



ST. PETER'S
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Family Mass

10:30 am | March 29, 2026
Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Welcome to St. Peter's! From the moment you walk through these doors, you are part of our 136-year story. Many like you have come here before. Some seeking solace. Some seeking community. Some who are young. Some who are old. Some with deep faith. Some with deep doubt. Some who are here for a short time. Some who are here for their whole lives. Together, we are the saints of St. Peter's, and we share the story of this place.

It is Family Sunday! All families are welcome—large and small, families of birth and of choice. At St. Peter's, part of our mission is to “celebrate children and youth”, and Family Sunday is one way we do that. Today and every last Sunday of the month, children play an even greater role in our worship and our liturgy is adapted for younger participants

Restrooms are available in Bender Hall, through the north doors and down the ramp. There you will find individual restrooms on the left and men's and women's restrooms with changing tables through the second door and to your far right.



St. Peter's is equipped with a hearing loop for those using hearing aids.

This service is live streamed on YouTube. Please be aware you may be seen or heard by those worshipping with us online.

If you would like to learn more about St. Peter's or to have a prayerful conversation, please don't hesitate to reach out! You can find my contact information on the back of this leaflet. And again, welcome!

The Rev. Derek Larson, TSSF

The congregation gathers in the courtyard for the Liturgy of the Palms.

Liturgy of the Palms

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

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

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

When Jesus and his disciples came near Jerusalem, he went to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives and sent two of them on ahead. He told them, "Go into the next village, where you will at once find a donkey and her colt. Untie the two donkeys and bring them to me. If anyone asks why you are doing this, just say, 'The Lord needs them.' He will at once let you have the donkeys."

So God's promise came true, just as the prophet had said, "Announce to the people of Jerusalem: 'Your king is coming to you! He is humble and rides on a donkey. He comes on the colt of a donkey.'"

The disciples left and did what Jesus had told them to do. They brought the donkey and its colt and laid some clothes on their backs. Then Jesus got on. Many people spread clothes in the road, while others put down branches which they had cut from trees. Some people walked ahead of Jesus and others followed behind. They were all shouting, "Hooray for the Son of David!! God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hooray for God in heaven above!"

When Jesus came to Jerusalem, everyone in the city was excited and asked, "Who can this be?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks our Lord God.

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

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The palms are then blessed with holy water.

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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The ministers and congregation process to the church steps, ringing bells and making joyful noises!

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The ministers and congregation process into the church.

The congregation, both children and adults, is invited to worship through art, if desired, by drawing a picture of one of the Scripture readings for the day. At the offertory the art will be brought forth to adorn the altar for Communion. Clipboards and coloring utensils may be found at each entrance.

We Explore God's Word

All are invited to stand as the service begins

As we gather to pray, the first thing we do is praise God for goodness and love.

Hymn: All Glory, Laud and Honor (H1982 #154)

Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One. **Refrain**

The company of angels are praising thee on high;
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. **Refrain**

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present. **Refrain**

To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. **Refrain**

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. **Refrain**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

In this prayer called the "collect," the priest "collects" or "gathers" the themes of the lesson, the season, and the congregation.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Now we listen to the story and lessons of God and God's people in Scripture.

Think the same way that Christ Jesus thought:

Christ was truly God. But he did not try to remain equal with God. Instead he gave up everything and became a slave, when he became like one of us. Christ was humble. He obeyed God and even died on a cross. Then God gave Christ the highest place and honored his name above all others. So at the name of Jesus everyone will bow down, those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth. And to the glory of God the Father everyone will openly agree, "Jesus Christ is Lord!"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: Jesus Creed

D G A D

Je-sus said, "The first com mand-ment is this:___ Hear, O Is-ra-el: The

5 G A A(sus4) A7 G D

Lord our God is the on - ly Lord. Love the Lord your God___ with all_ your heart,

10 A Bm A G

___ with all_ your_ soul,___ with all_ your_ mind,___ and with all your strength.

13 D A G D A

___ The sec-ond is this:___ Love your neigh bor. as___ your self. There is___ no_

18 Bm A G A D

oth-er com mand ment great - er___ than. these.___ A - men.___

The Passion in Six Monologues

Presented by St. Peter's Children and Youth

Woman Who Anointed Jesus— Piper Stevens

Peter— Jack Johnson

Pilate— Elizabeth Lyle

Barabbas— Charlotte Weronik

Centurion— Jory Price

Mary, the Mother of Jesus— Rose Price

Standing Guard by Jesus— Phillip Weronik

Jesus—Lonnie Coston

The Gospel: Matthew 27:45-50

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

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

At noon the sky turned dark and stayed that way until three o'clock. Then about that time Jesus shouted, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?"

Some of the people standing there heard Jesus and said, "He's calling for Elijah." One of them at once ran and grabbed a sponge. He soaked it in wine, then put it on a stick and held it up to Jesus.

Others said, "Wait! Let's see if Elijah will come and save him." Once again Jesus shouted, and then he died.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

A profound silence is kept

Hymn: O Sacred Head Sore Wounded (H1982 #168)

O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded with mocking crown of thorn:
what sorrow mars thy grandeur? Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendor the hosts of heaven adore!

Thy beauty, long-desired, hath vanished from our sight;
thy power is all expired, and quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest, hide not so far thy grace:
show me, O Love most highest, the brightness of thy face.

In thy most bitter passion my heart to share doth cry,
with thee for my salvation upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved to stand thy cross beneath,
to mourn thee, well-beloved, yet thank thee for thy death.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(standing or kneeling, as able)

Now we pray to ask God to support our common life. We name all the things that are important to us, and especially those people in our families and communities that are in need.

Deacon Let us join together in prayer, out loud or quietly.

Leader First, we pray for our church family and all those who help us remember the love of Jesus. Who helps you remember the love of Jesus?

[Pause – say out loud or think quietly of those people, places, and things that show you God’s love.]

Leader We say, “Help us follow you, God.”

People **Help us follow you, God.**

Leader Second, we pray for all those in our communities who lead us and keep us safe. Who keeps you safe?

[Pause – say out loud or think quietly of those who keep you safe.]

Leader We say, “Give them wisdom, God.”

People **Give them wisdom, God.**

Leader Third, we pray for people or situations that make us feel worried, afraid, mad, or sad. What hurts your heart?

[Pause – say out loud or think quietly of things that make you worried, afraid, mad, or sad. Hold them up to God.]

Leader We say, “Help us, God.”

People **Help us, God.**

Leader Fourth, we pray for those we know who are sick or hurt, or who have ✠ died, especially Toni Andolino, and those on our parish prayer list. Who are you thinking of?

[Pause – say out loud or think quietly of the names of people—or animals—who are sick or hurt or who have died.]

Leader We say, “Give them strength, God.”

People **Give them strength, God.**

Leader Fifth, we say “thank you” to God for all the good things that happen in our lives. What are you thankful for today?

[Pause – say out loud or think quietly of things for which you want to say “thank you” to God]

Leader We say, “Thank you, God.”

People **Thank you, God.**

Celebrant God, hear and answer our prayers with your wisdom and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

Before we share communion, we greet one another with the sign of peace. You can shake hands, give high-fives, wave, hug, kiss, or simply say hello.

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.

THE OFFERTORY



The congregation is invited to offer gifts to God through the mission of St. Peter's. Our ushers will pass an offering basin for your gifts, or you may give online using the QR code to your left or on our website. Thank you for your ministry of giving.

Now we offer to God our love and service through art, money, bread, and wine. We place them on the altar as a gift to God.

Offertory Sentence:

I appeal to you, beloved, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
Romans 1 2:1

Offertory Anthem: O Come and Mourn – Hal Hopson
Neal Ward, Violin

At the doxology, the congregation is invited to come forward with their art to adorn the altar as an offering of their creativity and prayer.

Doxology *(please stand) all singing together*

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.

We Gather at God's Table

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Common Prayer, Additional Eucharistic Prayer One

At God's table, which is also called an altar, we pray a prayer of thanksgiving and remember all that God has done for us.

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.**

Celebrant Holy, holy, *People* **Holy!**

Celebrant It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe and filled your world with life.

Celebrant Holy, holy, *People* **Holy!**

Celebrant You sent us your Son Jesus Christ, who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Celebrant Holy, holy, *People* **Holy!**

Celebrant You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

All singing together (WLP, H858 Hymn tune: Land of Rest)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed ✠ is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me. ✠

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me. ✠

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Celebrant

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1938)

Celebrant Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and blood. Pour your Spirit on us ✠ that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honor and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

This part is called the "Epicicles," where we ask God to send the Holy Spirit upon the bread and wine and upon us, God's people.

All singing together (S146)

Amen

A - men. A - men. A - men.

Setting: McNeil Robinson II (b. 1943)

Celebrant And now, in the words that Jesus taught us, we are bold to say,

Lord's Prayer

G C D G C D

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav - en, hal-low-ed be thy Name, —
Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for give us our tres-pass - es,

9 Em D/F# G Am⁷ G D/F# 1. 3

thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav'n.
as we for-give — those — who tres pass a - gainst — us.

19 2. Am⁷ Bm⁷ C D

And lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us — from e - vil.

28 D(sus4) D G Gmaj7 G Am⁷

For thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry,

36 Am¹³ Am⁷ C Cmaj7 D D⁷ G(sus4) G(add2) G

for — ev - er and ev - er. A - men. —

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy up - on — us. us. O
Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins
of the world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant This is God's table. Jesus is the host. We are the guests.

✠ Share in God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

You are invited to receive communion this morning, an ancient practice intended for all baptized Christians, no matter your tradition. You may receive just the bread (which is full participation in the sacrament), or both the bread and the wine by sipping directly from the chalice. You may also receive by intinction, in which case the minister will dip the bread in the chalice for you. You may receive the bread in your hand or on your tongue.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

If you would prefer not to receive communion, you may also come forward and cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.

Communion Hymn: At the Name of Jesus (H1982 #435)

At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a Name
from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;
bore it up triumphant, with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death,
name with awe and wonder and with bated breath;
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshiped, trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true;
Crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour;
Let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
With his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

A FINAL PRAYER AND A BLESSING

All **Holy God, we thank you for being present here in the Communion we shared, and for this taste of your feast. We pray that you will be in our minds and hearts as we leave this place, showing us the best way to go and giving us the strength and courage to follow it. Amen.**

Deacon Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee.

People **And kneel before the Lord our maker.**

The people kneel as able. Silence is kept

Celebrant Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Invitation to Mission *Please be seated*

Some brief announcements for the mission of the church are offered.

Our Parish Mission *(Please stand)*

We, at St. Peter's, strive to be a welcoming Christian community of all ages that embodies God's word and sacraments, invites spiritual curiosity, celebrates children and youth, and embraces the world with God's Love.

Hymn: Were You There (H1982 #172)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

THE DISMISSAL – SENDING US INTO THE WORLD

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Ministers serving today:

Celebrant: The Rev. Derek Larson Deacon: The Rev. Denise Healy
Organist: Helen Jones St. Peter's Choir Neal Ward, Violin
Reader: Elizabeth Lyle
Crucifer: Trey Stevens Altar Guild
Acolytes: Rose Price, Barret Larson
Eucharistic Ministers: Christy Wilson, Neal Ward
Ushers: Maureen & Bruce Nichols

By the Numbers:

Last Sunday's Attendance (including 12 online): 112

Average Sunday Attendance in 2026: 117

Readings for next Sunday, April 5, 2026

Jeremiah 31:1-6, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 28:1-10

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:

- Join us for Family Sunday School in which we learn all about the days in Holy Week on a unicycle!
- Join us for Evensong Wednesday at 5:15 in the Church.
- Engage Café Wednesday at 5:30 in Bender Hall. RSVP by noon Monday.
- Envelopes for Easter Flower donations are in the narthex and in the pews. Checks should be made payable to St. Peter's Altar Guild. All envelopes and information must be turned in today, March 24, to be included in the Easter bulletin.
- Join us for a magnificent Easter Day breakfast at 9:00am followed by an Easter Egg hunt for children. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person or \$25 per family to support the day's festivities.
- Be sure to see TW@SP for our many Outreach opportunities.

Please Pray For:

- Alyssa, Amanda, Anthony, Belinda, Bernice, Betty, Bill, Bill, Bruce, Bud, Carol, Carolyn, Charley, Chris, Darlene, Daryll, David, David, Don, Dorothy, Drex, Ellie, Evelyn, Evon & Jason, Fred, Glenn, Gregg, Isabella, Jackie, James, Janet, Janice, Jeff, Jenna, Jimmie, John, John & Jane, Jonathan & Family, June & Don, Linda, Luke, Marilyn & Jim, Mary, Mary, Mary Katherine, Nora, Paulette, Priscilla & Robert, Richard, Rosemary, Sally, Sandra, Sarah, Shirley, Stephanie, Steve & Jennifer, Su, Susan, Susan, Susanne, Thomas, Tim, Tracey, Vernette
- Our Neighbors at Laundry Love and Friends in the Park
- The victims of violence and injustice in our own country and around the world.
- People of the Middle East
- The recently departed: Toni Andolino
- Those celebrating birthdays: Breanna Clark 03/25, Rosemary Pancake 03/31, Arthur Rawlins 04/01, Diana Weeks 04/02
- Those expecting a child and their families: LauraAnn Larson (5/26), Brittany Eukovich Wilhelm (5/26), Laura Booher Benton (7/26), Carley Sicignano (7/26)
- St. Peter's Vestry: Brian, Chris, Christy, Diana, Eda, Lindsay, Mark, Ron, Sandy
- Members of our community serving in the armed forces: Aden, Andrew, Austin, Brendan, Brandon, Brantley, Christopher, Conor, Dayna, Forrest, Kyle, Logan, Matt, Matthew, Nick, Robert, Scott, Timothy, Trace

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DID YOU FIND OUR CHURCH MICE?



St. Peter's has three resident mice clergy for our mouse congregation! Find all three and after mass tell Fr. Derek where they are for a cute sticker.