THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 14, 2021
CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST – 8:00 and 10:30 A.M.

*The Service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.*

Prelude: Sonata in A Major, Op. 65, No. 3
I. Con moto maestoso
II. Andante tranquillo

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

THE WORD OF GOD

Introit *Laetare* Plainsong, Mode 4

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her; sing out in exultation, all you who mourn for her, that you may suck and be satisfied by her consoling breasts. I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord.

– cf. Isaiah 66, Psalm 122

Opening Sentences

*Priest:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
*People:* God’s mercy endures for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

*Priest:* 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.
The music in this service is sung by a cantor only. Please pray the words silently.
The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Priest: 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 Lessons

Lector: A Reading from The Book of Numbers. (4:13-25)

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.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Lector: Let us recite, in unison, the appointed portion of Psalm 107.

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Hymn 690: “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side;
songs of praises, I will ever give to thee.

— William Williams (1717–1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722–1796), alt.
Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (3:14-21)

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.”


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Reverend Kelly Carlson

The Nicene Creed

Lector: Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: 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

Deacon: Our compassionate and yet all-powerful God has called us to repentance. May our prayers, fasting, study, and self-examination assist us in coming before God with pure hearts and minds. Today is the acceptable time; let us pray, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For all Christians, that embracing their Lenten discipline with joy, the cross of Christ may be their banner and the pledge of resurrection their hope, we pray:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For those preparing for baptism and confirmation, that their observance of the Lenten season strengthens their resolve to receive and embrace God’s gift of new life, we pray:

People: Lord, have mercy.
Lector: For all churches, that Lent be a time of repentance for sins against the unity of the body of Christ; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Deon, our Bishop; for Kelly and Shug, our clergy; and for the members of our parish staff, that they may follow Christ as they seek to serve in his name, we pray:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, we pray:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For this assembly, that as we celebrate our union with Christ we may not grow weary of proclaiming his saving death and resurrection to the whole world, we pray:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For the sick and the suffering, especially those afflicted by COVID-19 and Virginie Brightman, Janine Brown, Dick Colantuono, Paul Hmiel, Jen Schafer, and Karmen Selby, that they may receive the consolation of knowing the love of their crucified Savior and its healing power, we pray:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Lector: For all who have died, especially John Thomas Elmore, Jr. and Beate Sagawe, that they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: O God, as you called the Israelites to repent of their sins, so now you call us to prayer, fasting, study, and self-examination in repentance for wandering from you. Never let us lose our way, and guide us during our Lenten journey, that we arrive at Easter morning ready once more to celebrate our passage with Christ from death to life, from despair to hope, trusting in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
The Confession

_Deacon:_ Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. _kneel_

_All:_ 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 Absolution

_Priest:_ 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.

Exchanging the Peace

_Priest:_ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

_People:_ And also with you.

_We invite you to extend the peace of God to others – in person, via social media, or simply in your heart._

Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

During this time when we cannot safely pass the offertory plates, please make your offering as you come up to receive Holy Communion.

Priest: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God.

Anthem (from Four Hymns) Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Come love, come Lord, and that long day
For which I languish, come away,
When this dry soul those eyes shall see
And drink the unseal’d source of Thee,
When glory’s sun faith’s shades shall chase,
Then for Thy veil give me Thy face.

– Richard Crashaw (1612/3–1649)

The Presentation (said by all) stand

Priest: All things come of thee, O Lord;
People: And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Priest: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:
Priest: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

Priest:  
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord’s Prayer  

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

All:  
**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.  

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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.

Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei  
Plainsong, Mode 2; Mass 12; adapt. Bruce E. Ford

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God,

you take away the sins of the world: have mercy
on us. Lamb of God, you take away

the sins of the world: grant us peace.
Administration of the Sacrament

While we celebrate the Eucharist with both bread and wine, currently we receive in bread only, which is full participation. Please tell the clergy if you require gluten-free bread.

When an usher invites your pew, please come forward, drop your offering in the offertory plate if you choose, use the hand sanitizer, and move to receive communion from Kelly or Shug, observing the floor markers to maintain social distancing.

To receive without physical contact, place one hand on top of the other, palms open.
Please consume the host when you have returned to your seat.

Crossing your arms over your chest will let the clergy know you would like to receive a blessing but not the sacrament.

If you are worshipping virtually and unable to physically partake of the sacrament, we invite you to make your communion by praying the following prayer, adapted from the prayer of St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

Beloved Jesus,
We believe that you are truly present in the sacrament of the altar.
We long for you in our souls,
to know that we are in you and that you are in us.
Though physically isolated from your altar and the sacrament of your Body and Blood,
We receive you into our hearts and the depths of our being.
United with you, help us know that our lives are hid with you, O Christ, in the heart of God. Amen.
Hymn 620: “Jerusalem, my happy home”

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 blessèd 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!

— F. B. P. (ca. 16th cent.), alt.

Offering of Monetary Gifts

Priest: All things come of thee, O Lord;
People: And of thine own have we given thee.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Priest: Let us pray.
All: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Please remain seated in your pew until an usher invites you to exit through the narthex. We hope you can take a few moments to catch up with friends and fellow worshippers on the front drive or in the garden following the service. It’s been too long!

Coffee Hour on the front lawn after both services begins on March 28th!

The altar greens are given to the glory of God.

Those serving in worship today:

Presider: The Rev. Kelly Carlson
Deacon: The Rev. Shug Goodlow
Viola: Mark Pye
Organist: David Sinden
Cantor: DeWayne Trainer, tenor
Lectors: Bud Wilson, Doris Goodlow
Bonnie Freeland, Jane Gilbert
Ushers: Tony Randazzo, Rich Huck,
Mike Newport, Didi Noelker, Bruce Mardis
Altar Guild: DeWayne Trainer, Susan Schettler
Webcast: Jacquelyn VanWeelden

Music Notes: One year after composing his Five Mystical Songs, English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams wrote Four Hymns scored for tenor, viola, and piano. Vaughan Williams’s selection of and sensitivity to excellent sacred poetry make these works equally as compelling as their better-known larger scale counterpart. In the third Hymn, “Come love, Come Lord”, Christopher Palmer notes that Vaughan Williams “breathes that spirit of mystical remoteness later to inform (on a wider canvas) A Pastoral Symphony”.

The Hymnal 1982 is a versatile book for congregational singing, but even when a congregation is prohibited from singing together, there is much music that is easily sung by a cantor. Music from the plainsong tradition (Gregorian chant) is particularly well suited to being sung by a solo voice.

The Kyrie comes from Missa Orbis Factor (Mass XI), an anonymous plainsong Mass setting that was likely based on the devotional hymn “Orbis factor, rex aeternae eleison” (“Creator of the world, Eternal King, have mercy”). In the Hymnal 1982, it is provided with an accompaniment by David Hurd. Hurd’s contributions in the hymnal are
numerous and wide-ranging. One of Hurd’s hymn tunes, *Julion*, was recorded on the St. Peter’s Choir’s recent CD *Longing for Home* (Regent Records).

The Sanctus has been adapted from the historic Latin chant of Mass XII (sometimes called “*Pater Cuncta*”) by Bruce E. Ford. An accompaniment has been provided by Richard Proulx, an influential composer and editor of church music who lived in Chicago. Proulx was a consultant on the Hymnal 1982. This particular piece of service music (S 364) is not included in the pew edition of the Hymnal, but is in the Service Music appendix. His adaptation is copyright © 1985 Bruce E. Ford, and reprint/podcast permission is sought in conjunction with this usage under OneLicense #A-722743.

Bruce E. Ford remains active as an editor of plainsong for the Episcopal church. His *American Gradual* is widely used in Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches. The new edition of this work, *The American Gradual 2020*, marries contemporary English words to a more historic, conventional 4-line staff notation. It is from this marvelous new resource that we sing the proper Introits for these services.

In his Third Organ Sonata, Felix Mendlessohn incorporates the German chorale melody “Aus tiefer Not” (“From deepest woe I cry to thee”; Hymn 151). The chorale melody and words were written by Martin Luther – a paraphrase of Psalm 130. The Sonata is a study in contrast, with its opening triumphant material and the appearance of the minor Lenten chorale melody in the midst of a four-voice fugue. This movement is followed a gentle, introspective “Andante tranquillo,” the second and final movement of this Sonata.

**PRAYER LIST**

*For Parishioners:* Janine Brown, Paul Hmiel, and Jen Schafer.
*For Family and Friends:* Virginie Brightman, Dick Colantuono, and Karmen Selby.
*For the Faithful Departed:* John Thomas Elmore, Jr. and Beate Sagawe.
*For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces:* Zach Greata and Matt Robinson.
*For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers:* Donna Brookman, Elizabeth Clarke, Kathryn Dewein, Bettie Lou Evans, Patty Hecker, Taffy Hoos, Steve Kohlbry, Ann Lilly, Bill McMahon, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Steven Minton, Missy Moppins, Linda Morotz, Signe Myles, Lucy Rise, Jeffrey Rixleben, Jane St. John, Greyson Schnoebelen, Carl Schuldt, Colleen Starkloff, Julie Stephenson, Henry Thompson, John Walters, Scott Weaver, Richelle Weisbrod, Rolla Wetzel, Dick Williams, Justin Williamson, Joey Wilson, Susie Yoder, and Helen Yount.
TODAY…

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US! – Whether you are worshipping from the nave or from home today, we are glad you are with us to offer thanks and praise to God! If you would like to attend worship in person next Sunday, please remember to register online. To do so, use the link on our website homepage or in News from the Rock. The online system will be able to accept your registration as early as Noon today. If you do not have access to the internet, call (314) 993-2306 ext 116 and leave a message letting us know which service you would like to attend. Please visit our website, stpeterseiscopal.org, for more information about worshipping in person during the pandemic.

ST. PETER’S COFFEE HOUR: THERE’S A LATTE GOING ON AT ST. PETER’S – It is the second Sunday of the month, the day to join our Director of Communications, Jacquelyn VanWeelden, to learn about what’s happening at St. Peter’s. Come find out about our return to indoor in-person worship and our plans for Easter! After you brew your cuppa to join Jacquelyn at 9:15 a.m., just click on the Zoom link in Friday’s News from the Rock.

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL – Everyone is invited to join Children’s Chapel on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom. You DO NOT have to have a child to participate! This is a wonderful service where everyone can grow in their relationship with Christ. The Zoom link is in Friday’s News from the Rock. For questions, please reach out to Annie at aknapp@stpeterseiscopal.org.

SUNG COMPLINE IN LENT – The St. Peter’s Choir is offering a sung service of Compline (night prayer) at 8:30 p.m. on Sundays in Lent. All Compline services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel: (https://www.youtube.com/c/stpeterseiscopalchurch). Tonight’s service may be found at http://bit.ly/ComplineLent4

HAVE YOU ACCEPTED THE LENTEN CHALLENGE OF 40 CANS IN 40 DAYS?

Send Jacquelyn or Annie a photo of your ever-growing tower of food for Trinity Food Pantry!
THIS WEEK…

WOMAN’S GUILD – Set aside some time for a bit of laughter and to catch up with one another! Join us each Tuesday for great conversation via Zoom at 2:00 p.m. The link is provided in your weekly Guild email and Friday’s News from the Rock.

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER – Come to St. Peter’s on Wednesday mornings to soak up the beauty and peace provided by our main sanctuary, any time between 10:00 a.m. and Noon. The wearing of masks and social distancing are observed.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY – Join in our Lenten study of the Book of Deuteronomy. We meet every Friday at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom. Email Kelly for the link at kcarlson@stpetersepiscopal.org, or find it in Friday’s News from the Rock.

PRAYER GROUP – The prayer group is scheduled to meet on Fridays at 10:00-11:30 a.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sally Lemkemeier at (314) 614-4321.

UPCOMING EVENTS…

LIVING TRADITION – An ongoing series that explores the music and liturgy at St. Peter’s. Please note the new date for the presentation by Bruce Ryder, and a next week’s conversation about the Hymnal 1982. Links for all sessions of the Living Tradition series are at http://livingtradition.online.

- Five Things You Should Know About the Hymnal 1982 – Episcopalians have been very familiar with our denominational hymnal since its publication. David Sinden leads this quick tour of five things you should know about this well-loved book on Sunday, March 21 at 1:30 p.m. No hymnal required!
- “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”: The Life and Times of Thomas Ken – One of the most frequently sung texts in worship at St. Peter’s is the Doxology (“Praise God from whom all blessings flow”). The author of these familiar words is the Anglican bishop and hymnwriter Thomas Ken. Despite the ubiquity of this hymn stanza, Bishop Ken himself has fallen somewhat into obscurity. On April 11 at 1:30 p.m., come hear from parishioner and Choir member Bruce Ryder, as he shares his research into the life and times of this widely-sung author.
SPRING CLEAN UP – Please join us for a morning of tidying our church grounds in preparation for on-site worship services during Holy Week! If you are able to help with an hour or two of outdoor cleaning, please join us on Saturday, March 27, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Any amount of time would be appreciated. Bring your work gloves and garden tools to help beautify our church. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Thank you!

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE – Please join us, in person or at home, for worship in the week of our Lord’s Passion (reservations required for all in-person services):

- Palm Sunday, March 28: Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
- Maundy Thursday, April 1: Holy Eucharist and the Stripping of the Altar at 5:30 p.m.
- Good Friday, April 2: Liturgy at Noon, with communion from the reserved sacrament.

EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE – St. Peter’s has joyous plans for celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord! Please join us, in person or at home, for the worship service (or services!) that will work best for you (pre-registration is required for all in-person services):

**Saturday, April 3:** Easter Vigil with the first Eucharist of Easter at 7:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunday, April 4:**
- Sunrise Eucharist in the Columbarium/Garden at 6:15 a.m. (our only outdoor service)
- Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist at 4:00 p.m., followed immediately by an Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn (while this service will be designed for families with children, all are welcome and invited to attend).

REGISTER ONLINE TO ATTEND HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES IN PERSON BEGINNING MARCH 21ST

HOLY BAPTISM – Has the pandemic kept you waiting to schedule a baptism for your son or daughter? Here are upcoming baptismal dates at St. Peter’s (at the 10:30 a.m. service): April 11, May 23, August 8, and November 7. To learn more, please contact Kelly at kcarlson@stpeterseiscopl.org.
#GIVELIKECHARLIE BLOOD DRIVE – With the arrival of spring (and the thrill of being together in person!) also comes the third annual #givelikecharlie #livelikecharlie blood drive at St. Peter’s! This drive was created in May of 2019 to honor and remember one of our parishioners, Charlie Gillis, who was killed in a car accident in September of 2018. Charlie was a believer in “the other fellow first” and lived this motto to its fullest in his 20 short years. Our first drive was a tremendous success and last year’s “virtual” blood drive was a great alternative, but we are back in person and we are looking for people to show up and GIVE LIKE CHARLIE! Please consider donating blood and sign up through the American Red Cross. This year’s drive is on May 3, 2021, 12 noon - 6 pm. Help us fill ALL the time slots and #givelikecharlie!

GET INVOLVED, STAY CONNECTED…

COME SERVE WITH US - As we begin to return to church and our new “normal” of worshipping together, we invite all parishioners to explore the many opportunities to get more involved in the life of our parish. Serving on Sunday, furthering the mission of committee, or planning events is a great way to meet new people and make church feel like home. When you serve, you make a difference. We are currently recruiting for Lectors/Ushers/Altar Guild, the Stewardship Committee, and parish event planning. Please visit http://stpetersepiscopal.org/serve/opportunities-to-serve for more information on various serving opportunities, or contact Janet Rouse, Director of Stewardship and Parish Life at janetr@specstl.org to get started. Whether you are looking to help with worship services, parish life, or outreach, there is a place for everyone!

LOG IN TO REALM! Having an active Realm login will help with reserving your spot for upcoming indoor worship services. You can also search the parish directory, check on giving history, and peruse groups to join. If you are having trouble, or have not set up your Realm login yet, contact Jacqueelyn at jacquelyn@specstl.org

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED - Please check the parish website www.stpetersepiscopal.org, and while you’re there, sign up to receive the weekly News from the Rock for the latest about worship services, virtual programming, and our work as the church when our doors are still mostly closed but our hearts remain open.
SPRING LEARNING AT HOME KITS – Register to receive a box of Learning at Home materials for the season of Easter! You will receive crafts, games, Bible stories, and other activities to explore with your family at your own pace. These kits are designed to be inter-generational (for children, youth, and adults) and will have a different theme. There is no charge for these resources. Kits will be ready to distribute at the beginning of each season (2 total). For questions, please reach out to Annie at aknapp@stpetersepiscopal.org.
To register, please fill out the form: [https://forms.gle/B62aCM6K2NAXGyN7](https://forms.gle/B62aCM6K2NAXGyN7).

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE – Please keep the members of our Search Committee and all our candidates in your prayers as they discern a calling for our next rector.

ST. PETER’S CHORISTERS – The Director of Music is also convening young singers on Tuesdays and Friday afternoons via Zoom. For more information, please email dsinden@stpetersepiscopal.org.

All young people (around age 7 and up) are warmly invited to take part in Songs and Stories, St. Peter’s virtual Chorister training program for the year. Episodes of Songs and Stories are now available to view at [http://songsandstories.online](http://songsandstories.online).

ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES – There are numerous books and films on anti-racism to spark good conversation with children of all ages, as well as adults. A list of resources, as well as steps for action are posted to our website. Go to [stpetersepiscopal.org/antiracism](http://stpetersepiscopal.org/antiracism).

ST. PETER’S CARES

Need a ride, a meal or a prayer?
St. Peter’s has a ministry that can help – that’s St. Peter’s Cares!
Leave a voicemail or email (314-993-2306, ext. 125 or shepherd@stpetersepiscopal.org) and a Shepherd will contact you within 24 hours.
Easter Flowers

We are very excited to begin collecting flower thanksgivings and remembrances to beautify the sanctuary for Easter! Your offering will be added to the $1,275 collected for 2020 Easter flowers that never came to be to help make the joy of Easter beautifully visible for all who worship inside the building and virtually from home on Easter Day 2021. You may make your offering through the parish website (www.stpetersepiscopal.org/give/ and click on Online Giving and Payments), or by completing this form and submitting it to the Church Office with your check, marked for “Easter Flowers”. The address, if you choose to return it by mail, is: 110 N. Warson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63124.

If you would like your thanksgiving or remembrance to appear in the Easter service booklet, all offering information must be received by Monday, March 29th. Easter Flowers offerings received after that deadline are appreciated, and will still be designated for flowers, but it may not be possible to include your thanksgiving or remembrance in the Easter booklet due to printing deadlines. Thank you!

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