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The Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 6, 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 worldwide 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 126 may be found on page 782 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, 'Attende, Domine'*

Entrance Hymn 474 *The Hymnal* 1982

Jeanne Demessieux

ROCKINGHAM

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Opening Acclamation

BCP, page 351

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

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

Confession

BCP, page 352

Absolution

BCP, page 353

Please stand

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The image shows a musical score for the Trisagion. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,' and the second system contains 'Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat and a 4/4 time signature.

Collect of the Day

BCP, page 219

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Choir When the LORD turned again the captivity of Sion, *
 then were we like unto them that dream.
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
 and our tongue with joy.
 Then said they among the heathen, *
 The LORD hath done great things for them.
 Yea, the LORD hath done great things for us already; *
 whereof we rejoice.
 Turn our captivity, O LORD, *
 as the rivers in the south.
 They that sow in tears *
 shall reap in joy.
 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed, *
 shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.*

Second Reading

Philippians 3:3b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and join in singing the hymn

Hymn

JUDAS AND MARY

Sydney Carter, 1964



1. Said Ju - das to Mar - y, "Now what will you do With your
2. "Oh Mar - y, O Mar - y, O think of the poor. This
3. "To - mor - row, to - mor - row, I'll think of the poor; To -
4. Said Je - sus to Mar - y, "Your love is so deep To -
5. "The poor of the world are my bod - y," he said, "To the
6. "My bod - y will hang on the cross of the world To -



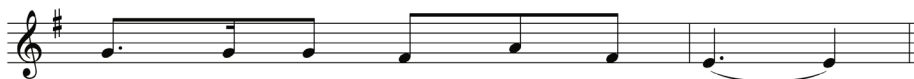
oint - ment so rich and so rare?" "I'll
oint - ment, it could have been sold: And
mor - row," she said, "not to - day; For
day, you may do as you will. To -
end of the world they shall be. The
mor - row," he said, "not to - day. And



pour it all o - ver the feet of the Lord, And I'll
think of the blan - kets and think of the bread You could
dear - er than all of the poor in the world Is my
mor - row, you say, I am go - ing a - way, But my
bread and the blank - ets you give to the poor You'll
Mar - tha and Mar - y will find me a - gain And



wipe it a - way with my hair," she said, "I'll
buy with the sil - ver and gold," he said, "You could
love who is go - ing a - way," she said, "My
bod - y I leave with you still," he said, "My
know you have giv - en to me," he said, "You'll
wash all my sor - row a - way," he said, "And



wipe it a - way with my hair."
buy with the sil - ver and gold."
love who is go - ing a - way."
bod - y I leave with you still."
know you have giv - en to me."
wash all my sor - row a - way."

Gospel Reading

John 12:1-8

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

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rector

Nicene Creed

BCP, page 358

Prayers of the People

Leader ...God, in your mercy,

People **Renew us.**

The Peace

BCP, page 360

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

George Oldroyd

*Jhesu, since Thou me made and bought,
Be Thou my love and all my thought,
And help that I may to Thee be brought,
Withouten Thee I may do naught.*

*Jhesu, since Thou must do Thy will
And naething is that Thee may let,
With Thy grace my heart fulfil,
My love and my liking in Thee is set.*

*Jhesu at Thy will I pray that I might be,
All my heart fulfil, with perfect love to Thee.
That I have done ill, Jhesu forgive Thou me,
And suffer me never to spill
Jhesu for pity. Amen.*

—Richard Rolle (ca. 1300–1349)

Please stand

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

Hymnal 1982, S 124

Lord's Prayer

BCP, page 364

Breaking the Bread

Martens

Cantor; then All

Bless - ed are those who are called to the Sup - per of the Lamb.

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.

Anthem

17th century British, arr. K. Lee Scott

Out of the depths I cry to thee,

Lord, my sins bewailing!

Bow down thy gracious ear to me,

Make thou my prayer availing.

Mark not my misdeeds in thy book,

Gracious Lord, most holy;

On my sins in mercy look;

Who can stand before thee?

With thee there is forgiveness, Lord,

Love and grace abounding.

The greatest thought or deed or word

Were else but empty sounding.

All who in thy sight appear.

Come in sinful measure;

All before thee bow in fear,

Seeking thy good pleasure.

Hear my prayer, hear my cry, hear my supplication.

Thou my hope, thou my light, thou my soul's deliverance.

—paraphrase of Psalm 130

Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand and say together*

**Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we,
who in these holy mysteries have received the Body and Blood
of your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,
may evermore be numbered
among the members of his mystical body,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please remain standing and join in singing the closing hymn

Hymn 546 *The Hymnal 1982*

SIROË

Please kneel or sit for the Prayer over the People

Presider Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Procession and leave quietly after the ministers depart 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.

PALM SUNDAY, ADULT FORUM, & CHILDREN

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week. The children will remain in church, and Sunday School classes will resume on May 4. The Adult Forum will take a break on Easter Day and resume on Sunday, April 27. There will be one service on April 27, at 10 am.

GOD'S CHILDREN SING!

Our Sunday School children are busily preparing a song for the 9 am mass on Easter Day. Singing is a vital part of Christian education and formation—we tend to believe what we sing; and of course there is the old saying, "those who sing pray twice." This is a great opportunity for our children to lead our parish community in the work of worship. And take a moment to ask your young singer what *Alleluia* means! Contact Mark Trautman (trautman@stpetersef.org) to find out more.

PRAYER CIRCLE FOR HEALING & THANKSGIVING, APRIL 13, 27

We have a lovely prayer group which meets twice monthly and is a brief extension of our Sunday

morning service. We gather to focus our prayers of healing and thanksgiving for ourselves and others, both aloud and quietly in our hearts and minds. Our Prayer Circle meets immediately following the 10 am service in the All Saints' Chapel on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. There is plenty of time following our Prayer Circle to enjoy the special fellowship of Coffee Hour. If you are unable to come, but have someone or something for which you'd like us to pray, please let me know. Dana Leach, leach@stpetersef.org, c 201-694-6543

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Help make St. Peter's a welcoming place by signing up to be a Coffee Hour host! This 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 Mary Shearin (shearchaos38@gmail.com, 973-590-1678) to let us know the date you prefer. *Thanks to Jill and Rick Hanifan for hosting last week's Coffee Hour and thanks to our Parish Choir for hosting today. Next week: Potluck.*

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, 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, Mike, Craig Roper, Ruth Ann, Sarah, Jean Whiting Smith, Kathy Stanton, Frank Zupa.

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

<i>Altar Guild</i>	Carolyn Wescott, Sheila Valenti, Eloise Monzillo Hiris
<i>Ushers</i>	Barbara Lopez, Chris Shearin
<i>Acolytes</i>	Kevin Mulcahy
<i>Readers</i>	Cynthia Ziegler, Matthew Grothues
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Eloise Monzillo Hiris
<i>Cantors</i>	Kevin Johnson, Meghan Tannella
<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,
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