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The Second Sunday in Lent
March 9, 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 351

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

Psalm 27 may be found on page 617 of the BCP

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A, may be found on page 361 of the BCP



Holy Eucharist at 10 o'clock, Church

Voluntary

Prelude on 'Leoni'

Richard Proulx

Entrance Hymn 372 *Hymnal 1982*

LEONI

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Opening Acclamation

BCP, page 351

Confession and Absolution

BCP, page 352

Trisagion (sung three times)

Hymnal 1982, S 102

ALL Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Please stand

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

THE LESSONS

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away... When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates." As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated and sing

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Cantor *It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. Refrain*

Cantor *The Lord is compassion and love,
low to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. Refrain*

Cantor *As a father has compassion on his children,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him;
for he knows of what we are made,
he remembers that we are but dust. Refrain*

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17—4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and join in singing the hymn

Hymn

OMNI DIE

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1986

Tune: Catholisch Gesangbuch, 1631; arr. W.S. Rockstro

1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:31-35

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

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

Some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you

say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rector

Nicene Creed

BCP, page 358

Prayers of the People

Presider ...God, in your mercy.

People **Renew us.**

The Peace

BCP, page 360

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please stand and sing

Offertory Hymn 325 *Hymnal 1982*

SPIRITUAL
African-American Spiritual

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.
- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A

BCP, page 361

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
Lord's Prayer
Breaking the Bread

Hymnal 1982, S 124
BCP, page 364
Martens



Cantor *Praise the Lord, all you nations;
laud him all you peoples.
For his loving kindness toward us is great,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.* REFRAIN

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

12th Century Chinese, arr. Shu-Fen Wong

<i>May the Holy Spirit's sword</i>	<i>May the Holy Spirit pray</i>
<i>My soul with longing pierce my shield.</i>	<i>With strong and wordless sighs for me.</i>
<i>May He take my everything</i>	<i>May He comfort bring</i>
<i>That I on earth may nothing secret hoard.</i>	<i>And lift the pressing load and care of life away.</i>
<i>I yield to Christ my Savior,</i>	<i>To Thee I come, my Master, Jesus Christ my Lord.</i>

*May the Holy Spirit shine,
In radiant truth and make me free.
May His joy and peace and rest be fully mine.
On me be shed Thy love, O Lord, Thy love divine.*
—Tzu-ch'ien Chao; tr. Frank Price

Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand and say together*

**Grant, we pray, almighty God:
that this holy communion which we have received
may keep us free from all sin
and make us worthy to partake of heavenly joys;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please remain standing and join in singing the closing hymn

Presider 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.**

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SILENT PROCESSION *Please quietly after the Procession departs the Nave*

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 study of Paul's "letters" to the Philippians. Reach out to Jonathan Lace (jdllace@icloud.com) for more information.

CARE & CONNECT

Cross Roads Retreat—If you are in need of a mental health day, please join me at Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center in Port Murray for *Wednesdays Away*. The *April 2 session, Lenten Lost and Found*, examines Psalm 32, "Happy are they whose trans-gressions are forgiven and whose sin is put away!" Time is 9 am-3 pm, cost is \$50, and it is open to all. For more information: www.crossroadsretreat.com/wednesdays-away or reach out to me. —*Dana Leach* (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) to let us know the date you prefer. *March 16: Potluck of the Irish*

PRAYER LIST

Laurie Alcott, Stanley Au, Amye Becker, Duffy Bell, Grace Bishop, Nancy Bivona, Kris Blake, 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, Lisa & Gary Pyne, Richardson & Dickhaus families, Craig Roper, Ruth Ann, Sarah, Jean Whiting Smith, Kathy Stanton, Marge Vere, Frank Zupa.

EASTER FLOWERS AND MUSIC

Easter Day is April 20, 2025

Flowers and music regularly adorn our worship, especially at Easter, the holiest day of the Christian Year. They remind us visually and aurally that we are here for a celebration of the wonder and glory of God—we're here for a feast!

Please mark “Flowers” or “Music” in the memo line of your check. Please let the Parish Office know if you are giving your gift in thanksgiving or in memory of loved ones and clearly print or type each name or intention. The names may be sent to the Parish Office (info@stpetersef.org). Please make sure to deliver your gift and names no later than Monday, April 14.

Easter lilies and other beautiful plants are cherished traditions at St. Peter's and remind us of the new life and promise of the resurrection. Gifts to the Music Fund will help us provide a string ensemble for Easter Day.

The flowers and music help the entire community celebrate the joy of the Great Fifty Days of Easter which begins on Easter morning. The feast is foretaste of the Easter promise, where the song of “Alleluia” never ceases.

Name _____

Circle one: Flowers Music Both

In memory of/in thanksgiving for _____

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

<i>Altar Guild</i>	Alice Samuels, Debra Chance, Diane Waitts
<i>Ushers</i>	Barbara Lopez, Josie Lace
<i>Acolytes</i>	Andrew Stern
<i>Readers</i>	Claire Grothues, Aubrey Lace, Kat Manfre
<i>Oblationers</i>	Eva Convery
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Nancy Connor, Christine DiGiovanni
<i>Cantors</i>	Michael Barretti, Kevin Johnson
<i>Director of Music</i>	Mark Trautman
<i>Presiding</i>	The Reverend Nathaniel Darville

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