

St. Peter's Church in Plant City

Holy Eucharist Rite II



10:30 am | March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome, Friends! Whether we are old or young, whether we are first-time or long-time worshippers, whether we come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow, in this place we meet at God's table as God's children.

Prayer books and hymnals are in the pews, but the service can be found in its entirety in this leaflet. Holy Eucharist Rite II begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Restrooms are available in Bender Hall, through the north doors and down the ramp. Individual restrooms are to your left. Men's and women's rooms with changing tables are through the second door and to your far right.

A nursery is available from 8:45 – 11:45 each Sunday. Children are always welcome in the church, with their wiggles and noises.

Children's books and materials are available at the north door to support the worship experience through options to engage young hands and minds during the service.

While we are searching for our new Rector, Fr. Scott and Deacon Denise will be available for pastoral needs, and Senior Warden Patti Booher will cover administrative needs. You can find their email contact information on the back page.

Hymn: Father, We Thank Thee Who Has Planted (H1982 #302)

Father, we thank thee who hast planted thy holy Name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal Jesus thy Son to us imparts.
Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy pleasure, didst give us food for all our days,
giving in Christ the Bread eternal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.

Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mercy, save it from evil, guard it still
perfect it in thy love, unite it, cleansed and conformed unto thy will.
As grain, once scattered on the hillsides, was in this broken bread made one,
so from all lands thy Church be gathered into thy kingdom by thy Son.

The Word of God

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

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall
have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy

Celebrant

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

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 Priest stands and 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.**

Celebrant and People (H1982 S-91)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (*People respond singing bold text*)



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures *for* ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand *of* the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
**from the east and from the west,
from the north *and* from the south.**
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because *of* their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near *to* death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them *from* their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved *them* from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for *his* children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts *with* shouts of joy.

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: Jerusalem, My Happy Home (H1982 #620)

Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
Thy saints are crowned with glory great; they see God face to face;
they triumph still, they still rejoice in that most happy place.
There David stands with harp in hand as master of the choir:
ten thousand times would one be blest who might this music hear.
Our Lady sings Magnificat with tune surpassing sweet,
and blessed martyrs' harmony doth ring in every street.
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, God grant that I may see
thine endless joy, and of the same partaker ever be!

The Gospel: John 3:14-21 (*standing*)

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

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

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness

rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily: The Rev. Scott Nonken (*be seated*)

The Nicene Creed (*standing*)

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

Deacon: God of all life, we offer prayers and seek your presence throughout this season of Lent.

Leader: Loving God, we ask you to accompany us on our Lenten journey and help us to seek your path and purpose throughout this season.

Give us courage to spend time in the wilderness,

the place where you bring us face to face with ourselves.

Help us to recognize temptation in our lives,

And give us the strength to resist it and the humility to give God the glory.

As we travel with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem:

Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit.

We pray for the peace of the world and the welfare of the holy Church of God. Let wisdom unfold in our hearts and minds and in the people of every nation. Let us see the foundations for a new harmony within us and between us.

As we travel with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem:

Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit.

We pray for Presiding Bishop, Michael, our bishop, Doug and our clergy as well as those named on the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, especially St. Mary's, Bonita Springs; St. Mark's, Marco Island; St. John's, Naples; St. Monica's, Naples; St. Paul's, Naples; Trinity-by-the-Cove, Naples. God of mercy, open our eyes to the injustices around us. May we continue to build the foundation for a world that is honoring and pleasing to you—one that removes fear and values everyone. Direct our hearts that we may all be kind to one another;

Abounding in love and sympathy,

Keeping back the unkind word,

Checking the hasty judgment,

And in all this, being gentle and full of compassion.

God of healing, we are all in your hands. May your abundant love fill our inmost hearts, healing sorrow, pain, frustration, defeat, and despair. We pray for those near to us who are in turmoil this day and for every family in its brokenness,

for the woundedness of our own life, and for every person that is suffering, especially those on our Prayer List (as listed herein) and others we name silently or aloud. *(Silence)*

We offer prayers for those whose journey is particularly difficult at this time, especially those who have recently lost loved ones. Remember those who have departed this life. *(Silence—name your remembrances)* We give thanks for all the blessings of this life. *(Silence—name your blessings)*

Grant that we may learn to do more with less,

And strip away all that is not essential for life in your Son.

Let us be open to what we can let go of,

And what needs to be taken up.

God of grace, invite us to change and grow in fullness of life and greater faith. In the many details of this day and in the life of our St. Peter's community, let us be fully alive. We pray as we search for a new rector saying together: **Almighty God, giver of every good gift; Look graciously on your Church and guide the minds of those who will choose a rector for this parish; that we may, with truly grateful hearts and open minds, receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.** May our journey together towards Easter be one we enter in Spirit and truth.

As we travel with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem:

Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit.

Loving God, we thank you for inviting us on this Lenten journey of faith. In the most ordinary matters of daily life, assure us again of your love as we help others see you clearly in the walk to the cross.

Fill us with your Spirit and your gifts of self-reflection and penitence.

May we use those gifts to point the way to you.

Keep us ever constant by your side,

And help us to re-commit our lives to you,

Taking your love out of this place into the wider world

With the hope that we may appear with you at the eternal Eastertide.

Celebrant God of mercy, healing, grace, love, and justice, you are our constant companion in the wilderness of our earthly journey: hear our prayers this day and remind us that nothing in heaven or on earth can separate us from your redeeming love, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Peace *(standing)*

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements *(be seated)*

Prayer for birthdays, anniversaries, and milestones:

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Anthem: O Sacred Feast – Healey Willan

Doxology *(please stand)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving *(Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP p.369 – 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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues; People respond with bold text

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People (H1982 S-130)

**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 Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Celebrant and People

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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Hymn: My God, Thy Table Now is Spread (H1982 #321)

My God, thy table now is spread, thy cup with love doth overflow;
be all thy children thither led, and let them thy sweet mercies know.

O let thy table honored be, and furnished well with joyful guests:
and may each soul salvation see, that here its sacred pledges tastes.

Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord, in countless numbers let them come
and gather from their Father's board the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest till through the world thy truth has run,
till with this Bread all men be blest who see the light or feel the sun.

Prayer after Communion

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 to 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.

Deacon Bow down before the Lord (the people kneel)

The Priest offers a solemn prayer

People **Amen**

Hymn: Kind Maker of the World (H1982 #152)

Kind Maker of the world, O hear the fervent prayer, with many a tear
poured forth by all the penitent who keep this holy fast of Lent!

Each heart is manifest to thee; thou knowest our infirmity;
now we repent, and seek thy face; grant unto us thy pardoning grace.

Spare us, O Lord, who now confess our sins and all our wickedness,
and, for the glory of thy Name, our weakened souls to health reclaim.

Give us the discipline that springs from abstinence in outward things
with inward fasting, so that we in heart and soul may dwell with thee.

Grant, O thou blessed Trinity; grant, O unchanging Unity;
that this our fast of forty days may work our profit and thy praise!

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people

People **Thanks be to God.**

Ministers serving today:

Celebrant: The Rev. Scott Nonken

Deacon: The Rev. Denise Healy

Organist: Helen Jones

Readers: Sue Perica, Christy Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Jeffries, Neal Ward

Ushers: Maureen & Bruce Nichols

**Are you on our email list? More announcements can be found in our weekly
“This Week at St. Peter’s” email. Remember that you can also check
<https://www.stpetersplantcity.com/calendar> for up-to-date calendar listings.**

Take note:

- Pathfinders: Sundays February 18 – March 24 – Lenten Series led by Fr. Scott
- TruthWalkers: March 10 – NO Sunday School – Spring Break
 March 17 – Godly Play, Faces of Easter 5
- Week of 02/25/24: Income: \$1,703.40 Expenses: \$2,980.94
- Remember to RSVP for Engage Café by noon on Monday.
- Are you looking for something to “take on” during Lent? Please consider adding one of these ministries to your Lenten discipline: Laundry Love, Friends in the Park, The United Food Bank, Pastoral Care.
- The season of Easter, beginning on Easter Sunday, March 31st, through Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, is a perfect season for baptism. If you or a family member have been considering baptism, please contact the office regarding preparation and planning of the service.
- We look forward to the splendor of the altar decorated with the many beautiful flowers on Easter as we celebrate the rebirth of our Risen Lord. A donation toward Easter flowers is an opportunity to give thanks or remembrance for an event or loved one while adding beauty to the church at Easter. Envelopes for Easter Flower donations are located in the Narthex of the church and in the pews. They may be placed in the alms plate or taken to the church office. Checks should be payable to St. Peter’s Altar Guild. All envelopes and information must be turned in by Palm Sunday, March 24th to be listed in the Easter bulletin.

Please Pray For:

- Andres, Bernie, Bill, Betty, Bobbie, Carol, Charley, Chris, Christine, Cynthia, Daphne, David, Erick, Evelyn, Fred, Gene, Glen, Glenn, Heather, Janet, Jeff & Jule, John & Jane, Jonathan, Judy, Ken; Linda, Gabrielle & Nicolette; Marilyn, Mary Alice, Michelle, Millie, Presiding Bishop Curry, Priscilla & Robert, Richard, Sally, Sally, Sarah, Shirley, Thomas, People of the Middle East
- The victims of violence and injustice in our own country and around the world
- The recently departed: Gary Ham, Peter Bordwell
- Those celebrating birthdays: Alan Black 03/11, Denise Healy 03/12, Richard Nettles 03/12, George Kordek 03/13
- Those celebrating anniversaries: Joyce & Thomas Ludwick 03/16
- Clergy: Doug, Scott, Denise, John; and Staff: Sarah, Helen, Tony, Celeste
- St. Peter's Vestry: Carolyn, Cindy, Eda, Felix, Patti, Patty, Ron
- Search Committee: Christy, Lyn, Michael, Neal, Sue, Toni, Trey
- Members of our community serving in the armed forces:
Aden, Andrew, Brendan, Christopher, Dayna, Forrest, Kyle, Logan, Matt, Matthew, Nick, Paul, Robert, Scott, Timothy, Trace, Yasmine

Parish Administration:

Rector:

Priest in Residence: The Rev. Scott Nonken

Deacon: The Rev. Denise Healy

Parish Administrator: Sarah Dean

Director of Music Ministries: Helen Jones

Treasurer: Trey Stevens

Asst. Treasurers: Mary Alice Steinke, Sherlyn Eukovich

Sexton: Tony Wilson

Nursery Leader: Celeste Timmons-Johnson

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Ron Everett (Junior Warden), Cindy Gutowski,
Felix Haynes, Patty Linder (Clerk), Eda Snyder**



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