



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026 – 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)

### HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

*The Fourth Sunday in Lent is historically known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare, Latin for "rejoice," refers to Isaiah 66:10, "Rejoice ye with Jerusalem," which is chanted at the beginning of the introit for this Sunday. Rose, the traditional liturgical color for this day, symbolizes a lightening of the more penitential tone of Lent, anticipating with joy the nearness of celebrating Christ's resurrection.*

*This service booklet is for both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.  
The hymns, choral, and organ music listed are for the 10:30 a.m. service only.*

PRELUDE Andante

Charles Wood (1866–1926)

## A PENITENTIAL ORDER

INTROIT *Laetare Jerusalem*

Plainsong, Mode 5

Rejoice ye with Jerusalem; and be ye glad for her, all ye that delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her; that ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations. I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.

– Isaiah 66; Psalm 122

- 8:00 *The People stand as the procession enters. The service begins with the Opening Acclamation.*
- 10:30 *The People stand and sing the hymn.*

HYMN 392: "Come, we that love the Lord"

Vineyard Haven

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endureth for ever.**

*The People kneel, as able.*

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

*All* **we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

– 1 Timothy 1:15

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

– John 2:1-2

## THE WORD OF GOD

### KYRIE ELEISON

- 8:00 *The Kyrie is said*

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

- 10:30 *The Kyrie is sung by the choir*

Mass in E-flat, "Cantus Missae," Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Christe eleison. *Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*The People sit.*

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light – for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 *Dominus regit me*

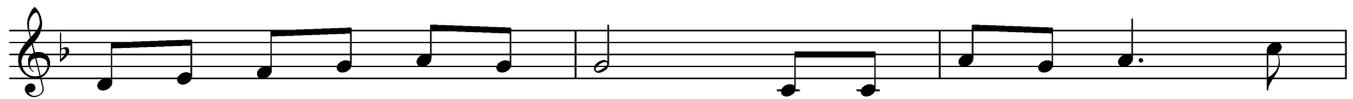
- 1 **The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.**
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 **He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 **You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.**
- 6 **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

The People stand.

HYMN: "When from bondage we are summoned"



1 When from bond - age we are sum - moned  
2 When our God names us a peo - ple,  
3 Through all stag - es of the jour - ney  
4 We must not lose sight of Je - sus,  
5 See the prize our God has prom - ised:



out of dark - ness in - to light, we must go in hope and  
Je - sus leads us by the hand through a lone - ly, bar - ren  
Christ is with us, night and day, with com - pas - sion for our  
who ac - cept - ed pain and loss, who, for joy of love un -  
end - less life with Christ our Lord. Now we fix our eyes on



pa - tience, walk by faith and not by sight.  
de - sert to a great and glo - rious land. Let us  
weak - ness ev' - ry step a - long the way.  
meas - ured, dared em - brace the shame - ful cross.  
Je - sus, walk by faith in Je - sus' word.



throw off all that hin - ders; let us run the race to win! Let us



has - ten to our home - land and, re - joic - ing, en - ter in.

Words: Delores Dufner (b. 1939)

Music: Haywood's Home, Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from Tunes for Grace

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

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

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud,

spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. David Hodges

*A period of silence is kept. Then the People stand.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*Celebrant* Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

*All* **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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Lector* Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*The People kneel, as able.*

*Lector* Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, Presiding Bishop; for Deon, our Bishop; and for the clergy and ministry leaders of St. Peter's, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. In our diocesan cycle, we pray for St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Florissant, and in the Anglican Communion, we remember the Anglican Church of Korea.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, praying for Donald, our President, and Mike, our Governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

We beseech thee, O God, to kindle in every heart the true love of peace, praying especially for the Middle East. Guide with thy wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility thy dominion may increase between and within all nations till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor those in their need, especially the Rev. Deacon Barbi Click, Jerry Freeland, Carolyn Kolman, Randy Meyer, Kristi Peterson, Bill Peterson, Don Trainer, [\_\_\_\_\_,] and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Carol Craig, Jacquelyn Frigard, Kary Matthews, Liam Richeson Orthwein, Joan Parham, [\_\_\_\_\_,] and Patricia Workman, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of blessed Mary, Peter, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.  
**Amen.**

*The People stand.*

THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*After the Peace, the People sit.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The sung setting of the Eucharist is the Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena by Healey Willan (1880-1968).*

## THE OFFERTORY

*Everyone participating in worship is invited to make an offering in gratitude for God's generosity. If you would like to make an offering, you may scan the code to the right and follow the prompts.*



## ANTHEM

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

O Thou sweetest Source of gladness,  
light's all lovely fountain head,  
Who, alike in joy and sadness,  
leavest none unvisited;  
Breath of Godhead, highest King,  
who upholding everything.  
Wilt uphold, with love undying—  
Hear, O hear me humbly crying.

From thy throne, as April shower,  
thou descendest, heavenly One,  
Freighted with thy sevenfold dower,  
from the Father, and the Son:  
Bring me noble Guest divine,  
God's own blessings they are thine,  
Freely deal at thy good pleasure,  
fill me in abundant measure.

Save, uphold, and go before me,  
fainting, be my staff and rod:  
Dying, to new life restore me;  
buried, be my grave, O God.  
From the dust when I arise,  
come, exalt me to the skies,  
Where thou within realms supernal,  
feed thy saints with joys eternal. Amen.

- Paul Gerhard, tr. George Ratcliffe Woodward

*The People stand.*

## THE PRESENTATION

- 8:00 *The People stand. The Celebrant says*

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

- 10:30 *The People stand and sing*

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we giv - en thee. A - men.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II

*The Celebrant faces the People and says*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

- 8:00 *Said by all*
- 10:30 *Sung by all (Hymnal S 114)*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People kneel, as able.*

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All* **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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

AGNUS DEI

- 8:00 *The Agnus Dei is said*

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People* **have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People* **have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*People* **grant us thy peace.**

- 10:30 *The Agnus Dei is sung by all (Hymnal S 158)*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

*All* **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*Please tell the clergy if you require gluten-free Bread.*

*Crossing your arms over your chest will let the clergy know you would like to receive a blessing but not the Bread and/or Wine.*

COMMUNIO *Lutum fecit*

Plainsong, Mode 6

The Lord made clay of spittle and anointed my eyes: I went and washed and received my sight and I believed in God. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

- John 9, Psalm 34

HYMN 319: "You, Lord, we praise in songs of celebration"

*Gott sei gelobet*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The People kneel, as able.*

*All* **Almighty and everliving God,  
we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us,  
in these holy mysteries,  
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood  
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;  
and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,  
the blessed company of all faithful people;  
and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.  
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,  
so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship,  
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE IN LENT

*Celebrant* Look down in mercy, O Lord, on thy people who kneel before thee; and grant that those whom thou hast nourished by thy Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The People stand.*

HYMN 624: "Jerusalem the golden"

*Ewing*

THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

VOLUNTARY Sonata in A Major, Op. 65, No. 3  
I. Con moto maestoso  
II. Andante tranquillo

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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MUSIC NOTES The Kyrie comes from the Mass for Double Choir in E-flat, "Cantus Missae," Op. 109, by Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1939-1901). Aside from his numerous and widely performed organ sonatas, this Mass is his most famous composition. It was composed in 1878 and dedicated to Pope Leo XIII. The Kyrie simultaneously evokes a familiar harmonic Romanticism and an older sacred Renaissance polychoral tradition. It features soaring phrases and some sudden, surprising shifts in dynamic.

The Sequence Hymn, "When from bondage we are summoned" was written by Delores Dufner, OSB, a nun at St. Benedict's Monastery in St. Joseph, Minnesota. Dufner's texts are widely published and sung. The music is by Carl Haywood (b. 1949), a member of the committee for the 1997 Episcopal hymn supplement *Wonder, Love, and Praise*. The tune name, Haywood has explained, comes from the dual meaning of "home" in the spiritual tradition: it can signify "earthly comfort as well as heavenly rest."

The Irish-born composer Charles Wood (1866-1926) contributed several well-known pieces to the Anglican choral repertoire, including the anthem "O thou, the central orb." Another setting of a hymn text, "O thou sweetest Source of gladness," differs in that Wood treats the words and a pre-existing tune together in what has come to be termed a "hymn-anthem." Wood's sumptuous and expansive harmonic treatment is of the sixteenth-century Claude Goudimel melody "Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele," a tune better known to Episcopalians as "Psalm 42," as it is named for the Advent hymn "Comfort, comfort ye my people" (Hymn 67).

## THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

### 8:00 A.M.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. David Hodges
<i>Organ</i>	David Sinden
<i>Lectors</i>	Ann Babington, Bud Wilson
<i>Ushers</i>	Randy and Cheryl Meyer
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Claudia McMillin

### 10:30 A.M.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Dr. Nathan Haydon
<i>Preacher</i>	The Rev. David Hodges
<i>Assisting Clergy</i>	The Rev. Zack Rugenstone
<i>Musicians</i>	The St. Peter's Choir David Sinden, Organist and Choirmaster
<i>Acolyte Masters</i>	Andrea Osman, Allan Ivie
<i>Lectors</i>	Kathryn Haydon, Jane Gilbert
<i>Ushers</i>	Kurt Hibler, Doug Adderton, Lisa Hodges, Corbin Cox
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Wendy Olk
<i>Monday Counter</i>	Lisa Acker and Ann Randazzo

## PRAYER LIST

**For Family and Friends:** The Rev. Deacon Barbi Click, Jerry Freeland, Carolyn Kolman, Randy Meyer, Kristi Peterson, Bill Peterson, Don Trainer

**For the Faithful Departed:** Carol Craig, Jacquelyn Frigard, Kary Matthews, Liam Orthwein, Joan R. Parham, Patricia Workman

**For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces:** Alexandra Maranto

**For Those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers:** Lee Arten, Victor Belyan, Bev Bouchard, Desiree Brattin, Virginie Brightman, Craig Campbell, Elizabeth Cottle, Wendell Covington, Ralph Dacey, Joan Hager Davis, Bonnie Essick, Prissy Evans, Nolan Fagan, Bob Feldmann, Teenie Followell, Garth Fort, Don Franz, Christy Garesche, Gay Goessling, Dick Gulick, John Hartman, Emily Hintz, Jeff Hirsch, Jack Howard, Russ Lake, Mike Kolman, John Marshall, Bob Messey, Cheryl Meyer, Liza Nash, Chris O'Connor, Maddie O'Keefe, David Orlowski, Holly Parks, Kimberly Penning, Steve Randall, Chi Chi Rassieur, Sara Rigel, Sally Russell, Jill Smock, Dewayne Stapes, Sarah Striler, Abbot Thomas, Mia Tiefenbrunn, Molly Webster, David Westfall, Anne Wetzol, Rolla Wetzol, and Goldie Wirth

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HOLY WEEK & EASTER

#### **PALM SUNDAY**

Sunday, March 29. Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

#### **HOLY MONDAY**

Monday, March 30, at 6:00 p.m. Poetry and Music: Meditations for Holy Week. "A Marian Passion Ballad." See *"Worship & Music"* below for details.

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Thursday, April 2. Morning Prayer offered at 7:30 a.m. in Grace Chapel. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar offered at 6:00 p.m. An Altar of Repose will be available in Grace Chapel immediately after and until Good Friday.

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Friday, April 3. Liturgy of the Day celebrated at 12:00 noon. Stations of the Cross: A Devotion to the Passion of Christ will be observed at 6:00 p.m.

#### **HOLY SATURDAY SERVICE AND EGG HUNT**

Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m. A short service for Holy Saturday is followed by an egg hunt on the lawn.

#### **EASTER DAY**

Sunday, April 5. Holy Eucharist will be held in the Laird Garden at 6:00 a.m. and in the church at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served in the Undercroft from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Nursery care will be available during the 9:00 service.

# WORSHIP & MUSIC

## **POETRY AND MUSIC: MEDITATIONS FOR HOLY WEEK**

A Marian Passion Ballad. Witness the joys and sorrows of the Marys of the Gospels in a darkened church on Holy Monday, March 30, at 6:00 p.m. This service alternates between poems selected and recited by Dr. Kathryn Haydon with improvised responses on the organ.

## **CHORAL EVENSONG**

Choral Evensong, a traditional service of scripture, prayer, and music, will be sung Sunday, April 12, at 5:00 p.m. This service, sung by the St. Peter's Singers, includes music by G. F. Handel, Charles Villiers Stanford, and parishioner and former assistant organist Martha Shaffer. Evensong has been offered monthly at St. Peter's for the past 35 years. All are welcome, and a reception follows the service.

## **ORGAN RECITAL**

Sunday, April 26 at 3:00 p.m. Bach and the Baroque Organ Masters. A collaborative recital presented by the Bach Society of St. Louis and the St. Louis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. This early music-focused program features the artistry of local organists Sarah Bereza, Matthew Gerhardt, and David Sinden, showcasing works by J. S. Bach and those who inspired him. Tickets are free, but advance registration at [bachsociety.org/baroqueorgan](http://bachsociety.org/baroqueorgan) is recommended.

# STEWARDSHIP & PARISH LIFE

## **2026 Annual Giving Campaign**

Have you pledged yet? Our hope is that all parish families will participate, and if possible, increase their giving this year. Your support is essential for us to meet our daily needs as well as support our local community. Every pledge counts! If you have not yet done so, please return your pledge card as soon as you are able - or give online at: [www.specstl.org/give](http://www.specstl.org/give).

### **Campaign Update:**

<b>Financial Goal</b>	<b>\$1,300,000</b>
Number of Pledges	162 (34% of parish families)
Dollars	\$839,757 (65% of financial goal)
# New Pledges	6
# Increased Pledges	57
# Pledges Same or Decreased	99



For more information, please scan the QR code or contact Janet Rouse at [janetr@specstl.org](mailto:janetr@specstl.org). Thank you!

### **DONATE TO EASTER FLOWERS**

We are collecting flower thanksgivings and remembrances to beautify the church for Easter! You may complete the online form and follow prompts to donate, or complete a physical form located in the Narthex, Undercroft, or Church Office. Forms must be received by **Monday, March 30**, for your acknowledgment to appear in the Easter service booklets. Forms and donations received after that deadline will still be designated for flowers, but it may not meet printing deadlines. Thank you!



### **FISH FRY**

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 27, from 5:30p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and come enjoy great fellowship, good food, and a classic church tradition. We'd love to see you there as we come together in friendship and faith! Scan the QR code to RSVP (encouraged), let us know you're coming!



### **JOIN A BREAKFAST CREW!**

We are in need of a few new members for the Breakfast Crew. It's a great way to serve your fellow parishioners and have fun while cooking! Contact Matt Bouchard at [mattbouchard2@gmail.com](mailto:mattbouchard2@gmail.com) for more information.

### **SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS**

We are in need of parishioners to sponsor the Sunday altar flowers in May and after. For more information, go to [specstl.org/worship/Sunday-altar-flowers/](http://specstl.org/worship/Sunday-altar-flowers/) or call the Church Office at (314) 993-2306.

### **ST. PETER'S GUILD**

The St. Peter's Guild invites you to join them on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Undercroft for engaging speakers and time for fellowship. After the presentation, the group then goes to lunch at a local restaurant. This Tuesday's topic will be a discussion and book review of 'The Last Suppers' by Mandy Mikulencak. All are welcome!

### **ST. PETER'S IS HERE FOR YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS**

If you are hospitalized, homebound, or unable to come to church for any reason, the clergy of St. Peter's can bring church to you. Our clergy are always happy to visit with parishioners to offer pastoral care, bring Holy Communion, or to come by and say hello. If you would like a visit, please reach out to the office at [office@specstl.org](mailto:office@specstl.org) or by calling (314) 993-2306.

# FORMATION

## **LECTIO DIVINA: THURSDAYS IN LENT**

Based in the monastic tradition, Lectio Divina involves a slow contemplative praying of a Bible passage(s). It differs from Bible Study in that it is reading God's word more with the heart than the head. "Lectio divina" (literally "holy reading") begins with cultivating the ability to listen deeply, to hear "with the ear of our hearts" the words of Holy Scripture. Join the Rev. Susie Skinner as she guides this group in praying the scripture readings for the coming Sunday. The group continues to meet each Thursday morning through Lent, through March 19, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Elliot Room. You do not have to attend every session to participate! All are welcome.

## **LENT THROUGH THE LENS: LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES**

Join us this Wednesday for the final installment of our Lenten Speaker Series. Start the evening at our midweek Holy Eucharist, celebrated in Grace Chapel at 5:30 p.m. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. and our program will begin at 6:30 p.m. RSVPs are highly encouraged for all, and required for those seeking childcare. The cost to cover program and dinner is \$15 person per session. Please RSVP using the QR code or by calling the church office.



### **March 18: Lent through the lens of art (part 2) - David Brinker**

David Brinker is Director of the Museum of Contemporary Religious Art (MOCRA) at Saint Louis University, where he fosters interfaith understanding through art. A musician, arranger, and longtime advocate for the arts, David serves as Chair of the Visual Arts Committee for Arts & Faith St. Louis, and his leadership has helped shape a space where contemporary art and sacred meaning meet.

## **RECTOR'S FORUM AND BREAKFAST**

Join us for Rector's Forum as we welcome guest speakers from across our parish and the wider St. Louis community. Come enjoy a hearty breakfast (beginning at 8:45 a.m.) and conversation/speakers (beginning at 9:15 a.m.). The cost of breakfast is \$9. Kids under 5 eat free!

### **Upcoming Rector's Forums:**



### **March 15: Engineers Without Borders**

Engineers Without Borders provides student and professional volunteers with hands-on experience through real-world projects that serve underserved communities. Their projects are designed to address the root causes of poverty, inequality, and climate change while ensuring communities thrive through resilient infrastructure. They aim to deliver engineering solutions that are environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable.



### **March 22: Dr. Kathryn Haydon and David Sinden**

Dr. Kathryn Haydon and David Sinden will discuss Poetry and Music: Reflections for Holy Week, to be held on Monday, March 30. This service, now in its third year at St. Peter's, alternates between recitations of selected poems and improvised musical responses. The theme, A Marian Passion Ballad, features the various Marys of the Gospel through the lens of Victorian poets whose personal histories were closely interlinked.

# CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

## **ST. PETER'S YOUTH (SPY)**

Youth gather weekly at 5:00 p.m. under the direction of the Rev. Zack Rugenstone for formation and fellowship. This Sunday, the group is on break, but will return next week, where Zack will lead the youth in a group discussion as well as a few games.

## **NURSERY, CHILDREN'S CHAPEL, AND SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- Nursery is offered in the lower level of the Little Building from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- Children's Chapel is offered in Grace Chapel from 10:15 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.
- Sunday School classes begin at 10:30 a.m.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Please save the week of July 8-12, 9:00 to noon, for your children to attend or take on a leadership role at St. Peter's Vacation Bible School (VBS). VBS is designed for children ages 4-10. The cost for VBS is \$50 per child with a maximum of \$90 for families. The deadline to register for VBS is May 1. For more information and to register, scan the QR code.



# OUTREACH

## **LENTEN SHOE DRIVE**

Throughout Lent, St. Peter's will once again collect new men's athletic shoes (sizes 9-12), socks, and footcare products to support the foot clinic offered by Trinity Episcopal Church. We hope you will help us care for the unhoused population in our community who walk many miles every day. Items may be brought to the Narthex or Undercroft. Travelling or unsure about what to purchase? Our Amazon Wishlist makes it easy to have needed items sent straight to the church! Scan the QR code for more information and to access the wishlist.



## **TRINITY HOT LUNCH IN MARCH**

There is another opportunity this month to serve at the Trinity Hot Lunch on Sunday, March 22. The meal is cooked in the kitchen at St. Peter's and then transported to Trinity, where it is served to guests who come for lunch from 1:15 to 3:00 p.m. If you have never participated in this fulfilling opportunity, give it a try! Please contact Jim Gilbert at [hockeygolf@live.com](mailto:hockeygolf@live.com) for more info or to sign up.

# THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 15</b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 8:45 a.m. Parish Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Nursery Care Opens 9:15 a.m. Rector's Forum 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour	<i>Undercroft            Little Building            Undercroft</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar. 16</b>		3:00 p.m. Education for Ministry	<i>Elliot Room</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Mar. 17</b>		7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m. Zoom Bible Study 10:30 a.m. St. Peter's Guild	<i>Grace Chapel            Online            Undercroft</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mar. 18</b>		7:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist 6:00 p.m. Lent Through the Lens of Art	<i>Elliot Room            Grace Chapel            Undercroft</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Mar. 19</b>		7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Yoga 10:00 a.m. Centering Prayer 11:00 a.m. Lectio Divina 5:15 p.m. Probationers Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Choristers Rehearsal 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<i>Grace Chapel            Undercroft            Grace Chapel            Elliot Room            Choir Room            Choir Room            Choir Room</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar. 20</b>		8:00 a.m. A.A. 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group	<i>Classroom            Elliot Room</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 22</b>	<b>The Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 8:45 a.m. Parish Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Nursery Care Opens 9:15 a.m. Rector's Forum 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour 1:00 p.m. Trinity Hot Lunch 5:00 p.m. St. Peter's Youth Group	<i>Undercroft            Little Building            Undercroft            SPY HQ</i>

# WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S

If you are visiting St. Peter's, we would love to share more information with you about our shared life and ministry! Please take a red welcome bag on your way out the door. In it you'll find information about our worship, formation, and fellowship opportunities as well as information for families. You can also scan the QR codes below to get connected with us and learn more.



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