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Grace to you and Peace From God our Father and The Lord Jesus Christ"

Service Schedule

Sunday: The Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM

Church School at 10:00 AM

Seasonal Liturgies and Holy Days as announced

The Holy Eucharist

April 2, 2023

10:30 AM

Silent Meditation

Announcements

Prelude (Laying on of hands for healing)

The Liturgy of the Palms p. 270

When circumstances permit, the congregation may gather at a place apart from the church, so that all may go into the church in procession.

The branches of palm or of other trees or shrubs to be carried in the procession may be distributed to the people before the service, or after the prayer of blessing.

The following or some other suitable anthem is sung or said, the people standing

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

Here a Deacon or other person appointed reads one of the following

The Palm Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

The Celebrant then says the following blessing

Celebrant 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.

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 following or some other suitable anthem may then be sung or said

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

During the procession, all hold branches in their hands, and appropriate hymns, psalms, or anthems are sung, such as the hymn "All glory, laud, and honor" and Psalm 118:19-29.

At a suitable place, the procession may halt while the following or some other appropriate Collect is said

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.*

In the absence of a bishop or priest, the preceding service may be led by a deacon or lay reader.

At services on this day other than the principal celebration, suitable portions of the preceding may be used.

At the Eucharist

When the Liturgy of the Palms immediately precedes the Eucharist, the celebration begins with the Salutation and Collect of the Day

Let us pray.

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.*

Old Testament Isaiah 45:21-25, or Isaiah 52:13--53:12

Psalm 22:1-21 or 22:1-11

Epistle Philippians 2:5-11

The Passion Gospel is announced in the following manner

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

Year A Matthew 26:36--27:54(55-66) or 27:1-54(55-66)

Year B Mark 14:32--15:39(40-47) or 15:1-39(40-47)

Year C Luke 22:39--23:49(50-56) or 23:1-49(50-56)

The Passion Gospel may be read or chanted by lay persons. Specific role may be assigned to different persons, the congregation taking the part of the crowd.

The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (Matthew 27:33, Mark 15:22, Luke 23:33) all stand.

When the Liturgy of the Palms has preceded, the Nicene Creed and the Confession of Sin may be omitted at this service.

Preface of Holy Week

Blessing of the Palms

Distribution of the Palms

Choir Anthem **Cry Hosanna**

Palm Procession

Opening Hymn **154 (all verses) All glory, laud, and honor**

THE WORD OF GOD

Collect of the Day

Lesson *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how
to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear to listen
as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.
The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 31:9-16

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.
For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.
I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my
neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.
For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.
But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.
My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.”

Epistle *Romans 8:6-11*

Let the same mind be in you
that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven
and on earth
and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Hymn **167 (all verses) There is a green hill far
away**

The Holy Gospel *John 11:1-45*

One of the twelve,
who was called Judas Iscariot,
went to the chief priests and said,
“What will you give me if I betray him to you?”
They paid him thirty pieces of silver.
And from that moment

he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’ “ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, “Surely not I, Lord?” He answered, “The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.” Judas, who betrayed him, said, “Surely not I, Rabbi?” He replied, “You have said so.”

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

When they had sung the hymn,

they went out to the Mount of Olives.
Then Jesus said to them,
“You will all become deserters because of me this night;
or it is written,
‘I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’
But after I am raised up,
I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”
Peter said to him,
“Though all become deserters because of you,
I will never desert you.”
Jesus said to him, “Truly I tell you,
this very night, before the cock crows,
you will deny me three times.”
Peter said to him,
“Even though I must die with you,
I will not deny you.”
And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them
to a place called Gethsemane;
and he said to his disciples,
“Sit here while I go over there and pray.”
He took with him
Peter and the two sons of Zebedee,
and began to be grieved and agitated.
Then he said to them,
“I am deeply grieved, even to death;
remain here, and stay awake with me.”
And going a little farther,
he threw himself on the ground and prayed,
“My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me;
yet not what I want but what you want.”
Then he came to the disciples
and found them sleeping;
and he said to Peter,
“So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?
Stay awake and pray
that you may not come into the time of trial;
the spirit indeed is willing,
but the flesh is weak.”

Again he went away for the second time and prayed,
“My Father,
if this cannot pass unless I drink it,
your will be done.”
Again he came and found them sleeping,
for their eyes were heavy.
So leaving them again, he went away
and prayed for the third time,
saying the same words.
Then he came to the disciples and said to them,
“Are you still sleeping and taking your rest?
See, the hour is at hand,
and the Son of Man is betrayed
into the hands of sinners.
Get up, let us be going.
See, my betrayer is at hand.”

While he was still speaking, Judas,
one of the twelve, arrived;
with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs,
from the chief priests and the elders of the people.
Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,
“The one I will kiss is the man;
arrest him.”
At once he came up to Jesus and said,
“Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.
Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you are here to do.”
Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him.
Suddenly, one of those with Jesus
put his hand on his sword,
drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest,
cutting off his ear.
Then Jesus said to him,
“Put your sword back into its place;
for all who take the sword
will perish by the sword.
Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father,
and he will at once send me
more than twelve legions of angels?
But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled,
which say it must happen in this way?”

At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,
“Have you come out with swords and clubs
to arrest me as though I were a bandit?
Day after day I sat in the temple teaching,
and you did not arrest me.
But all this has taken place,
so that the scriptures of the prophets
may be fulfilled.”
Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus
took him to Caiaphas the high priest,
in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered.
But Peter was following him at a distance,
as far as the courtyard of the high priest;
and going inside, he sat with the guards
in order to see how this would end.
Now the chief priests and the whole council
were looking for false testimony
against Jesus so that they might put him to death,
but they found none,
though many false witnesses came forward.
At last two came forward and said,
“This fellow said,
‘I am able to destroy the temple of God
and to build it in three days.’ “
The high priest stood up and said,
“Have you no answer?
What is it that they testify against you?”
But Jesus was silent.
Then the high priest said to him,
“I put you under oath before the living God,
tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”
Jesus said to him,
“You have said so.
But I tell you,
From now on you will see the Son of Man
seated at the right hand of Power
and coming on the clouds of heaven.”
Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,
“He has blasphemed!

Why do we still need witnesses?
You have now heard his blasphemy.
What is your verdict?"
They answered, "He deserves death."
Then they spat in his face and struck him;
and some slapped him, saying,
Prophecy to us, you Messiah!
Who is it that struck you?"

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard.
A servant-girl came to him and said,
"You also were with Jesus the Galilean."
But he denied it before all of them, saying,
"I do not know what you are talking about."
When he went out to the porch,
another servant-girl saw him,
and she said to the bystanders,
"This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."
Again he denied it with an oath,
"I do not know the man."
After a little while the bystanders came up
and said to Peter,
"Certainly you are also one of them,
for your accent betrays you."
Then he began to curse,
and he swore an oath,
"I do not know the man!"
At that moment the cock crowed.
Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:
"Before the cock crows,
you will deny me three times."
And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came,
all the chief priests and the elders of the people
conferred together against Jesus
in order to bring about his death.
They bound him, led him away,
and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer,

saw that Jesus was condemned,
he repented
and brought back the thirty pieces of silver
to the chief priests and the elders.
He said,
“I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.”
But they said,
“What is that to us?
See to it yourself.”
Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple,
he departed;
and he went and hanged himself.
But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,
“It is not lawful to put them into the treasury,
since they are blood money.”
After conferring together,
they used them to buy the potter’s field
as a place to bury foreigners.
For this reason that field
has been called the Field of Blood to this day.
Then was fulfilled
what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah,
“And they took the thirty pieces of silver,
the price of the one on whom a price had been set,
on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price,
and they gave them for the potter’s field,
as the Lord commanded me.”

Now [Jesus stood before the governor;
and the governor asked him,
“Are you the King of the Jews?”
Jesus said, “You say so.”
But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders,
he did not answer.
Then Pilate said to him,
“Do you not hear how many accusations
they make against you?”
But he gave him no answer,
not even to a single charge,
so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted.

At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas.

So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

“Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.”

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed.

The governor again said to them,

“Which of the two do you want me to release for you?”

And they said, “Barabbas.”

Pilate said to them,

“Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

All of them said,

“Let him be crucified!”

Then he asked,

“Why, what evil has he done?”

But they shouted all the more,

“Let him be crucified!”

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water

and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

“I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”

Then the people as a whole answered,

“His blood be on us and on our children!”

So he released Barabbas for them;

and after flogging Jesus,
he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor
took Jesus into the governor's headquarters,
and they gathered the whole cohort around him.
They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,
and after twisting some thorns into a crown,
they put it on his head.

They put a reed in his right hand
and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,
"Hail, King of the Jews!"

They spat on him,
and took the reed and struck him on the head.
After mocking him,
they stripped him of the robe
and put his own clothes on him.
Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out,
they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon;
they compelled this man to carry his cross.
And when they came to a place called Golgotha
(which means Place of a Skull),
they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall;
but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.
And when they had crucified him,
they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots;
then they sat down there and kept watch over him.
Over his head they put the charge against him, which read,
"This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him,
one on his right and one on his left.
Those who passed by derided him,
shaking their heads and saying,
"You who would destroy the temple
and build it in three days,
save yourself!
If you are the Son of God,
come down from the cross."

In the same way the chief priests also,
along with the scribes and elders,
were mocking him, saying,
“He saved others;
he cannot save himself.
He is the King of Israel;
let him come down from the cross now,
and we will believe in him.
He trusts in God; let God deliver him now,
if he wants to;
for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’ “
The bandits who were crucified with him
also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon.
And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,
“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is,
“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
When some of the bystanders heard it,
they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.”
At once one of them ran and got a sponge,
filled it with sour wine,
put it on a stick,
and gave it to him to drink.
But the others said,
“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”
Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice
and breathed his last.
At that moment the curtain of the temple
was torn in two, from top to bottom.
The earth shook, and the rocks were split.
The tombs also were opened,
and many bodies of the saints
who had fallen asleep were raised.
After his resurrection they came out of the tombs
and entered the holy city and appeared to many.
Now when the centurion and those with him,
who were keeping watch over Jesus,
saw the earthquake and what took place,
they were terrified and said,

“Truly this man was God’s Son!”]

Many women were also there,
looking on from a distance;
they had followed Jesus from Galilee
and had provided for him.
Among them were Mary Magdalene,
and Mary the mother of James and Joseph,
and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening,
there came a rich man from Arimathea,
named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus.
He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus;
then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.
So Joseph took the body
and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth
and laid it in his own new tomb,
which he had hewn in the rock.
He then rolled a great stone
to the door of the tomb and went away.
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there,
sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation,
the chief priests and the Pharisees
gathered before Pilate and said,
“Sir, we remember what that impostor
said while he was still alive,
‘After three days I will rise again.’
Therefore command the tomb
to be made secure until the third day;
otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away,
and tell the people,
‘He has been raised from the dead,’
and the last deception
would be worse than the first.”
Pilate said to them,
“You have a guard of soldiers;
go, make it as secure as you can.”
So they went with the guard

and made the tomb secure
by sealing the stone.

Sermon

Prayers of the People

Intercessor Come from the four winds, O God, and as we journey to the cross and Easter, breathe new life into our bones and hear our voice, as we pray for the Church and the world, saying, **Hear our prayer.**

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that the life and resurrection of Christ may shine through us and fill us with hope and peace, we pray to you, O God. **Hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that our faith in Christ will transform our fears into hope, selfishness into love, and deaths into new life, we pray to you, O God. **Hear our prayer.**

For all who daily confront the death-dealing forces of our society, that they may bring the light of Christ to those struggling with the darkness of abuse, addictions, violence or disease, and find healing and hope, we pray to you, O God. **Hear our prayer.**

For those who live in places of conflict and war, that God will turn hearts from violence, protect them from further harm, and heal the wounds of body, mind, and spirit, we pray to you, O God. **Hear our prayer.**

For ourselves and for all those in need of our prayers, especially those listed in our bulletin, that we may feed on the bread of life and not the bread of anxiety, we pray to you, O God. ***Hear our prayer.***

For those who mourn the death of loved ones, that they may know the compassionate presence of Christ in their lives, we pray to you, O God. ***Hear our prayer.***

In the communion of blessed Mary, the God-bearer and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, to Christ our God. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

Celebrant *Blessed are you, God of abundant life, who called your Son from the grave. Receive the prayers we offer this day and grant us a share in his work to bring healing, hope and reconciliation to all the earth, through him in whom we live and move and have our being, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Silence

Parish Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God. Make our Parish of St. Peter's truly a community of prayer. Raise up in our midst the resources and leadership, which will enable us to act upon what you would have us do, in this place and in a ministry of love and concern for others. Open our hearts and minds to discern what you would have us do, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

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

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences on page 376, or with some other sentence of Scripture.

During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The image shows two systems of musical notation. The first system consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff. The second system also consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp and a 4/4 time signature. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff. The music concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C **p. 369**

In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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,

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who are 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.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as is 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 thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

*In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during
Easter Season.*

*In place of, or in addition to, the preceding, some other suitable anthem may
be used.*

In unison

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

or with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

During the ministration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn 474 (all verses) When I survey the wondrous cross

When necessary, the Celebrant consecrates additional bread and wine, using the form on page 408.

Silent Meditation

Post communion Prayer **p. 366**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant 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 Prayers and Thanksgivings-Prayers for the World, For the Human Family

O, God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lenten Prayer Over the People

The Dismissal

Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

From the Easter Vigil through the Day of Pentecost "Alleluia, alleluia" may be added to any of the dismissals.

The People respond Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Closing Hymn 168 (all verses) O sacred head, sore wounded

Ill, Infirm, In Need

Fr. Frank Sefchick, Dr. Christopher Falvello, Louis Reichart, Christine Zellner, Andrea Parsons, Mary Kistler, Sean Parsons, Jeremy Bragalone, and Don Keyser.

April Bulletins

are given by Bonnie & Don Keyser in

Thanksgiving for our congregation at St. Peter's.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

This week we remember those celebrating Birthdays including Ida Smith, Alan Bragalone, Jillian Hutton, and Don Keyser.

Today's Altar Candle

The Altar candle is lit by Pamela Arnold Vail in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Arnold and Annalee Stewart

Daughters of the King

Will meet at the side altar every Sunday after service for anyone who wishes extra prayers

Sunday Service Participants	
Lector 1	Sharon Tripodi
Lector 2	Bruce Smith
Acolytes	Mike Green, Jeremy Bragalone
Chalice Bearer	George Roskos
Ushers	Ida & Bruce Smith
Altar Guild	Becky Paletski, Andrea Parsons, Susan Gallagher
Coffee Hour (This Week)	Palm Sunday—Eileen & Danny Cook
Coffee Hour (Next Week)	Easter-No Coffee Hour

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign-up sheet in Parish Hall for

Maundy Thursday Services.

We need volunteers to have their feet washed as well as hourly volunteers for the Vigil Service after 8pm until Midnight.

Easter Week Church Services

Maundy Thursday April 6th at 7pm

****Vigil Services until midnight on Maundy Thursday****

Good Friday April 7th: Stations of the Cross at Noon

Service at 7pm

Easter Service April 9th at 10:30am

Bring bells to ring every time Alleluia is said.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNER

TAKEOUT ONLY

SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2023

DINNER INCLUDES SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS,
TOSSED SALAD, BREAD, AND A DESSERT FOR \$12.

**PREORDERS ONLY BY APRIL 13 BY CALLING OUR
OFFICE AT 570-454-6543**

Rummage Sale

Thursday May 4th and Friday May 5th

Easter Lilies—\$10 each; orders due by April 2nd.

Envelopes are located at the back of the church
as well as our office.

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Help is needed with laundering and ironing for

Altar Guild; 2 or 3 SMALL cloths each week.

Guidance on laundering, ironing, and folding will be given.

Please contact Becky at 570-956-2061

if interested! Thank you!

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Our Sunday School will be creating and distributing Personal Care Baskets for residents at The Laurels by the end of April as their Spring Mission Project.

We are looking for donations to help offset the costs. There will be a sign-up sheet for those interested in helping construct and distribute the baskets

later in the month. Thank You!

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Check the Coffee Hour List for the upcoming year and adjust to fit your schedules.

If you're new to St. Peter's but wish to include

your birthday and/or anniversary, please see the
lists in the Parish Hall!

Empty Bowls

All proceeds to benefit ELCA World Hunger Appeal

Saturday April 16, 2023 from 12p-2p

Christ Lutheran Church 210 W. Green St. Hazleton

Cost is \$5/child and \$10/adult.

Please call 570-454-3542 for more info

Eat In or Take Out

Tickets can be purchased in the Gathering Place

About the Readings

Mission statement

“Sharing God’s Love, Compassion, Justice, and Mercy”

We welcome newcomers and visitors in the Sacred Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. At St. Peter’s, we cherish the Good News of Salvation as contained in the Scriptures and proclaim the Lordship and Authority of Jesus Christ over all creation. You will find caring Christian community and fellowship with those who love and seek to do the Will of God and minister in His Name. Please join us after Worship for coffee hour and make yourself known to Fr. Don

In the Episcopal Church, all Baptized Christians are welcomed at the Lord’s Table. The Lord Jesus Christ calls sinners to turn Heart, Mind, Body and Soul to Him for renewal as we feed on His Broken Body and Shed Blood offered for our Salvation.

Sacramental instructions for Weddings & Baptisms, Administration of the Sacrament, and setting dates & times are arranged in consultation with the Rector.

PASTORAL CARE: Visitations to Hospitals, Nursing Homes and the Homebound will be shared by the Rector, Curate and Deacon. Please be sure to call the Parish Office or the Rectory numbers with information about hospitalizations and requests for visitations.

If you are new to St. Peter's or just visiting and would like more information about our church history, our ministries or our worship services, Fr. Don, George Roskos, Sr. Warden or vestry members would welcome your questions.

Narcotics Anonymous Recovery Meetings "It works if you work it!"

Miracle Group: Mondays 7p-8:15p

You Are Not Alone: Thursdays & Saturdays 7p-8p