

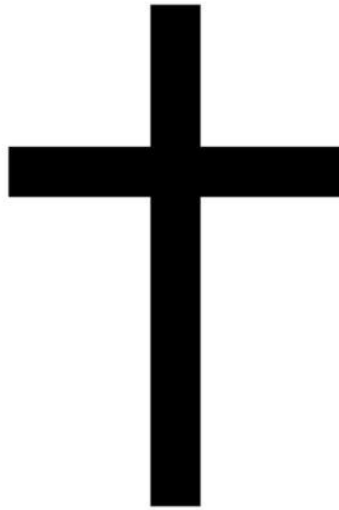
SAINT PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 28, 2025 | 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite II



Welcome to St. Peter's!

Our Mission: One body of transformation
embracing all people through Christ's love.

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us! All baptized Christians (any church) are invited to receive Holy Communion. We offer two options for receiving consecrated wine, the first is to dip the edge of the consecrated wafer you have received into the chalice; the second is to consume your wafer and then take a small sip from the chalice. Please choose the option you prefer. If you would simply prefer a blessing from a priest, indicate by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten free wafers are available; indicate your need to the priest.

In general we stand to sing, sit to listen, and kneel or stand to pray (though there are exceptions). Some people choose to bow at the cross as a sign of reverence for the grace it represents. Others make the sign of the cross on themselves as a way of uniting themselves to the words being said. The traditional times for making the sign of the cross are marked in the bulletin with a small cross (†). None of the externals are required and you will notice that some parishioners use them and others do not.

PRELUDE *Please listen quietly as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

At the sound of the bell please stand.

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Angels from the Realms of Glory

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider †Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LESSONS

The First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

Psalm 147:13-21 *Sung Responsorially*



13 Worship the LORD, O Jer- | usalem; *
 praise your God, O | Zion;
14 For he has strengthened the bars of your | gates; *
 he has blessed your children with- | in you.
**15 He has established peace on your | borders; *
 he satisfies you with the finest | wheat.**
**16 He sends out his command to the | earth, *
 and his word runs very | swiftly.**
17 He gives snow like | wool; *
 he scatters hoarfrost like | ashes.
18 He scatters his hail like | bread crumbs; *
 who can stand against his | cold?
**19 He sends forth his word and | melts them; *
 he blows with his wind, and the waters | flow.**
**20 He declares his word to | Jacob, *
 his statutes and his judgments to | Israel.**
21 He has not done so to any other | nation; *
 to them he has not revealed his judgments.
 Halle- | lujah!

The Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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The First Nowell

The Gospel

John 1:1-18

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Chuck Messer

(A brief period of silence follows the sermon)

NICENE CREED

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 III

Book of Common Prayer p. 387

THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

GREETINGS

OFFERTORY

If you'd like to make your offering online, please use this QR code:



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As the Offering is presented, the People stand and sing,

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST Prayer B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

Presider and People

Holy, holy, holy

See Insert

The people stand or kneel.

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,

Presider and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

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 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**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer p. 364

THE FRACTION

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Presider The gifts of God, For the people of God.

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Of the Father's Love Begotten

The People kneel or stand.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The People stand.

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THE DISMISSAL

Book of Common Prayer p. 366

POSTLUDE

Those Who Serve Today

Ushers:	Shelby Allison, Glenn Allison & Nathan Search
Lector:	Phyllis Grayson & Marion Mitchell
Chalice Bearer	Carolyn Foster & Shawn Dunham
Crucifer/Server:	Jack Forbes & Haddie Davis
Torchbearers:	Cameron Brooks & Sadie Chapman
VPOD:	Gayle McKee
Organist:	Carla Padgett
Celebrant:	The Rev. Chuck Messer
Preacher:	The Rev. Chuck Messer
Opener:	Tim Masters
Closer:	Brock Vaughn
Altar Guild:	Kathy Siegel, Charlotte McIlroy, Delores Smith & Karla McSwain
Technology Guild:	Zeb Forbes & Jack Forbes

Vestry: Tony Scalzitti—Sr. Warden, Tom Priddy—Jr. Warden,
Katie Kluttz, Alison Hitner, Martin Remick and Tony Scalzitti – '25 Debbie Cannada, Todd LaFrance, Shannon
Sports, Gayle McKee – '26 Nick Morse, Tom Priddy, Tim Wilkerson, Mary Wright – '27

Michael Coward—Treasurer, Holly Kraus—Clerk

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Prayer List of St. Peter's Parishioners

The clergy will verbally offer the names on the acute list weekly, and the names on our chronic list bi-weekly in hopes of keeping those for whom we pray in the awareness of our community members who may be able and willing to reach out with other expressions of love and care.

Parishioners preparing for/recovering from hospitalization/surgery or receiving regular therapy or hospice care.		Parishioners who are homebound, in skilled care, or experiencing chronic pain or limiting conditions.	
Barbara Bailey	Lauren Juarez	Meta Armstrong	Katherine Lumpkin-Leech
Teresa Burns	Sharon Kruse	Debbie Cannada	Gayle Meacham
Connie Clark	Bev Myatt	Wain Fallow	George Paszkiewicz
Terry Davidson	Judi Myers	Josie Harper	Ginny Tate
Don Ellis	John Perrow		Shirley Twiss
Franca George	Heather Saccamano		
Anne Gobbett	Finn Smith		
Sue Havens	Pam Smith		
Jim Huber	Olga Torres		
Sherry Hunt			

The Sanctuary Candle is given today by Sally & Pete Hansen to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary.