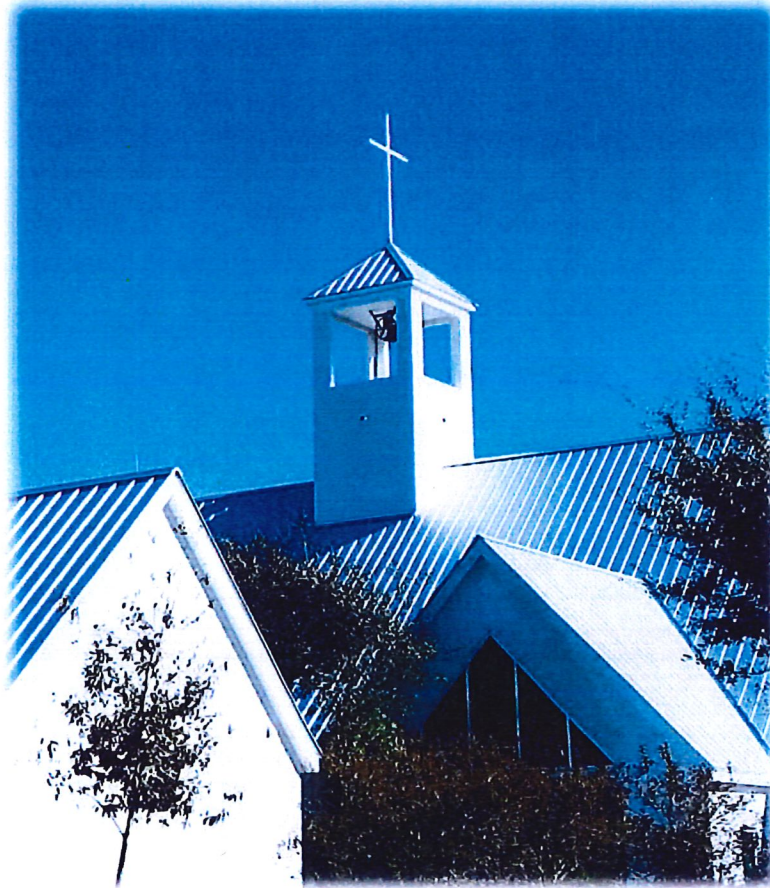


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The Rev. James W. Friedel
LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
February 14, 2021 ~ 9:00 a.m.



WELCOME!

Greetings! We are delighted that you have joined us for our worship service, and so very thankful to be together in-person or virturally! Whether you are a member, a frequent visitor, or are visiting St. Peter's for the first time, we feel blessed by your presence.

We invite your questions regarding our ministries and life in the Episcopal Church. Please know that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion during our worship. Father Jim will guide us through Communion.

Thank you for helping us help you stay safe by following the guidelines on the back of this bulletin.

We are so glad you could be with us today and hope you will join us again.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
 February 14, 2021 ~ 9:00 a.m.

All stand as are able.

Processional: When Morning Gilds The Skies

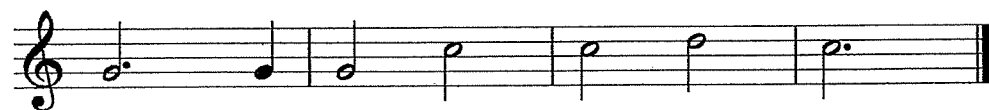
(Hymn #427)



1. When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries, may
 2. When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs: may
 3. No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known may
 4. Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find: may
 5. Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face, may



1. Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve-ning sha-dows fall, this rings my cur-few
 2. Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer hath none that can com-
 3. Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the^e-ter - nal Word the^e - ter - nal psalm is
 4. Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round ring joy - ous with the
 5. Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o're, both now and ev - er



1. call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 2. pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
 3. heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 4. sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 5. more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

(BCP Page 355)

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

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

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.*

Glory To God

(Hymn S-280)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
- might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord
God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our
prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day: Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*

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

THE LESSONS (You may be seated.)

THE FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 50:1-6

(BCP Page 654)

Let us read responsively by the whole verse.

1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken;
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 *Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God reveals himself in glory.*

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence;
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.

4 *He calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of his people.*

5 "Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."

6 *Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;
for God himself is judge.*



THE SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Please stand as are able.

GOSPEL HYMN: God Of The Prophets

(Hymn #359)



1. God of the pro - phets, bless the pro - phets' heirs! E - li - jah's
2. A - noint them pro - phets! Teach them thine in - tent: to hu - man
3. A - noint them priests! help them to in - ter - cede with all thy
4. A - noint them kings! Yea, king - ly kings, O Lord! A - noint them
5. Make them a - pos - tles, her - alds of thy cross; forth may they



1. man - tle o'er E - li - sha cast: each age for thine own sol - emn task pre -
2. need their quick - ened hearts a - wake; fill them with power, their lips make el - o -
3. roy - al priest - hood born of grace; through them thy Church pre - sents in word and
4. with the Spi - rit of thy Son: theirs not a mon - arch's crown or ty - rant's
5. go to tell all realms thy grace: in - spired of thee, may they count all but



-1. pares, make each one strong - er, no - bler than the last.
-2. quent for right - eous - ness that shall all e - vil break.
3. deed Christ's one true sac - ri - fice with thank - ful praise.
4. sword; theirs by the love of Christ a king - dom won.
5. loss, and stand at last with joy be - fore thy face.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:2-9

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*



He was transfigured before them ...
and his clothes became dazzling white ...
Mark 9:2-3, NRSV

Please be seated for the Homily.

Homily

The Rev. James W. Friedel

All standing as are able.



(BCP Page 358)

*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.*

Our Worship continues with the Prayers of the People

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Form VI

(BCP Pages 392-393)

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our presiding Bishop, David our Diocesan Bishop; Rayford, our Assisting Bishop, and Jim, our Rector; and all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The people may add their own thanksgiving.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Confession of Sin

(BCP Pages 392-393)

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

The Celebrant says

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. *Amen.*

The Peace

(BCP Page 360)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

(BCP Page 367)

Please stand as are able.

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.*

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Hymn S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power and might, hea - ven and earth are full,
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The congregation may kneel or sit as the prayer continues.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

*We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Peter and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 LORD'S PRAYER (C-114)

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.*

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

(BCP Page 364)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
you.

As you remain seated please listen for instructions for receiving communion.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Instrumental

The Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

(BCP Page 365)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.*

Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

The Blessing

Celebrant

May Christ, the Son of Righteousness, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the
world; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among
you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*



Recessional: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! (vs. 1,3,4)

(Hymn #460)

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. The lyrics are:

1. Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter,
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Hea - ven, thou on earth our
4. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the Lord of

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn. The lyrics are:

1. his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
3. food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
4. lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of Ma - ry, earth thy

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn. The lyrics are:

1. vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on
3. thee from day to day: In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,
4. foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with - in the veil hast en - tered,

Musical notation for the fourth line of the hymn. The lyrics are:

1. thun - der like a might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
3. earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me, where the songs of all the
4. robed in flesh, our great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and

Musical notation for the fifth line of the hymn. The lyrics are:

1. na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
3. sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
4. Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

The Dismissal

Celebrant

Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world sharing the good news of God's love.

All

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

We are so thankful to those assisting us with the services this morning.

Lay Readers: Norma and Lee Williams at 9:00 a.m.

Ushers/Greeters: Susan and Harry Craig

Director of Music Ministries: Meredith Carter

Musical Assistance: Alan Berkebile

Handsewn face masks were created with love and donated by Martha Berkebile. Thank you, Martha!





The flowers at the Altar this morning are placed to the glory of God by Martha & Bill Silva

The pandemic affected our schedule for Altar Flowers in 2020. Our last in-person service was March 22nd of last year. Because of this, we no longer had flowers delivered to the church. BUT we have flowers again. That is a happy thing. We are using our 2020 flower chart sign-up. If you purchased flowers and want the dedication changed please let us know. If you would like to purchase flowers in honor or in memory of a special someone or an event, please let us know. Altar flowers are \$50.



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We can NOT reuse the service bulletins. If you do not want to take yours home, Please put in the recycling bin as you leave. *THANK YOU*

Happy Valentine's Day



Happy Valentines Day
From
Babs & Peter
Kehl-Fairchild
in St. Peters, Missouri.

Happy Birthdays



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO Dora Laird on the 15th; David Wylie on the 16th; Travis Farmer on the 17th, Roy Allen & Johnnie Callam on the 18th; and Fran Tarkington & Dana Hock-Carke on the 20th.

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IMPORTANT SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP US HELP YOU STAY SAFE! PLEASE...

- *Wear your mask.
We have some available if needed.
- *We discourage you from engaging in physical contact such as shaking hands, hugging, fist bumping, high fiving, etc.
- *Thank you for practicing social distancing by standing/sitting 6 feet apart (unless you are in family units).
- *Use hand sanitizer!

**UNTIL WE CAN HUG AGAIN, PLEASE BE SAFE!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**



Father Jim and Christy's grandchildren, James & Collin can't wait for the day that they can safely play together again!



June Gregory is enjoying the beauty of her plants before the projected freeze this weekend.