

JANUARY 21, 2024
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
10:15 AM

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S!

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Evelyn Watkins in loving memory of her mother, Phyllis Wood, and by John & Sabrina Giordano, in loving memory of Margaret & David Worster and Rachel & Frank Giordano.

Ministers of the Service

Today's Servers

Celebrant & Preacher:	Rev. Michael Muller
Deacon:	The Rev. Deacon Nancy Hansen
Organist/Music Director:	Sal Lagattuta
Ushers	Marguerite Smith & Frank Perrone
Crucifer:	Brooklyn Harris
Torch Bearers:	Ryan Harris & Colson Russo
Lay Reader:	Fred Osborne
Eucharistic Minister:	Tom George
Camera Operator:	Brad White
Altar Guild:	The Narain/Watkins Team: Sandy Narain, Susan Edwards, Liz Muller, Evelyn Watkins, Kris Garrison, Lisa Sonn, Dana Dean, Lee Westbrook
Coffee Hour Host:	Diana & Lenny Gutierrez

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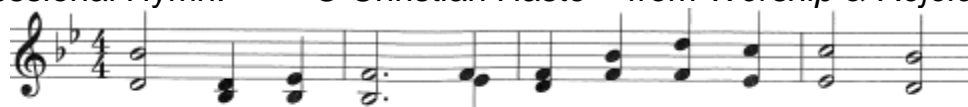
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude: "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" arr. D. Wood

(Please stand)

Processional Hymn: "O Christian Haste" from *Worship & Rejoice*



1 O Chris-tians, haste, your mis-sion high ful-fill-ing,
2 Pro-claim to ev-ery peo-ple, tongue, and na-tion,
3 Give of your sons to bear the mes-sage glo-rious;



to tell the world that God is one who cares,
that God, in whom we live and move, is love.
give of your daugh-ters, speed them on their way.



that God who made all na-tions is not will-ing
Tell how God stooped to save a lost cre-a-tion,
Pour out your soul for them in prayer vic-to-rious,



one life should per-ish, lost in deep de-spair.
and died on earth that we might live a-bove.
till God shall bring a new and joy-ful day.

Refrain



Pub-lish glad tid-ings, tid-ings of peace,



tid-ings of Je-sus, re-demp-tion and re-lease.

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 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.**

Gloria

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A reading from the Prophet Jonah. The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 62:6-14

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

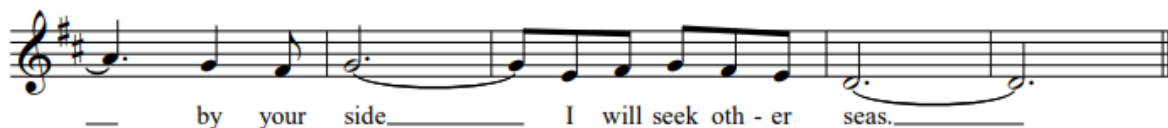
(Please stand)

Gradual Hymn: "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

1. Lord,___ you have come to the lake shore___ look - ing nei - ther___ for weal - thy nor
2. You___ know so well my pos - ses sions___ my boat car - ries___ no gold and no
3. You___ need my hands, full of car - ing___ through my la - bors___ to give oth - ers
4. You,___ who have fished oth - er o - ceans___ ev - er longed for___ by souls who are

wise ones;___ you onl - ly asked me___ to fol - low hum - bly.___ **Refrain**
weap - ons;___ and you will find there___ my nets and la - bor.___ O Lord,___
rest___ and con - stant love___ that keeps on lov - ing.___
wait - ing___ my lov - ing friend,___ so now you call me.___

___ with your eyes you have searched me,___ and while smil - ling___ have spo - ken my name; -
___ now my boat's left___ on the shore - line be - hind me___



Gospel Announcement

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People: **“Glory to you, Lord Christ.”**

Mark 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Response after the Gospel **“Praise to you, Lord Christ.”**

Sermon

The Rev. Michael Muller

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer page 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People *The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Leader: Lord God, equip the leaders of your faithful people to lead with holy vision. We pray for Carlye our bishop, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Michael, our priest, and Nancy our deacon. Guide them as they guide your people. Hear us, O Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayers.**

Leader: Lord God, we lift those who struggle with illness into your healing presence. Reading their names together, we pray for **Kyle Wigdahl, Beth Maiorana, Betsy Foth, Jane Murphy, Mary Del Ojo, Gisela Sekiya, Glenn Clark, Toby Frey, Clifford Benfield, Dana Dean, Evelyn Watkins, Nancy Mclarin, Lee Westbrook, Nancy Pignatello, Jack Christel, Nancy Nickens, Ray Rogers, Judy, Candy, Tessie, Christopher, Martha, Dorothy, Kevin, Cicely, Dylan and Elyse.**

Leader: Hear us, O Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayers.**

Leader: Lord God, strengthen our nation's relationships across boundaries and language. Put words of peace on the lips of every world leader. Open the eyes of people everywhere to the needs of their neighbors. Hear us, O Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayers.**

Leader: Lord God, be present as this congregation navigates the waters of faithfulness and all those whose lives we touch. We pray for our St. Peter's Church family, and in particular today Chuck White and Andrew Wigdahl and Zambetoula Vazaios; for those celebrating birthdays this week: Laura Messier, Joelle Messier, Anderson Immitt, Shaun Manchand, Mikaela Dredden, and Marguerite Smith; for Liberian students Fatumata, Princess, Maxwell, George & Derick; and the Ibrahim and Mohabat Families. Hear us, O Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayers.**

Leader: Lord God, we pray for those who are dying and those who now rest in your eternal embrace. Hear us, O Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayers.**

Celebrant: Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence may be kept)*

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

The Celebrant stands and says

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

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence

Choral Anthem: "Gloria"

A. Vivaldi

Presentation Hymn: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" Hymn #380

The people stand

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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

Hymnal S 125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven 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.

Then the Celebrant continues, the people stand or kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us,

to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant

As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray,

People and Celebrant

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Invitation to Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to participate in Communion.

Please approach the Altar by the center aisle and return to your pew by exiting to the right.

Post Communion Prayer

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Celebrant and people

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

(Please stand)

Recessional Hymn: "Pass It On" from *Worship & Rejoice*

1 It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire go - ing,
2 What a won-drous time is spring when all the trees are bud - ding,
3 I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that I've found—

and soon all those a - round can warm up in its glow - ing;
the birds be - gin to sing, the flow - ers start their bloom - ing;
on God you can de - pend, it mat - ters not where you're bound;

that's how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per-i-enced it:
that's how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per-i-enced it:
I'll shout it from the moun-tain top, I want my world to know:



you spread God's love to ev - ery - one, you want to pass it on.
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude: "When In Our Music God is Glorified" arr. A. Laura Page

Parish Calendar

Tuesday January 30 9-10:30 am Cooking for Faith Kitchen in St. Peter's kitchen
Wednesday, January 31 Serving Lunch at Trinity Lutheran Church's Faith Kitchen

Regional Faith Community

We will meet the next 4 Wednesdays, before Ash Wednesday, from 7 to 8 PM. All are always welcome.

Wednesday, 1/24 - At St. Peter's - Word Theme is "poor."

Wednesday, 1/31 - At COTS - Monthly Eucharist & Agape

Wednesday, 2/7 - At COTS - Word theme is "death."

Parish Notes

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 28 after 10:15 AM Service

Please join us for a one-hour meeting beginning at 11:30 am, right after the 10:15 am Eucharist. Come and hear all that is going on with St. Peter's, share our gratitude for the service of the Vestry people finishing their terms and elect new Vestry people. The Vestry will provide a more expansive coffee hour and we will be given an update of the Centennial Renewal and celebrations, all happening in the Spring. Childcare will be provided.

The Nominating Committee is happy to announce the slate of nominees standing for election at the Annual Meeting.

For Sr Warden (2-year term - 2026) - Deborah Osborne

For Jr Warden (to complete Deborah's 2025 term) - Hope White

For Vestry (Class of 2026) - Kevin Edwards

For Vestry (Class of 2027) - Steve Emr

For Vestry (Class of 2027) - Stuart Parker

For Vestry (Class of 2027) - Dan Verrengia

Lenten Study - The Our Father

Wednesday Nights at 7 PM from 2/21 to 3/20

In Lent (starting 2/21), the regional faith community will be hosting a 5-week Lenten program based on the "Our Father." We will gather on Wednesday nights at 7 PM. Our prayer and study will be guided by Rev. Gerhard Lohfink's, *The Our Father: A New Reading*.

Fr. Lohfink is one of the world's preeminent biblical scholars and his writing breaks open the strange phrases of the most famous Christian prayer shedding light on Jesus' original words and their meaning.

Fr. Lohfink's book can be purchased **on Amazon for \$14.95**. Below is our reading schedule and the dates and places we will meet for prayer and reflection.

2/21 - Chapters 1 & 2 at St. Peter's Church

2/28 - Chapters 3 & 4 at Church of the Saviour (COTS), Denville

3/6 - Chapters 5 & 6 at St. Peter's

3/13 - Chapters 7 & 8 at COTS

3/20 - Chapters 9, 10 & 11 at St. Peter's.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Please take a look at the Coffee Hour Sign-Up sheet in the Parish Hall.

Please take any open dates for winter and spring. If you have not done this before, there are always helping hands to show you the ropes. Thank you.

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Parish Office Hours:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Fridays 9 am – 12:00 pm

St. Peter's Mission Statement

St. Peter's exists to celebrate our Christian faith through worship, fellowship and the demonstration of Christian love in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

To accomplish this purpose we must

- Invite and welcome all persons into the warmth and fellowship of the St. Peter's family.
- Strengthen and support all members of our church family in their daily lives and minister to their needs.
- Create a rich environment where our common Christian values are shared and taught through worship, through study of the Bible and through example.
- Reach out to the world around us and demonstrate Christian love, sharing our gifts and talents with our neighbors and those in need of them.

The Staff at St. Peter's

The Reverend Michael Muller, Rector

Sal Lagattuta, Music Director

Susan Marshall, Parish Coordinator

The Wardens and Vestry

Betsy Myatt, Senior Warden; Deborah Osborne, Junior Warden

2024

E.V. Janopaul

Randy Immitt

Renee Caruthers

Kevin Edwards

2025

Jeff Roth

Janet Wilson

Traci Rutt

2026

Lisa Sonn

Mary Del Ojo