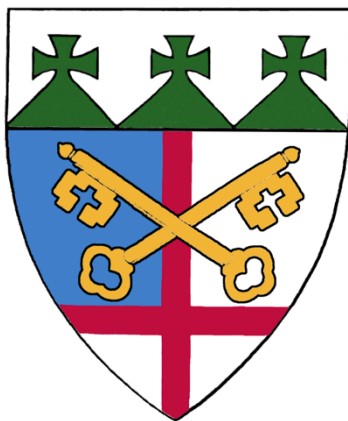


Welcome to

# Saint Peter's

## Episcopal Church

*A Parish of the Episcopal Church in Vermont*  
*est. 1834*



## The Season of Lent

*Morning Prayer, Rite II*  
*with Penitential Rite*

# *Welcome to St. Peter's*

The Episcopal Church, part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, is known for its distinctive style of worship that balances scripture, tradition, and reason. Its liturgy, deeply rooted in the Book of Common Prayer, creates a home for peoples of ALL identities and backgrounds to worship together in commonality.

## **How do I use the bulletin?**

Worship is an occasion of the heart, body, and mind. For this reason, the liturgy contains instructions and visual cues for when to read along, respond to prayer, and sit, kneel, or stand, as is your preference. You are also welcome to sit and take part as you are comfortable. As the Episcopal Church says, “all may, some should, none must.”

**Bold lines indicate the people's response, such as responding “Amen” to prayers.**

*Italic lines indicate instructions for the people, such as when it is proper to stand, sit, or kneel.*

## Seasons of the Liturgical Year

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| Advent | Christmas | Epiphany | **Lent** |  
| Holy Week | Easter | After Pentecost |

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The season now known as **Lent** has a long history. The term lent comes from the Old English word *lencten* which means “spring” (the lengthening of days.) Early Christians observed “a season of penitence and fasting” in preparation for the Paschal feast, or Pascha (BCP, pp. 264-265).

All Christians are invited “to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word” (BCP, p. 265).

### Staying Connected

Saint Peter's highly values the unique gifts and qualities that each of us brings to this shared community, our parish.

Ways to stay connected or to learn more are:

- Getting to know people during coffee hour.
- Receiving our Newsletter “The Clarion.”
- Volunteering on a team in church, like the worship team, garden club, parish life, and many more!
- Keep coming back. Whether you're a pragmatic joiner or a jump-in-with-two-feet kind of person, every style of getting to know us is appreciated.

## Opening Hymn

*see whiteboard*

*Officiant*      Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People*          **His mercy endures for ever.**

*The Officiant then says*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The Officiant enjoins the People to pray together:*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

*We then sing together:*

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.

### The Appointed Psalm

*see bulletin insert*

*At the end of the Psalm is said:*  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.

### The Lessons followed by Canticles

*see bulletin insert*

### A Reading from the Gospel of the Lord

### Sermon

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.

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.

Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

### Traditional

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.

### Contemporary

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 Salutation

*Officiant:* Hear our cry, O God.

*People:* And listen to our prayer.

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

## The Suffrages B

V. Help us, O God our Savior.  
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.  
V. Look upon your congregation;  
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.  
V. Declare your glory among the nations;  
R. And your wonders among all peoples.  
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away.  
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.  
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who  
    know you.  
R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.  
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;  
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

## The Collect of the Day

*see bulletin insert*

## The Collect for Sunday

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## The Collect for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come

within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

### The Prayers of the People

*see Bulletin insert.*

*During these prayers anyone who wishes is welcome to come forward. Light a candle, and put it in the bowl, offering a prayer to God*

### Offertory/ Offertory Hymn

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to The Lord.

*Please join in reciting the Supplication from the Great Litany according to call and response.*

### The Supplication \*

\*O Lord, arise and help us;

And deliver us for your Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our

forebears have declared to us, the noble works that you

did in their days, and in the time before them.

O Lord, arise and help us;

**And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

O Lord, arise and help us;

**And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

**Graciously behold our afflictions.**

With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

**Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.**

With favor hear our prayers;

**O Son of David, have mercy upon us.**

Be pleased to hear us, O Christ;

**Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.**

*The Officiant says,*

**Let us pray.**

Look mercifully, O Father, on our infirmities; and, for the glory of your Name, rescue us from all those evils we now endure; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in your mercy, serving you in holiness and purity of life, to your honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

**Blessing.** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

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