

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN ESSEX FELLS**  
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*The Last Sunday after the Epiphany*  
*March 2, 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 99 may be found on page 728 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

*Preludes for Worship*

*Richard Proulx*  
*The St. Peter's Handbell Choir*

Entrance Hymn 137 *Hymnal* 1982

WAREHAM

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

*BCP, page 355*

*Gloria*

*Hymnal* 1982, S 280

Collect of the Day

*BCP, page 217*

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Reading

*Exodus 34:29-35*

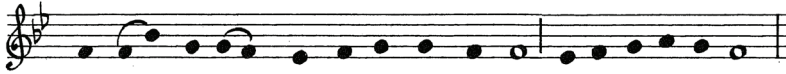
Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 99 *Dominus regnavit*

*BCP, page 728; Tone VIII*



Pro-claim the great-ness 'of the Lord our God; he is the Ho-ly One.

Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 3:12—4:2*

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

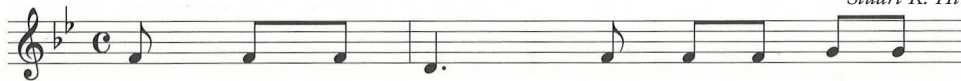
People **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and join in singing the hymn*

Hymn

O STORE GUD

*Stuart K. Hine, 1953*



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some  
2. When through the woods and for-est glades I  
3. And when I think that God, his Son not  
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-



won-der Con-sid-er all the works thy hands have  
wan-der And hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the  
spar-ing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it  
ma-tion And take me home, what joy shall fill my



made, I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing  
trees, When I look down from loft-y moun-tain  
in That on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly  
heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, Thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played!  
gran-deur And hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze,  
bear-ing, He bled and died to take a-way my sin!  
ra-tion And there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee: How great thou



art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!

Gospel Reading

*Luke 9:28-43a*

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

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

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

*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

*Malcolm Archer*

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way as gives us breath;  
Such a Truth as ends all strife  
Such a Life as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast as mends in length:  
Such a Strength as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy as none can move;  
Such a Love as none can part;  
Such a Heart as joys in love.*

— *George Herbert (1593–1633)*

#### The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

*BCP, page 367*

*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*

*arr. Aaron Copland*

*Shall we gather at the river,  
Where bright angel feet have trod,*

*With its crystal tide for ever  
Flowing by the throne of God?  
Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace.  
Yes, we'll gather by the river,  
The beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.*

—Robert Lowry, based on Revelation 22:1-5

Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand and say together*

**Grant, almighty Father: that through this heavenly food which we have received we may grow into the likeness of him whose glory you revealed upon the holy mountain; your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please remain standing and join in singing the closing hymn*

Hymn 135 *Hymnal 1982*

SALZBURG

Blessing and Dismissal

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary and Procession

### *This Week's Parish Notices*

#### 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.

#### 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.



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION SURVEY

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

*Thank you!*

## 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](mailto:jdlace@icloud.com)) for more information.

## 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](mailto:doyle5312@hotmail.com)). Reach out to Father Nate ([darville@stpetersef.org](mailto:darville@stpetersef.org)) to find out how your children can be a part of this exciting ministry.

## CROSSROADS RETREAT

If you are in need of a mental health day, please join me on March 5 at CrossRoads Camp and Retreat Center in Port Murray for *Wednesdays Away*. This session, entitled *A Different Kind of Fast*, ushers in Lent: "Fasting is not just the physical practice of giving up food. Fasting can also be a way to combat our culture of endless distractions and busyness. Fasting is an act of letting go, of making more internal space to listen to the sacred whispers of our lives." Time is 9 am-3 pm, cost is \$50, and it is open to all. For more information: <https://www.crossroadsretreat.com/wednesdays-away> or reach out to me. —*Dana Leach* ([leach@stpetersef.org](mailto:leach@stpetersef.org), cell 201-694-6543).

## 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](mailto:shearchaos38@gmail.com)) to let us know the date you prefer. *Upcoming schedule for coffee hours: 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 today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nick Bowness and Roger Carr.

## 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>	Ken Carr, Evan McLaughlin
<i>Acolytes</i>	Kayla Felix, Lexie Felix
<i>Readers</i>	Nancy Connor, Jonathan Lace
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Eloise Monzillo Hiris
<i>Cantors</i>	Giulia Utz, Meghan Tanella
<i>Director of Music</i>	Mark Trautman
<i>Presiding</i>	The Reverend Nathaniel Darville

### 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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