



SAINT
PETER'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH



MARCH 17, 2019

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome to Saint Peter's! We are glad you are here with us today.

If you are visiting with us, please feel free to pick up a name-tag from one of the ushers.

You are welcome here, and we look forward to meeting you.

PRELUDE

Songs Without Words in E Major No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

Processional Hymn

"The God of Abraham praise"

Hymn 401

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O LORD God, what will you give me,

for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O LORD God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

The Response

Read responsively by half verse

Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *

**the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
**it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.**

Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.

Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
**for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.**

What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!

O tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.

The Second Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will

transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Sequence Hymn

“Blessed Jesus, at thy word”

Hymn 440

The Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The Rite of Holy Baptism

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor

I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the candidate when presented

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support him in his life in Christ?
People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with those who commit themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open him heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The Celebrant pours water upon the candidate, saying

Greg, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Celebrant places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross saying

Greg, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

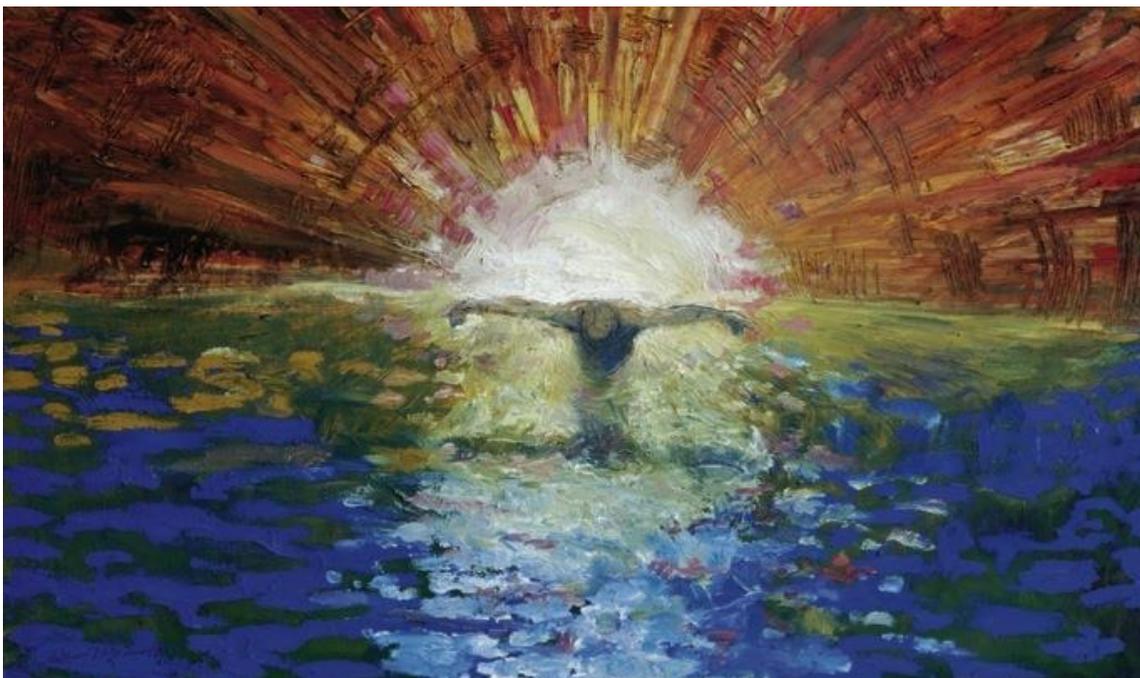
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.



Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

“Beneath the cross of Jesus”

Hymn 498

All baptized persons are welcome to receive communion. If you would prefer not to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing—just place your arms across your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing instead.

Gluten-free hosts are also available.

COMMUNION INTERLUDE

Sonata in A Major No. 13

Franz Schubert

The Solemn Prayer

In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used, as follows.

The Deacon, or in the absence of a deacon, the Celebrant says

Bow down before the LORD.

The people kneel or bow and the Celebrant says the following prayer

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“Now let us all with one accord”

Hymn 147

POSTLUDE

Shepherd Me O God

Marty Haugen

Please join us for coffee hour following the service!

Our discussions of Rowan Williams' *Being Disciples* continue following the service today! All are welcome to join in the conversation.

The Prayer List

In our prayers today and this week, we are asked to remember

Our **Clergy**: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Jeff, our Bishop; Shane and Ellen, our priests.

This **Country** and **City**: for our national and our local elected leaders.

Those **Sick** in body, mind, or spirit: Pam and Bruce, Paul and Joyce, the Sexton Family, Carol, Angel, Mark, Joe, Ted, Mary Katherine, Craig, Maryanne, Matthew, Tara, Larry, and Sabrina.

The **Needs** of those in our Parish: for perseverance and insight for Father Shane as he works on his dissertation; for Qiana Johnson, as she continues in discernment for Ordination to the diaconate.

Those who have **Died**, and those who **Mourn**: for Barb Vanseth (friend of Betsy Lent); Robert Almquist (friend of Kate Wulle-Dugan); and John Yount (friend of Kate Wulle-Dugan).

For the future life of Saint Peter's.

We are also asked to give thanks

For those celebrating **birthdays**, especially Kate Wulle-Dugan, Randall Harper, and Nancy Fifield.

For the **Fellowship** awarded to Father Shane, enabling him to finish his dissertation by next Spring.

For the ministry of **Deacon Nancy Meyer** among us, and for her safe arrival in New Hampshire last week.

For the **hospitality** of Wellington Avenue United Church of Christ.

If you would like to add anything to the prayer list—a request or a thanksgiving—please let Tom Stabnicki know by emailing him at tomstabnicki@yahoo.com.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

The Weeks Ahead

- March 17 (Sun.) The Second Sunday in Lent
10:00 *Holy Eucharist*
- March 20 (Wed.) Wednesday Lenten Program
6:40 *Evening Prayer*; 7:00 *Dinner and Discussion* (see below for details)
- March 24 (Sun.) The Third Sunday in Lent
10:00 *Holy Eucharist*
- March 25–30 Father Shane Out of Town
Church office remains open.
- March 31 (Sun.) Dinner at the Crib (Outreach Opportunity)
Contact Jordan Rutledge (jordanrutledge@gmail.com) for details.
- April 7 (Sun.) Parishioner Qiana Johnson: Voice Recital of art songs, arias, spirituals
3:00 pm at WAUCC Sanctuary

Wednesday and Sunday Lenten Programs

Join Father Shane and other members of the Parish to read through Rowan Williams’s *Being Christian*, the second book in our Parish Book Series this year. This Wednesday and next Sunday we continue our conversation with chapter two (“Faith, Hope and Love”). Whether you’re reading along or not, join in on the conversation, and see the bulletin board for more information!

Holy Week at Saint Peter’s

PALM SUNDAY

April 14, 2019

10:00 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 18, 2019

7:00 pm

*Foot-washing and
Agape Feast*

GOOD FRIDAY

April 19, 2019

12:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Good Friday Service
with Veneration of the Cross

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

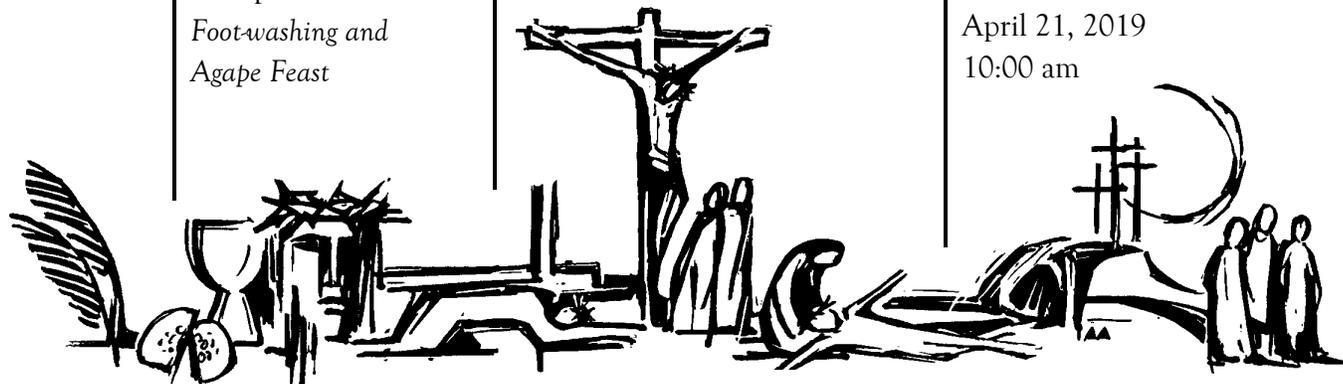
April 20, 2019

8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING

April 21, 2019

10:00 am





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Regular Sunday Eucharist: 10:00 am

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