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The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
February 23, 2025

Welcome

We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship today. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here. We are a church rooted in Christian tradition, and open to new ideas, committed to service in community and world as part of the world-wide Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. The work of worship is shared by all, and we invite you to participate in the said and sung responses as you are able.

All are welcome to make a gift and offering in thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we have received. To take advantage of our electronic giving options, please follow the QR code with your capable electronic device. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.



Holy Eucharist at 8 o'clock and 4 o'clock, All Saints' Chapel

The service begins in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), page 355

The Lessons may be found in the 10 o'clock portion of this worship bulletin (below)

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42 may be found on page 633 of the BCP

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B, may be found on page 367 of the BCP

Holy Eucharist at 10 o'clock, Church

Voluntary

Prelude on 'Blessed Assurance'

Gerald Near

Entrance Hymn 381 *Hymnal* 1982

TON-Y-BOTEL

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

BCP, page 355

Gloria

Hymnal 1982, S 280

Collect of the Day

BCP, page 216

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing; Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' " ...And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37:1-10 *Noli æmulari*

chant: John Goss, after Jeremiah Clarke

Sung by the Choir

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.
Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-38; 42-50

Someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.... So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 674 *Hymnal 1982*

DETROIT

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:27-38

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said,] “I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone

strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rector

Nicene Creed

BCP, page 358

Prayers of the People

The response is Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin and the Peace

BCP, page 360

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Roy Henry Johnson

*Almighty God, your word is cast
like seed upon the ground*

*Let not our selfishness and hate
this holy seed remove,*

*Now let the dew of heaven descend
and righteous fruits abound.*

*But let it root in every heart
to bring forth fruits of love.*

*Let not the world's deceitful cares
the rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundred-fold
the fruits of peace and joy.*

—John Cawood

Please stand

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Sanctus

Hymnal 1982, S 129

Lord's Prayer

BCP, page 364

Breaking the Bread

BCP, page 364

Christ our Passover

Hymnal 1982, S 154

Invitation

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Bread and Cup to be in communion with God and each other. You may receive only the bread by placing your hands together flat in front of you (Gluten-free wafers are available upon request). Afterwards you may drink wine from the chalice. If you would rather have the bread intincted (dipped) in the wine, you may hand the bread to the person administering the chalice and they will intinct and hand it back to you. If you (or your child) would rather not receive the Sacrament, you may come to the altar rail during Communion and cross your arms on your chest for a blessing.

Communion Anthem

Folksong, arr. David N. Johnson

*The lone, wild bird in lofty flight
is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.*

And I am thine! I rest in thee,

Great Spirit, come and rest in me.

*The ends of earth are in thy hand,
the sea's dark deep and far off land.*

And I am thine! I rest in thee,

Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

—Henry Richard McFadyen, 1927 (alt.)

Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand and say together*

Grant, we pray, almighty God: that we, who in these holy mysteries have received a pledge of salvation, may attain to the fullness of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remain standing and join in singing the closing hymn (next page)

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di -
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and

1. vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his
 2. sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove ech - oes of
 3. blest, watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his

1. Spir - it, washed in his blood. } This is my sto - ry, this is my
 2. mer - cy, whis - pers of love. }
 3. good - ness, lost in his love. }

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Blessing and Dismissal
People **Thanks be to God.**
Organ Voluntary and Procession

This Week's Parish Notices

STEWARDSHIP 2025

This year's theme is *Walk in Love*, taken from the Letter to the Ephesians: "Walk in love as Christ has loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2). Make your pledge online at <https://stpetersef.org/donate/pledge-form>. Contact a member of the Vestry or Father Nate to find out more about how you can *Walk in Love* at St. Peter's.

ADULT FORUM, SUNDAYS AT 9 AM

Join us from 9-9:45 in the Acolyte Room (upstairs in the main church) on Sundays for a challenging, enriching, in-depth, exegetical (analyzing verse-by-verse) study of Paul's "letters" to the Philippians. Reach out to Jonathan Lace (jdlace@icloud.com) for more information.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SURVEY

Please take a moment to fill out the survey about Christian Formation at St. Peter's; hard copies are in the narthex and the back of All Saints' Chapel. Please complete the survey by March 7. *Thank you!*

ST. PETER'S YOUTH (SPY) PANCAKE SUPPER

Be sure to sign up for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, *Tuesday March 4*, Adults \$10; Kids \$5; Families \$25; RSVP to Christina Doyle (doyle5312@hotmail.com). Reach out to Father Nate (darville@stpetersef.org) to find out how your children can be a part of this exciting ministry. *SPY meets this afternoon at 4:45 in the Undercroft.*

CARE & CONNECT

We meet in All Saints' Chapel on the second and fourth Sundays, directly after the 10 am service. It is a brief and focused time when we offer prayers of healing and thanksgiving. Please join us today. If you can't join us and wish to add an intention, reach out to Dana Leach (201-694-6543, leach@stpetersef.org)

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Help make St. Peter's a welcoming place by signing up to be a coffee hour host! Coffee hour is an important time for us to connect with one another and meet our guests and visitors. Please either sign up on the sheet posted in the upper room or contact Reach out to Mary Shearin (973-590-1678 or shearchaos38@gmail.com) to let us know the date you prefer. *Upcoming schedule for coffee hours: February 23: the Ramos family; March 2: sponsored by Marge Kisala; March 9: host needed; March 16: Potluck of the Irish*

GIFTS AT THE ALTAR

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Susan Boyers, Rosemary Crouse, and in honor of Meg Dickerson's 85th birthday.

PRAYER LIST

Laurie Alcott, Stanley Au, Amye Becker, Duffy Bell, Grace Bishop, Nancy Bivona, Carl, Murriel Bowness, Kathy Calfee, Martha Capel, Adele Corcoran, Gabriel Cowell, Wayne Hill, Bunny Jenkins, Tania Jenkins, Sheila & Norman Johnson, Eddie K., Jeffrey Kamel, Katherine Kamen, Ed Kamper, Colin Kelley, Katie King, Julie Lanning, Lauren L., Laurieann, Sally L., Mark Lewis, Ben M., Marino Family, Tom Marriott, Nunno Family, Mike, Lisa & Gary Pyne, Richardson & Dickhaus families, Craig Roper, Ruth Ann, Sarah, Jean Whiting Smith, Kathy Stanton, Marge Vere, Frank Zupa.

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

<i>Altar Guild</i>	Carolyn Wescott, Eloise Monzillo Hiris, Candace Carr
<i>Ushers</i>	Barbara Gargiulo
<i>Acolytes</i>	
<i>Readers</i>	Christine DiGiovanni, Matthew Grothues
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Eloise Monzillo Hiris
<i>Cantors</i>	Michael Barretti
<i>Director of Music</i>	Mark Trautman
<i>Presiding</i>	The Reverend Nathaniel Darville

LENT 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY: THE FIRST DAY OF LENT, MARCH 5

Ashes and Holy Eucharist at 7 am, 4 pm, 7 pm

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 9

The Great Litany and Holy Eucharist at 8 am and 4 pm

The Great Litany in Procession and Choral Eucharist at 10 am

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Lent is a forty-day period (not counting Sundays) of fasting, prayer, penitence, and almsgiving in preparation for the fifty-day celebration of the Feast of the Resurrection, Easter. The *Gloria in excelsis*, *Te Deum*, and all Alleluias are absent, and the liturgy takes on a more introspective and quiet nature. In observance of a Holy Lent, we ask that you remain silent and refrain from talking before and after services.

THE VESTRY OF ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Jim Irwin and Mary Shearin, *Wardens*; Christine Albano, David Cowell, Barbara Gargiulo, Erika Grothues, Sarah Latson, Kurt Vonderahe, *Vestry Members*

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