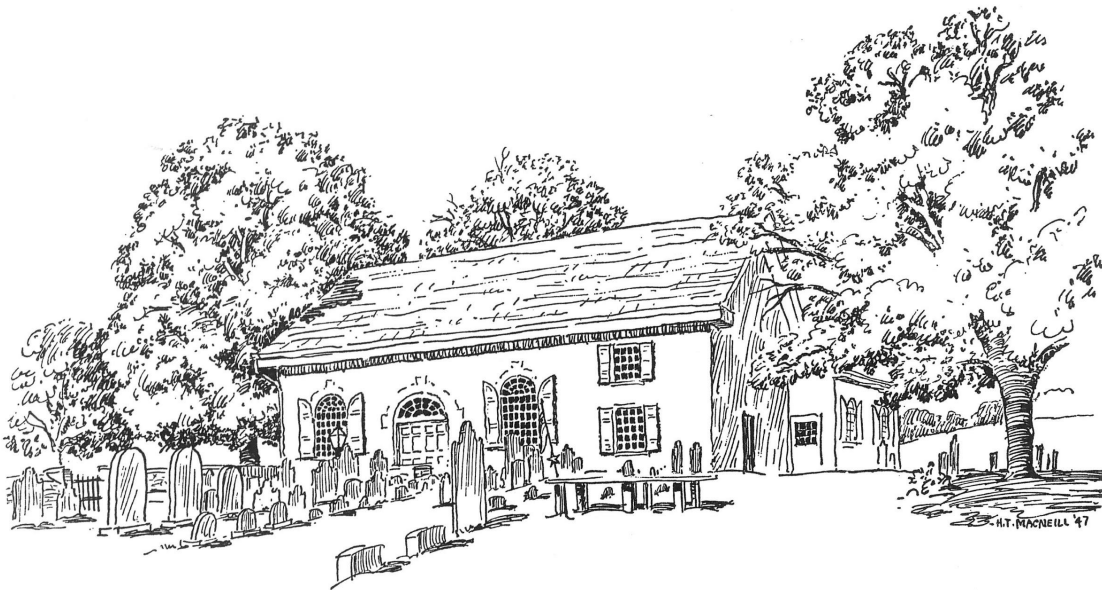


# ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE GREAT VALLEY



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## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

HOLY EUCHARIST — RITE ONE

FEBRUARY 28, 2021 — 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, FEBRUARY 28:**

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I – Historic Church, please sign up
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I – Via Facebook Live\* or sign up
- 11:00 a.m. Adult Forum – Nina Guzman, Alianzas – Via Zoom
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group – Via Zoom

### **MONDAY, MARCH 1:**

- 7:15 p.m. Outreach Meeting – Via Zoom

### **TUESDAY, : MARCH 2:**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3:**

- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
- 6:15 p.m. Lenten Soup Suppers – Via Zoom

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 4 :**

- 10:30 a.m. Prayer Group – Via Zoom
- 12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer – Via Facebook Live
- 8:00 p.m. Compline with the Youth – Via Facebook Live

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 5:**

- 8:00 a.m. Gathering of Men – Via Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross – Barn, please sign up

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 6:**

- 10:00 a.m. Needlework Ministry – Via Zoom

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 7:**

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I – Historic Church, please sign up
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I – Via Facebook Live or sign up
- 11:00 a.m. Adult Forum – Via Zoom
- 4:00 p.m. Candlelight Yoga– Via Zoom
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group – Via Zoom

\* All services Via Facebook live can also be viewed on our website [stpetersgv.org](http://stpetersgv.org)

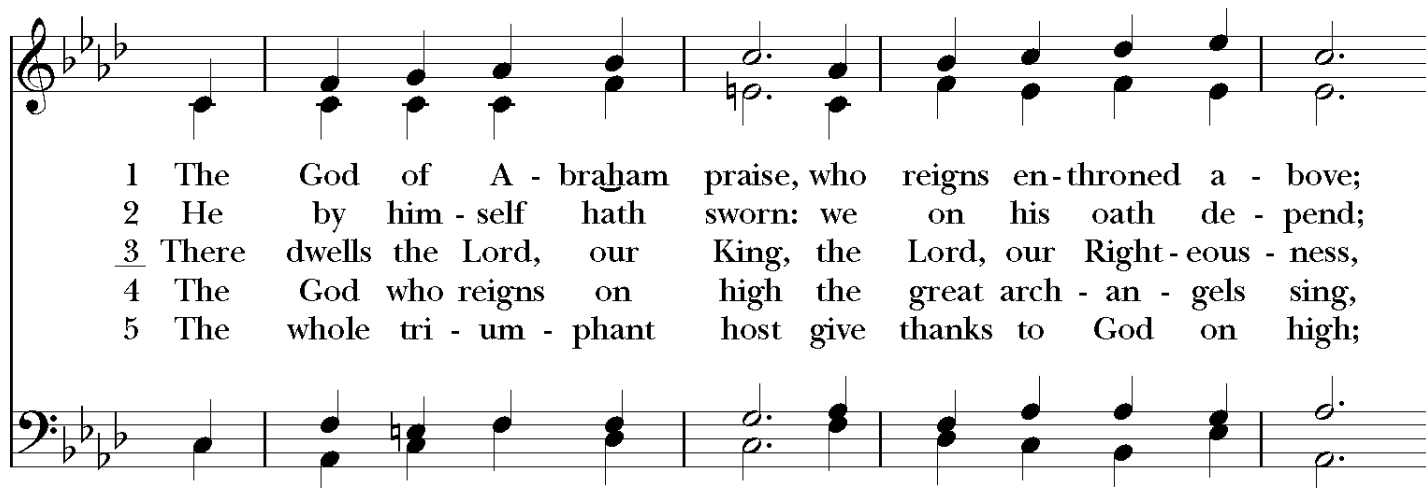
# THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude *Obra del Octavo Tono*

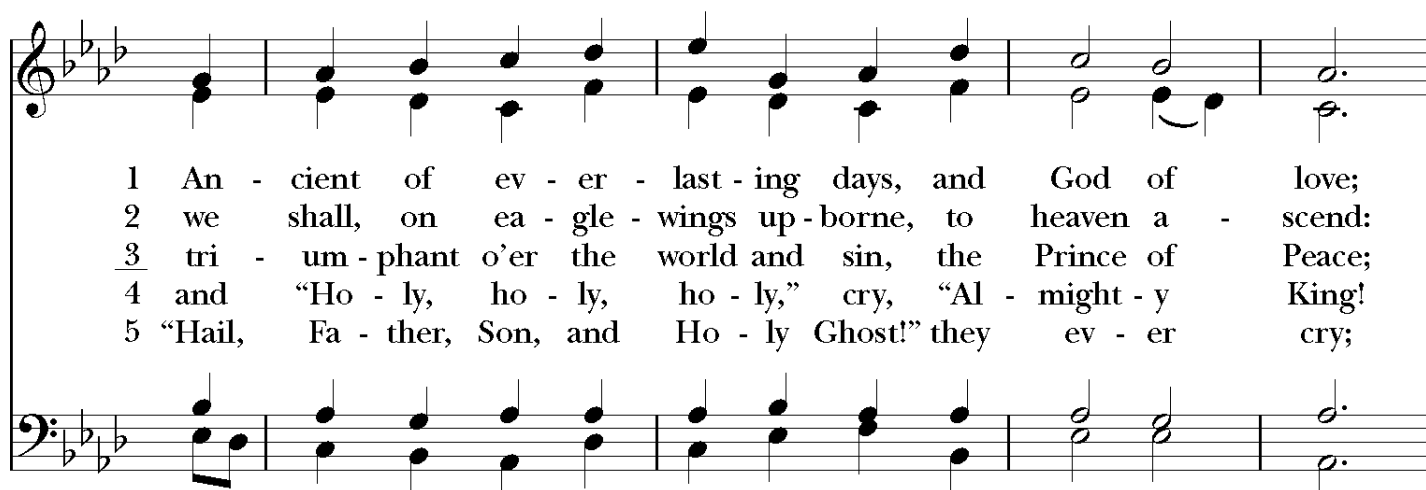
Pablo Bruna (1611-1679)

Hymn 401 *The God of Abraham Praise*

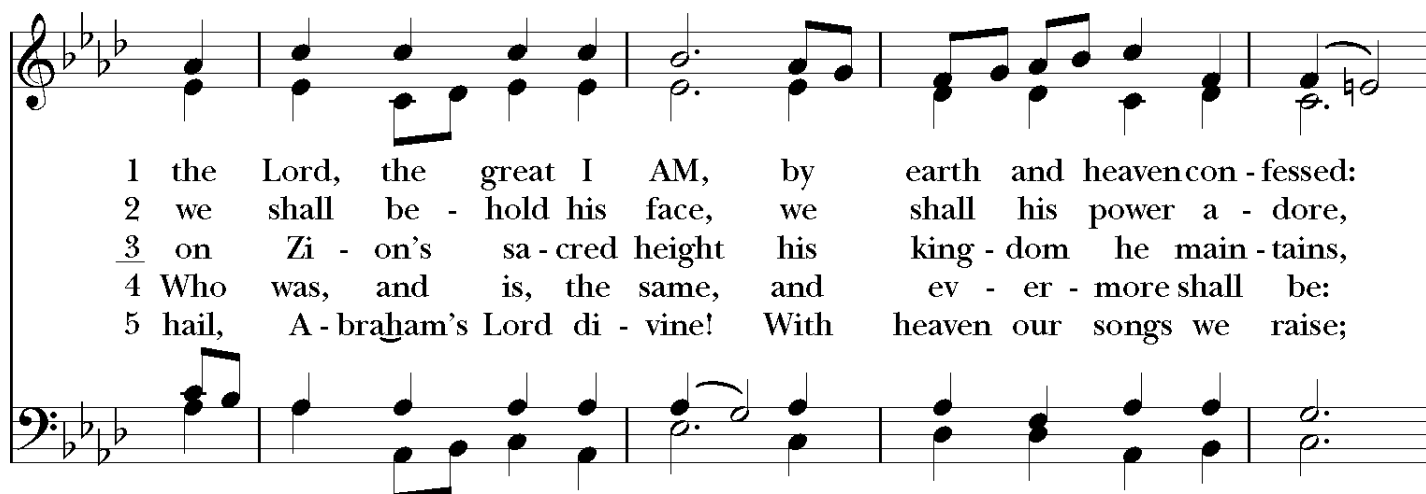
*Leoni*



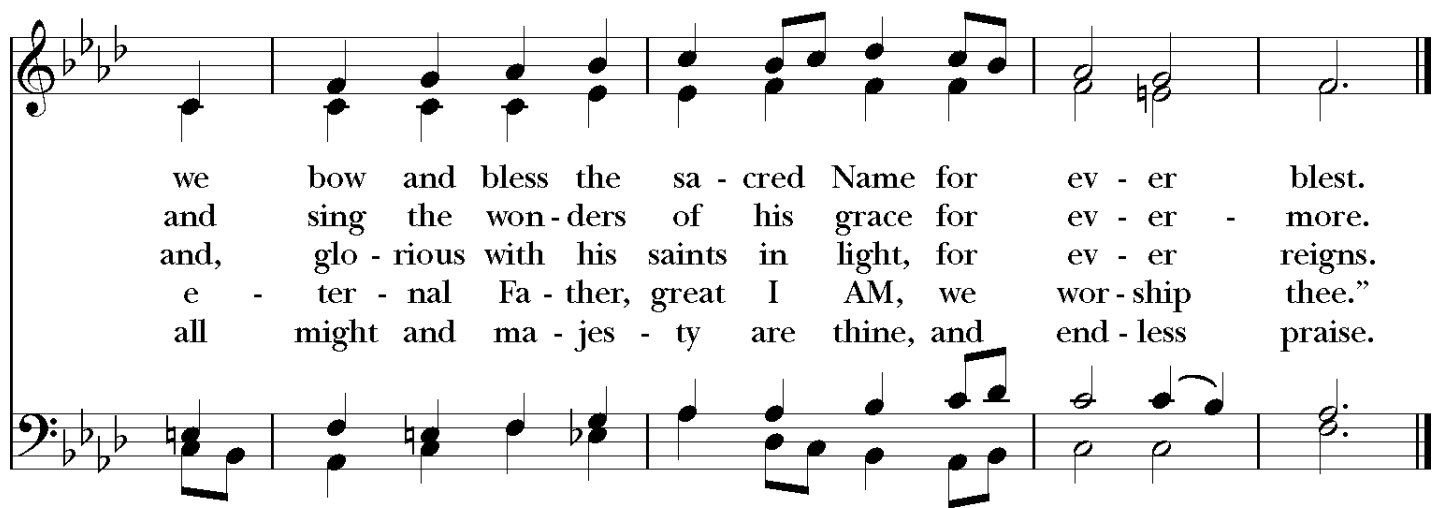
1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



*The people standing, the Presider says*

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

*People* **God's mercy endureth for ever.**

## The Decalogue

*Presider* God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

*People* **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

*People* **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

*People* **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

*People* **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor thy father and thy mother.

*People* **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.

*People* **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

*People* **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.

*People* **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

*People* **Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.

*People* **Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

### **The Confession of Sin**

*Presider* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*People* **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Presider* The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
 mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,  
 Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy  
 up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

### The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

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

### The Lesson

*Genesis 17:1-7, 15-6*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant

between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

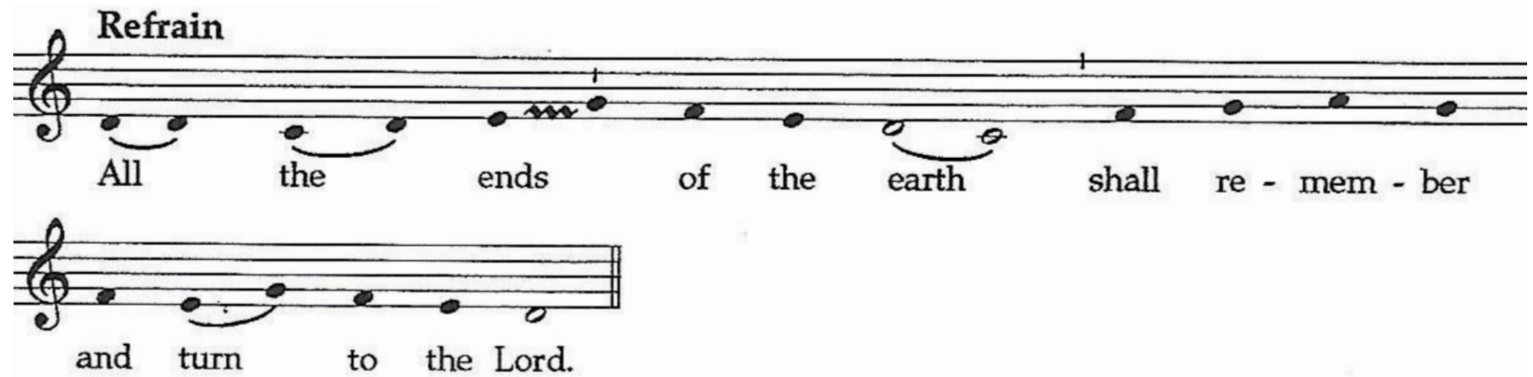
God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 22:22–30**

*Deus, Deus meus*



- 22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them. [Antiphon]
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!" [Antiphon]
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him. [Antiphon]

- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

[Antiphon]

## The Epistle

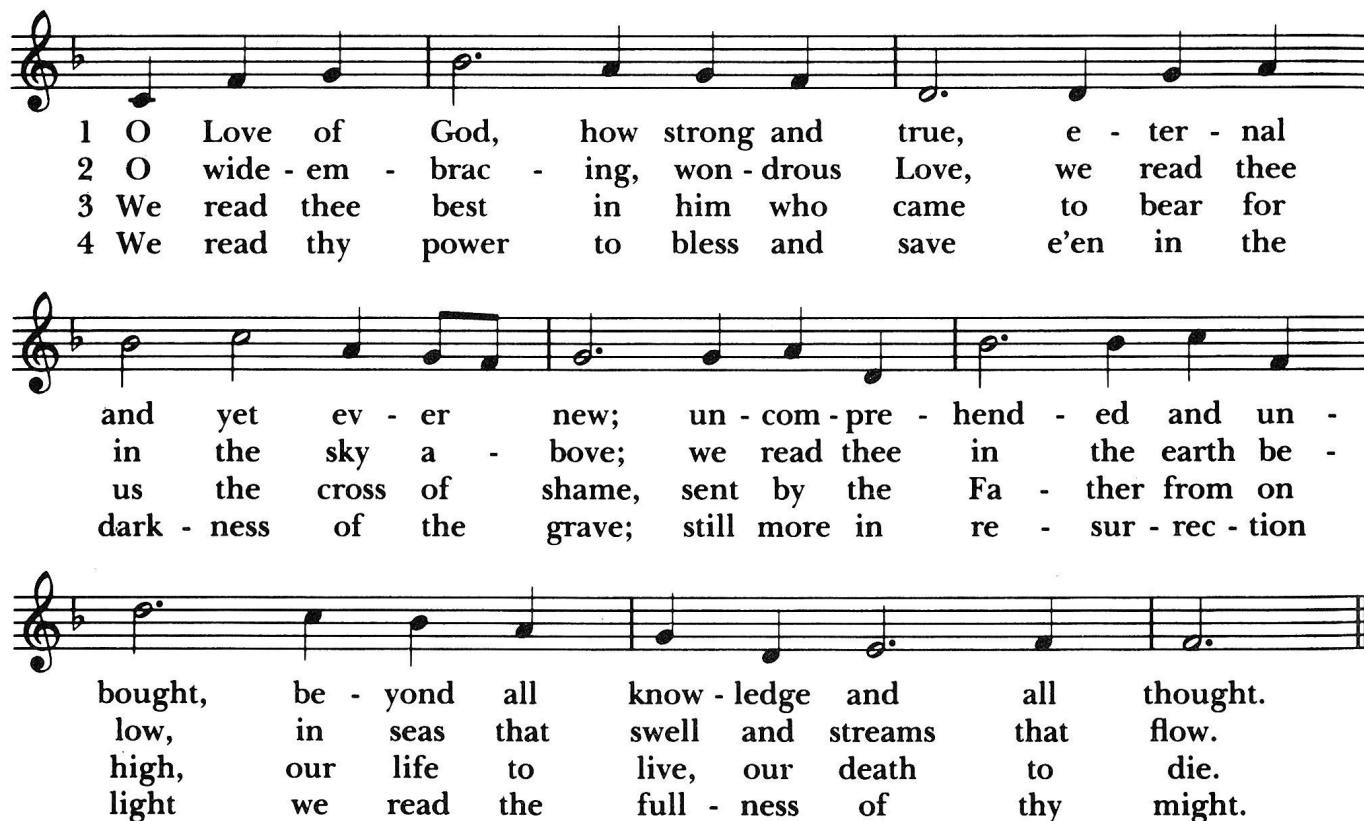
*Romans 4:13–25*

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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal  
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee  
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for  
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the  
and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -  
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -  
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on  
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion  
bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.  
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.  
high, our life to live, our death to die.  
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

## The Holy Gospel

*Mark 8:31-38*

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

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*Presider* The Gospel of our Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

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

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Marion Tucker and Cecile L. Haarde and Frederick John Haarde, for whom our altar memorials are given, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Peter and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Please remain at your place and exchange the Peace with a wave and greeting from where you are. Thank you!*

## Welcome and Announcements



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*In order to keep everyone safe, only the bread will be distributed.*

*If you are worshipping from home, you may come to the bank barn following the livestream to receive communion.*

*Individual hosts will be in cups on the altar and you are welcome to stay and pray.*

*Please wear a mask and remove it only to consume.*

### The Anthem *Call to Remembrance*

Richard Farrant (ca. 1530–1580)

Call to remembrance, O Lord,

thy tender mercy and loving kindness, which hath been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth:

but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

*text: Psalm 25:5–6*

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer II*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*Here, a Proper Preface is said on all Sundays as appointed.*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Then the Presider continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

**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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## Hymnal S-158 *Agnus Dei*

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy peace.

*The following prayer is then said.*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation*

**The Gifts of God for the People of God.**

*As a reminder, please remain at your place, the Presider will come to you with communion.*

*While the celebrant is distributing communion to those in attendance, the following prayer for spiritual communion will be offered for those who are unable to receive. Please pray along with the Presider.*

## **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## **Solemn Prayer over the People**

*The Presider prays over the People.*

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.

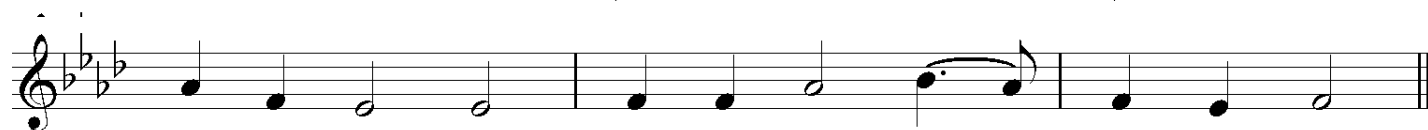
*People*      **Amen.**



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if  
 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill  
 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and  
 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and  
 5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor



1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
 3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -  
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -  
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who



1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
 3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.  
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

## The Dismissal

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** *Tiento Lleno del Primer Tono*

Juan Cabanilles (1644-1712)



## Join the Virtual Celebration!

The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, will be the keynote speaker at St. James School's 10 Years of Faithful Partnership event.

This evening will celebrate our church and others that have helped build and grow this thriving school serving children in the under-resourced Philadelphia neighborhood of Allegheny West.

Save the date for March 16th at 6:30 pm. It will be a joy-filled virtual event!

And, please RSVP: visit <http://stjamesphila.org/BishopCurry>.

We hope to have a large turnout from St. Peter's, as we will be one of the featured churches!  
For more details about the event and how you can participate,  
please contact Brenda Grove or [outreach@stpeters.org](mailto:outreach@stpeters.org)

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### MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

**Altar Guild:** Cathy Terleski

**Flower Guild:** Ann Armstrong

**Reader:** Brenda Grove

**Usher:** Paige Infortuna

*Thank you to Mark Clark and Liam Reid for assistance with live-streaming.*

*Thank you to Michael Trycieckyj for making it possible to hear our choir singing together even when they are in their separate homes.*

### THE VESTRY

**Rector's Warden:** Eileen Klein

**Vestry Warden:** David Graves

**Secretary:** Susy Baum

**Treasurer:** Peter Kreek

#### Class of 2021

Don Cheetham

Doug Jones

Eileen Klein

Charlotte Tellefsen

#### Class of 2022

David Graves

Linda Holden

Cathy Terleski

Laurel Veitch

#### Class of 2023

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Mike Harman

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Dave Lockner

**Youth Representative:** Honor Nestlehutt

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## ST. PETER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IN PERSON WORSHIP** Bishop Gutiérrez has moved the diocese to modified phase 2. At St. Peter's this means that we have returned to in-person worship on a sign up basis at 8:00 a.m. in the historic church and 10:00 a.m. in the bank barn. All pandemic related procedures will be followed including mask wearing and distancing. You may sign up using this link [St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley Registration Form \(reopen.church\)](#) The 10:00 a.m. service will continue to be live-streamed, as usual. Thank you!

**RECEIVING COMMUNION** One of the clergy will remain in the barn until 12:30 p.m. so that after you have finished watching the livestream of the service you may come to receive the consecrated bread. The host will be in an individual cup on the Altar. Come, offer prayer, retrieve your communion and consume. You may spend some more time in prayer if you wish. The doors will remain open, please wear a mask and maintain any physical distancing necessary. Friendly signs will remind you of all Covid protocols.

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** Today, we have added the prayer for Spiritual Communion which will be said during the distribution of communion for those who are only able to be with us through the Livestream of the service. The prayer for Spiritual Communion is an additional way to completely connect the body of Christ together when it is impossible for all of us to join together. If you have questions, please reach out to Abigail ([abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org)) or Chris ([chris@stpetersgv.org](mailto:chris@stpetersgv.org))

**SUNDAY NEEDS - USHERS AND READERS** We are moving toward expanding our numbers for in-person worship, according to diocesan guidelines. In order to do this we must increase our usher and reader ranks. This is especially true as we approach Holy Week with its multitude of services. To volunteer, please contact Sarah Tellefsen. Her contact information is in the parish directory. Thank you!

**ADULT FORUM** Please join us for Adult Forum after the service. Throughout Lent, Sunday morning adult formation will focus on the work of our food ministry. St. Peter's has the privilege of partnering with a number of local organizations that tackle issues of food insecurity in our region, thanks to the leadership of Eileen Klein and her team of outreach participants. Over the weeks, we will hear from and engage in conversation with Vicar Doris Rajagopal from Darby Mission, Gary Russell from the Phoenixville Ecumenical Meal Program at St. Peter's Phoenixville, Nina Guzman from Alianzas de Phoenixville, and Roger Wayne from Community Youth and Women's Alliance, Coatesville. Please support their work and our work with them by joining us on Zoom and learning about the need that surrounds us but that we do not always see. The link to Adult forum will be in Keynotes, or the comments section of Facebook Live service.

**PLEDGE ENVELOPES** are available in the parish house for those who have requested envelopes. If you are not sure whether or not you have signed up to receive envelopes, please contact Mary Ann Tatum at [maryanntatum5@gmail.com](mailto:maryanntatum5@gmail.com). If you wish to make a pledge, you may do so online at [stpetersgv.org](http://stpetersgv.org) or you may phone the parish office to receive a pledge card. Thank you!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT** We are grateful for all who have made on-going or one-time donations to support the ministry of St. Peter's. Your kind gifts may be mailed to the parish office or you can give electronically, via our PayPal account. Click [HERE](#) to make a one-time donation. You will also have the opportunity to make these donations recur every month. Again, thank you for your support.

**CANDLELIGHT YOGA** led by certified instructor Lisa Werny on Sundays March 7 and 21 via Zoom. When you practice candlelight yoga, the intention is different than when you practice other styles of yoga. The practice is less athletic and more holistic. The focus is on mindful breathing and movement while the warm glow of the candles helps you to relax and prepares your body for rest. It reduces your exposure to artificial light which can be overstimulating the brain. It calms the central nervous system and is a way to establish a deeper connection to the relaxation response to minimize stress and anxiety. There will be a theme and corresponding release of sensation in the body each week. No experience necessary, everyone is welcome to participate. Zoom information will be available in Keynotes or please contact Abigail at [abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org).

**WEDNESDAYS IN LENT** This Lent, between Wednesday February 24 and March 24, we will accept the invitation of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, an Episcopal monastic community in Massachusetts with a rich tradition of daily prayer, to deepen our prayer

lives. Across the weeks of Lent, listen in as Brothers discuss the rich and varied ways we pray, together in church and in our personal prayer. This year's virtual Lenten soup suppers will begin with conversation at 6:15. Then at 6:30 we will watch a 20-minute videotaped conversation among the brothers as they explore and share diverse prayer practices. After the video, at 6:50 we will begin a discussion of our own based upon what we have seen. Anyone who would like to preview the videos between Sunday evening and Wednesday is invited to visit [SSJE.org/subscribe](https://ssje.org/subscribe) and select "Monastic Wisdom for Everyday Living" to sign up for the weekly email. The Zoom link for Wednesday evenings will be sent via Keynotes. For more information, please contact Melissa Shaner.

**THURSDAY EVENING COMPLINE** During Lent, the Youth will be leading the service of Compline every Thursday night at 8:00pm via Facebook Live. Compline is a wonderful way to recenter ourselves at the end of the day. Please join us as we pray.

**FRIDAY EVENING STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Every Friday during Lent, we are offering an opportunity for in-person prayer and contemplation utilizing the Stations of the Cross in the barn. This is a profound time that allows us to enter into the journey Jesus took to the cross. Up to ten people will be able to sign up to participate on any Friday, and we will follow all Covid protocols. Sign up is available here: <https://rsvp.church/r/8OKiZt95>. If you have questions, please contact Chris ([chris@stpetersgv.org](mailto:chris@stpetersgv.org)).

**LIVE-STREAMING CREW** Interested in learning something new? We are putting together a team of people to assist with live-streaming on Sunday mornings. This is a pleasant and essential task and training will be joyfully offered. Please contact Abigail at [abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org) if you would like to join the team. Thank you!

**FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE** Thank you for your food generosity to our various local ministry partners. Our friends in Phoenixville and Coatesville are very appreciative of your outpouring of support! For the months of February and March our porch collection will be delivered to Alianzas, a diverse Latino community support located in Phoenixville. They welcome rice and beans, pasta (especially spaghetti) and tomato sauce and tortillas (both corn and flour). For questions or to volunteer to deliver, please contact Eileen Klein. She is listed in the directory or you may call the parish office at 610-644-2261 for her contact information. Thank you for your continuing support.

**NEEDLEWORK MINISTRY COMFORT AVAILABLE** Do you know someone who is struggling due to illness or grief or could simply use encouragement? The Needlework Ministry has created items to meet those needs. You can request a prayer shawl or lap blanket for someone who is ill in almost any weight or color. These also come with a cloth gift bag and booklet of prayers. If someone has lost hair due to chemo treatments, we have prepared chemo caps too. Or a simple prayer square can be sent. If you wish to support someone in this way, please contact Gail Malcolm. She is listed in the parish directory or you may call the parish office at 610-644-2261 for her contact information.

**PRAYER LISTS** Because our leaflets are now on a public platform each week, they do not include the parish prayer list, however we are happy to share it with you at your request. Please call the church office at 610-644-2261 to arrange to receive one. Thank you.

**ATWATER WALKS** Join Abigail on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for a 45-60 minute walk through the neighborhood adjacent to St. Peter's, weather permitting of course. Limit of 4 people. Please contact Abigail directly if you wish to attend.

**BIBLE STUDY** continues to take place on Wednesday mornings via Zoom. If you would like to participate, please contact Chris at [chris@stpetersgv.org](mailto:chris@stpetersgv.org) or Abigail at [abigail@stpetersgv.org](mailto:abigail@stpetersgv.org) for the necessary details.

**PRAYER GROUP** Join us on Thursdays via Zoom. Please contact Chris for the link details at [chris@stpetersgv.org](mailto:chris@stpetersgv.org).

**THE GATHERING OF MEN** Please join Cliff Castle every Friday at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom. All men in the parish are invited to this virtual morning gathering. If you would like to join this group, please contact Cliff to receive the zoom link. Cliff is listed in the parish directory or you may contact the parish office at 610-644-2261 for his information.

**DAILY DEVOTIONS BOOKLETS** are available through the church office. While we are apart, if you would like to receive a Day by Day Daily Devotions for Disciples booklet please call the church office at 610-644-2261 to arrange to receive one. Thank you.

**PLEASE DRIVE GENTLY** One of the blessings of this pandemic time is that we are seeing a large, but safe, number of visitors on our beautiful church grounds. Many of them walk or jog over from Atwater. If you are driving on campus, please be especially careful, particularly at the turn in the exit road. Thank you!