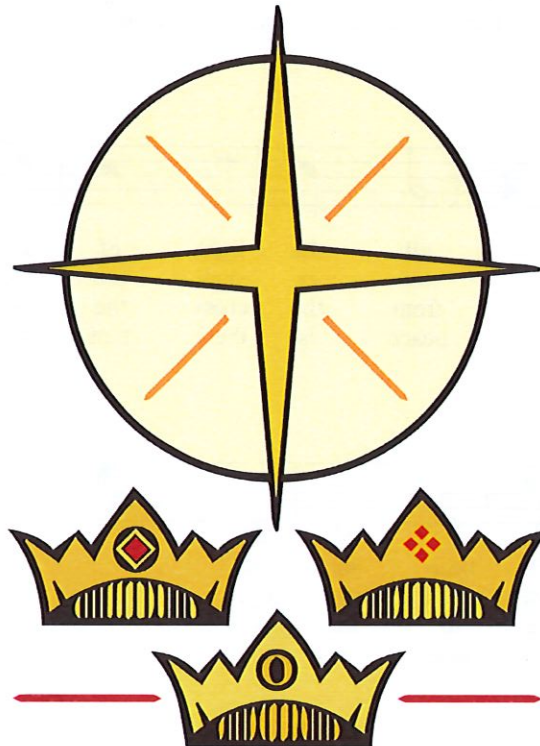


# ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
January 29, 2023~ 10:00 am



## EPIPHANY WELCOME!

Greetings! We are delighted that you have joined us for our worship service, and so very thankful to be together in-person or virtually! 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.

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

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
January 29, 2023 ~ 10:00 am

Processional: In The Cross Of Christ I Glory, (vs 1-4)

(Hymn #441)

All stand as are able.



1. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the  
2. When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes de - ceive, and  
3. When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, light and love up -  
4. Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the cross are



1. wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred sto - ry  
2. fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for - sake me:  
3. on my way, from the cross the ra - diance stream - ing  
4. sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no mea - sure,



1. gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
2. lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
3. adds new lus - ter to the day.  
4. joys that through all time a - bide.

THE WORD OF GOD

(BCP Page 355)

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

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

*The Celebrant says*

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)

*Please remain 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.*

### The Collect of the Day: Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany (BCP Page 215)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 for the Lessons and the Psalm.*

#### **A Reading from the Prophet Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

*Continued on the next page.*

**A Reading from the Prophet Micah 6:1-8** *continued*

“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

**Psalm 15**

(BCP Page 599)

*We will read alternately by whole verse.*

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?

*Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \**  
*who speaks the truth from his heart.*

There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

*In his sight the wicked is rejected, \**  
*but he honors those who fear the LORD.*

He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.

*He does not give his money in hope of gain, \**  
*nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.*

Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

## The Second Lesson

### A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

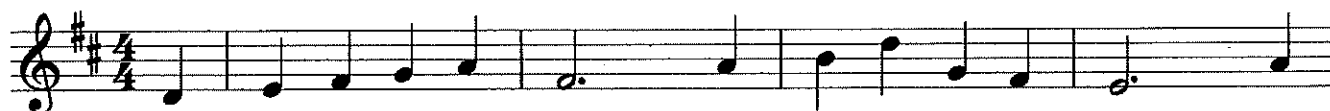
Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

### THE GOSPEL    *Please stand as are able.*

#### GOSPEL HYMN: Blest Are The Pure In Heart

(Hymn #656)



1. Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the  
2. The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to  
3. he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and  
4. Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give



1. se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.  
2. dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;  
3. for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.  
4. us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

## GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12

*Remain standing as are able.*

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

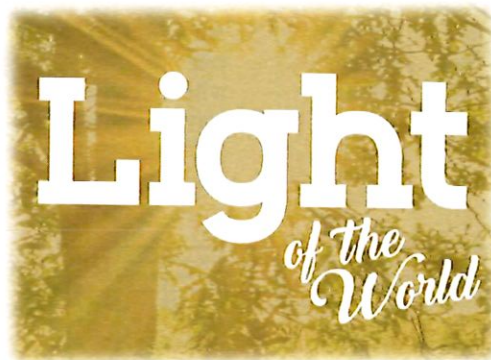
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.

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



*The congregation may be seated.*

*The Homily*

*The Rev. James W. Friedel*

*The Nicene Creed*

*(BCP Page 358)*

*All standing as are able.*

*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 IV**

(BCP Pages 388-389)

*The Leader and People pray responsively sitting or kneeling as able.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons. We especially pray for Justin, The Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, David our Diocesan Bishop, Rayford our Diocesan Assisting Bishop and Jim our Rector.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy.

*Hear our prayer.*

## PRAYERS (Continued)

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## Confession of Sin

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and 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.*

*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

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* *And also with you.*

(BCP Page 376)

## Offertory Sentence

*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

~ Ephesians 5:2

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*You may be seated as the Altar is prepared for Holy Communion.*

### Offertory Music ~ Prayer of St. Francis

*(Temple)*

The Doxology ~ *Please stand as are able.*

### Great Thanksgiving ~ Eucharistic Prayer B

*(BCP Page 367)*

*The people remain standing.*

*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:

## Sanctus

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.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

*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*

### Memorial Acclamation (Mass for the King of Glory)

We re-mem-ber his death, We pro-claim his res-ur - rec-tion, We a-

- wait his com-ing in glo - ry



*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.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

### 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. Amen.*

### The Breaking of the Bread

(BCP Page 364)

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### Invitation to Communion

(BCP Page 364)

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

COMMUNION HYMNS ~ *Choir*

Hymn: Let Our Praise To You Be As Incense

(Hymn #C-176)

Let our praise to you be as in - cense; let our praise to you be as pil-lars of your throne.

Let our praise to you be as in - cense as we come be - fore you and

wor-ship you a - lone. As we see you in your splen - dor, as we

gaze up - on your maj - es - ty, as we join the hosts of an - gels and pro-

- claim to-geth - er your ho - li - ness: ho - li - ness:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.

Hymn: Jesus

(Hymn #C-168)

1. Je - sus,	Je - sus,	Je-
2. Spi - rit,	sweet Spi - rit,	fill
3. Fa - ther,	oh, Fa - ther,	take
4. Ho - ly,	ho - ly,	ho-

1. -	-	sus.
2. my	-	heart.
3. my	-	heart.
4. -	-	ly.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

A Blessing

*Celebrant*

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

Recessional: Help Us, O Lord

(Hymn #628)

*Please stand as are able.*



1. Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word im - parted: to  
2. Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we pro - claim, that  
3. Help us, O Lord, to teach the beau - ty of your ways, that



1. stu - dy, that your laws may be in - scribed up - on our hearts.  
2. all our thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your Name.  
3. yearn - ing souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.



## The Dismissal

*Celebrant*

Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor everyone, love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

*Thank you to all who helped and participated  
in our services this morning.*

### **Lectors/Lay Readers**

8:00 am ~ Elza LeBrun and Julie Piña

10:00 am ~ Rick Rarick and Wendy Laubach

### **Greeters/Ushers**

8:00 am ~

10:00 am ~ Susan and Harry Craig

**Vestry Person of the Day** ~ Jennie Taylor

**Altar Guild** ~ Johnnie Callam, Sherri Collins, and Peggy Friebele

### **Fellowship Teams**

8:00 am ~ June Gregory and Jean VanEenenaam

10:00 am ~ Lots of helpers for our Pot-luck luncheon

**Director of Music Ministries** ~ Meredith Carter

**Musical Assistance** ~ Alan Berkebile



## Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 29

HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite I, 8:00 am, Rite II, 10:00 am

Monday, January 30

**\*CASTAWAYS** ~ 12:15 pm

Join us as we price, sort, and hang clothes

**\*PRE-COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING** for Committee

Chairs 5:30-7:30 pm

Tuesday, January 31

**\* CASTAWAYS PULL DAY**

8:00 am - 11:00 am ~ Pricing & Stocking

9:00 am - 3:00 pm ~ 2-hour Cashier Shifts & Helpers

Wednesday, February 1

**\*Cursillo Group Meets** ~ 1:00 pm

**\* Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayers** ~ 6:00 pm

at St. Peter's followed by A Time For Prayer

on Facebook Live at 7:00 pm

**\*Join us at CHOIR PRACTICE** ~ 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 2

**\*Needlework Group** in Parish Hall ~ 1:00 pm

*Bring your favorite project & join us!*

Friday, February 3

**\* CASTAWAYS**

8:00 am - 11:00 am ~ Pricing & Stocking

9:00 am - 3:00 pm ~ 2-hour Cashier Shifts & Helpers



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS  
& ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Stacey Hanks 1

Ann South 2

Rick Glassett 3

George Olexa 3



**CASTAWAYS  
PULL DAY  
FUN, FELLOWSHIP,  
AND A LITTLE  
WORK TOO!  
January 31, 3:15pm**

# WELCOME TO church



Flowers at the Altar have been given  
to the glory of God.



Sign up for FLOWERS  
at the Altar  
Is available in memory of or in  
honor of someone special. You  
may choose your dates using the  
chart on the table in front  
of the Nursery.

## Church COUNCIL

*If you have not been contacted and  
would like to volunteer at Council,  
we have a place for you! Please call  
Julie Pina (361)319-6664 or  
Becky Warren (361)549-7238 or call  
the church office for information.*

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