

# SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY- JANUARY 21, 2024 - 10:00 AM



The Mission of St. Peter's Parish is to know Jesus Christ and make Him known through our witness, worship, fellowship, and service.

The Purpose of the Diocese of New Jersey is to form people as Disciples of Christ so they can flourish as human beings, alleviate the world's suffering, and participate in God's mission of reconciliation.

# CALL TO WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

Simon Mulligan

## Opening Hymn

*Take my life, and let it be*

*Hymnal #707*

# THE WORD OF GOD

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*(Book of Common Prayer, p.355)*

*\*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*(Book of Common Prayer, p.355)*

**All:** 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

S280

*\* When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## COLLECT FOR 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.

**People:** **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*\*Please be seated for the readings.*

### THE FIRST LESSON

JONAH 3:1-5,10

**Lector:** A Reading from the Book of 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.

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord

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

*We will say the appointed Psalm responsively by half verse.*

## PSALM 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.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

Lector: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

MARK 1:14-20

*\*All standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

**People:** **Glory to you Lord Christ**

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.

*\*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to you Lord Christ**

## GRADUAL HYMN

*Just as I am (vs. 4&6)*

LEVAS #137

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Liz Golub

*\*On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing*

## THE NICENE CREED

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

*Form V*

*Book of Common Prayer p. 389*

*\*Deacon or other leader - In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."*

Leader: For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Sally our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those in positions of public trust [especially \_\_\_\_\_], that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For this congregation [for those who are present, and for those who are absent], that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Rejoicing in the fellowship of [the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, (*blessed Luke*) and] all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**People: To you, O Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**People:** 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.

*Celebrant:* 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.

**People:** Amen.

## THE PEACE

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people.*

*Celebrant:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*\*The ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Zoom attendees will be unmuted at this time and after the service so we may greet one another.*

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE OFFERTORY SENTENCES

*Celebrant:* Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

*\* St. Peter's is grateful for donations from our community; offerings support the mission and ministry of this parish. Offerings may be placed in the offering plates at the entrance to the church. Donations may also be made online at our website [stpetersepiscopal.com](http://stpetersepiscopal.com).*



## DOXOLOGY

*All Praise to thee, my God*

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 INVITATION TO GOD'S TABLE

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER "A"

*\*The people stand and the celebrant says:*

**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 him thanks and praise.**

**Celebrant:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

**People:** Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full - full of your glory.  
Hosana in the highest, Hosana in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosana in the highest, Hosana in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

**Celebrant:** 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.

*\*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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:

**All:** Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*Celebrant:* 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.**

*The Celebrant continues,*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**People:** 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

*\* The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

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

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

## FRACTION ANTHEM

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**All:** Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:  
give us your peace, give us your peace.

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the People of God

*Communion will be administered at the altar rail.*

*If you do not want to receive, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the Risen Lord*

*Hymnal# 178*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*\*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**People:** Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BLESSING

## CLOSING HYMN

*I have Decided to Follow Jesus*

*LEVAS #136*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Simon Mulligan



# BIRTHDAYS

## January 21

Eileen Sheldon

## January 22

Shawn Labega

Nigel Smith

Mary Detres

## January 24

Daryl Syms

## January 25

Kathie DeJohn

Barbara Booz

Jeanne Lutz

## January 26

Gianna Martinez

## January 27

Zoe Milonopoulos

Dimitra Milonopoulos

# PARISH PRAYER LIST

Barbara Jankowski

Josephine Royce

Eileen Yaremko

Jerry Griggs

Mary A.

Barbara Leigh

Hank Klausman

Karolina

Carol Rebovich

Phillip Smith

Cathy DePow

Joel Leiter

Victoria Balewitz

Kathleen Pitiak

Betty Pappas

Joanne Dugas

Eileen Becker

Colleen Murphy

Kathy Thorn

Franco Casentini

Denise Dube

Helen Engerman

Mary

Julia Gillies

Phil Hodge

Sean M.

Elnando "Butch" Bryson

Donald King

Allen Egri

Eric Burzynski

Karen Harrell

Linda Benson

Debi Leiter

# PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Celebrant: **The Rev. Liz Golub**

Acolytes: **Landon Klausman, Gregory Klausman & Cadence Jung**

Lectors: **Barbara Lang**– 1<sup>st</sup> Reading & Psalm

**Rose Pennyfeather** – Second Reading

**Tracey Montani** – Prayers of the People

Altar Guild: **Donna Pemberton, Rose Pennyfeather, Debbie Vineyard & Pauline Hmieski**

Organist: **Simon Mulligan**

Choir Directress: **Jacqueline Mulligan**

## ST. PETER'S WEEKLY CALENDAR (1/21 – 1/27)

Sunday, January 21, 10:00 a.m. – *Eucharist Rite II* – Church – Rev. Liz Golub

Sunday, January 21, 11:15 a.m. – *Choir Practice* – Choir Room – Church –

Sunday, January 21, 11:30 a.m. – *Youth Meeting* – Parish House – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Sunday, January 21, 7:30 p.m. – *N.A. Meeting* – Parish House – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Monday, January 22, - *Boy Scouts Meeting* – Parish House – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Wednesday, January 24, 7:30 p.m. – *N.A. Meeting* – Parish House – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Thursday, January 25, 10:00 a.m. – *Peter's Pantry*–Parish House - Basement

Thursday, January 25, - 12:00 p.m. - *A.A. Meeting* – Parish House – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Thursday, January 25, 5:30 p.m. – *Coptic Church* – Parish House – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

### DIOCESAN CANON #50

SECTION 1. There shall be an annual meeting in every Parish for the election of officers, prayers having been said immediately before said meeting, and due notice having been given as required by law. Said meeting shall be held on a date which may be fixed at a regular or special meeting of the Congregation. There shall be an annual meeting for those Missions that elect officers, to be held also with opening prayers and upon like notice.

SECTION 2. The persons entitled to vote at such meetings must be:

(a) baptized,

(b) at least sixteen years of age,

(c) of good moral character

(d) adhering to The Episcopal Church and to no other religious body,

(e) regular attendants at the services of the Church in said Parish or Mission, and

(f) regular contributors to the current expenses of the Parish or Mission for six months next before the said annual meeting.

A record of the regular contributors for the support of the Parish or Mission shall be maintained by the Treasurer, with the dates of their contributions. Such records shall be sufficient evidence as to the qualification of a voter with respect to the last preceding requirement. Any voters not baptized in the Parish or Mission must have been enrolled as members in accordance with the provisions of the Canons of The Episcopal Church. Rectors, Vicars, or Wardens shall keep a list of all members of the Congregation who have been received as voters, which list shall be open to inspection by the members of the Congregation. No one shall be permitted to vote or be eligible to office in more than one Parish or Mission in this Diocese, although members of a Parish or Mission may be eligible also to vote or hold office in a Chapel.

SECTION 3. At said annual meeting the qualified voters shall elect by ballot, to serve for the ensuing year, from among the voters in the Parish or Mission, three Deputies and three alternate Deputies to the Diocesan Convention, who shall represent the Parish or Mission in the Conventions of the Diocese, and a Warden or Wardens, who shall all be communicants in good standing; and also such other Vestrymembers or Mission Committee members, and such other officers as may be provided for by the Parish or Mission charter or bylaws, and six Representatives to the Convocation in which the Congregation is located, who shall all be communicants if such suitable for the office can be found.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** – The next Annual Parish meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 28, 2024**. At this meeting, we will elect new officers and representatives to the diocesan convention. We ask that you pray and consider running for office. For further information please contact Veronica Meyer. Positions to be filled.

1. **Warden – 2-year term**
2. **3 Vestry persons – 3-year term**
3. **1 Vestry person - to fill a 1-year unexpired term.**
4. **3 Deputies to convention – 3 alternate Deputies to convention**
5. **6 Convocation Delegates**

**CANDIDATE’S BIO** – If you have placed your name in nomination to run for office at our Annual Parish Meeting, scheduled for Sunday, January 28, please note that your biography is due **Monday, January 22 by 12:00 noon**. Kindly answer the following questions:

1. What do you love most about St. Peter’s Episcopal Church?
2. Why are you running for this position/office?
3. Please provide a high resolution “head shot” of yourself.

When writing your short bio, please keep it to “100 words or less.” We would like to keep all information uniform so anything over 100 words will be truncated.

**COFFEE HOUR** - Volunteers are needed for January through April 2024 to provide snacks, coffee and tea. A sign-up sheet is posted outside the Parish Hall Office. A special thank you to those who continued with this ministry as well as our newcomers. We could not continue our fellowship after services without your kindness.

**YOUTH GROUP** - Our next meeting will be today following our worship service in the Parish House Meeting Room on the first floor. If you have any questions, please contact Tracey Montani at 732-277-6983 or Andrea Gall at 732-887-0034.

**2024 SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE** – Sunday School classes will be held on the following dates: February 4 & 25<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>.

## ST. PETER'S HISTORY

St. Peter's is proud to be the oldest Episcopal parish in New Jersey. Historic records show that the first service was held in 1685. Our first rector arrived from England in 1698. In our history we have had twenty-six rectors, only four since 1914. Our royal charter was received in 1718, the same year as the city of Perth Amboy received its charter. The parish owns a complete set of Queen Anne Communion silver, one of fourteen sent by the Queen to the established Anglican churches in the colonies in about 1706. The communion service is still used today on Christmas, Easter and the Fourth of July.

Leaders of the colony of East Jersey, including William Franklin, the Royal Governor (and son of Benjamin) worshipped here. During the Revolution the citizens of the town were divided in their sympathies. Perth Amboy was occupied by both sides as the conflict raged. The church building was used as a barracks and even as a stable.

The churchyard surrounding the present church building (second on this site, built in the 1850's) contains many gravestones that predate the American Revolution. Thomas Mundy Peterson, the first black voter under the fifteenth amendment to the U.S. Constitution, was a parishioner and is buried in the churchyard.

A major renovation to the present building was needed after explosions at a government munitions plant across Raritan Bay in Morgan in 1918 caused significant damage to ceilings, walls and windows. The resulting interior is largely as it is seen today, with the addition of a freestanding altar in 1981.

In the early 1960's excavation was done under the church building to stabilize the foundation and create a full basement. During the excavation, bones were discovered that turned out to be the remains of European servants of Mr. Gordon, who deeded the property to the church. The bones currently reside in the state museum where they are being studied by a forensic anthropologist.

In the late 1990's the parish undertook a major capital campaign to raise matching funds for a New Jersey Historic Preservation Grant. (The site is on the National Register of Historic Places). These funds were used, in part, to replace the church building's slate roof.

In 2010, on the occasion of our 325th anniversary, we have been named a Jubilee Center.

On August 10, 2011, St. Peter's made more history with a Service of Repentance and Reconciliation memorializing people of African descent, mostly slaves and servants, who were buried in the graveyard without recognition.

On March 31, 2022, Thomas Mundy Peterson Day was recognized with the placement of a commemorative wreath at the Peterson Family gravesite in the church cemetery.