



## The Baptism of Our Lord

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:  
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
HOLY BAPTISM & SPIRITUAL COMMUNION  
January 10, 2021**

*Our weekly Sunday worship service will be available  
beginning at 8:00 a.m. each Sunday, at [www.stpetersepiscopal.org](http://www.stpetersepiscopal.org)  
or via our Facebook page, [facebook.com/specstl](https://facebook.com/specstl).*

**Words of Welcome**

*While our buildings are closed, our hearts remain open.  
We thank you for inviting us into your homes  
and more importantly,  
we thank you for inviting the Spirit of God  
into your hearts, minds, and lives.*

*As we begin our worship,  
we invite you to remember those who typically sit beside you  
and those who sit in front of and behind you  
and those who come into your mind as you remember.*

*Remember also that as we worship we join with the whole communion of saints,  
with those who have gone before us,  
those present with us in gatherings around the world,  
with Henry Sawin who has joined us in baptism, and those saints yet to come.*

*Let us join with all the saints and the whole company of heaven  
and worship our God, who makes all things new.*

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***The Three R's of Repentance: Recognition, Regret, Reorientation***

*We heard the story of John the Baptist during Advent and we hear it again this Sunday with his call to repent, which simply means to turn around and change direction. It's a simple call but actually doing it and maintaining the change can be very difficult. It actually requires three steps, which spiritual author Thomas Hora framed as **Recognition, Regret, and Reorientation**.*

*If we want to change direction we need to **recognize** we are heading in the wrong direction. We then need to count the cost of going the wrong and **regret** the cost of maintaining the wrong direction. Think of dieting, there are times I recognize I shouldn't eat something but it is "Oh so Good" that I don't regret what it will do to my weight.*

*The final step is to **reorient**. While this may often feel like we are doing something new, in the deep spiritual life I think we are reorienting to something that has always been true. We may give our false gods of money, power, control, possessions and reorient to the true God that has always been true.*

*Today we bear witness to the baptism of Henry Sawin. Does Henry need to repent and be baptized to cleanse him from sin, did Jesus need to be baptized and cleansed from sin, or is something else going on. I think in baptism we are recognizing something that has always been true whether we are a few days old or many years old. We are God's beloved in whom God delights. This is the great reorientation we need, and Henry will need to make daily. Turning daily to be oriented to the truth of who we are and whose we are.*

*There may be times when we feel God is calling us to new ventures, as with Shug who will be ordained deacon on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. But again, I think what we are doing in ordination is recognizing the truth about Shug, that she is God's own and who has the heart, and always had the heart, of a deacon, even on those days when she couldn't see it or manifest it. This is the nature of reorientation and transformation, those moments when what is eternally true become manifest in our temporal world.*

*Rob+*

## THE WORD OF GOD

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

Introit *Dilexisti*

Plainchant, Mode 7

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; where- fore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. My heart with a good matter; I speak of the things which I have made concerning the King.

– *Psalm 45: 7,1*

Hymn 616: “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

### Opening Sentences

*Priest:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Priest:* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People:* **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**

*Priest:* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People:* **One God and Father of all.**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### The Lessons

*Lector:* A Reading from The Book of the Genesis. (1:1-5)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*Lector:* Thanks be to God for this holy word.

### Psalm 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 **The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.**
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

*All:* **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.**

*Lector:* A Reading from The Book of the Acts of the Apostles. (I:4-11)

John the While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

*Lector:* Thanks be to God for this holy word.

Alleluia *Benedictus qui venit*

David Sinden (b. 1982)

*The Alleluia is sung first by the Choir and then repeated by All.*

*Organ:*

Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Choir:* Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:  
God is the Lord who hath showed us light. (*Psalm 118: 26-27*)

*All:* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

—*Psalm 118: 26-27*

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. (1:4-11)

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Rob Voyle

*To allow for your personal reflection, a time of silence will be kept following the sermon.*

## HOLY BAPTISM

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

*Priest:* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents:* **I present Henry George Sawin to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Priest:* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest:* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents:* **I will, with God's help.**

*The priest asks of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of Henry:*

*Question:* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer:* **I renounce them.**

*Question:* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer:* **I renounce them.**

*Question:* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer:* **I renounce them.**

*Question:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer:* **I do.**

*Question:* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer:* **I do.**

*Question:* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer:* **I do.**

*Priest:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Henry in his life in Christ?

*All:* **We will.**

*Priest:* Let us join with Henry, who is committing himself to Christ, and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## The Baptismal Covenant

*Priest:* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People:* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Priest:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People:* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Priest:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People:* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Priest:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

## Prayers for the Candidates

*Priest:* Let us now pray for Henry who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader:* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Priest:* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### Thanksgiving over the Water

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Priest:* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### The Baptism

*Priest:* Henry, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Priest:* Henry, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*Priest:* Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Priest:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*People:* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

#### Exchanging the Peace

*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*We invite you to take a moment and extend the peace of God to members of your household and then to people in the world whom you love and struggle to love.*

#### Announcements

## ***Please Stay Connected***

*Please continue to check our website [www.stpetersepiscopal.org](http://www.stpetersepiscopal.org) and News from the Rock for our virtual programming and updates on our work as a church in the world when our doors are closed but our hearts remain open.*

*Each Sunday we will also be hosting a live adult forum on Zoom at 9:15 a.m. followed by a live Children's Chapel on Zoom at 10:15 a.m.*

*Please check your email updates and News from the Rock for the Zoom access information.*

## **THE SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

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

Offertorium *Benedictus qui venit*

Plainsong, Mode 2

Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the LORD: we have wished you good luck, we that are of the house of the LORD. God is the LORD who hath showed us light, alleluia, alleluia.

*As we gather with all the saints, past, present and future at this altar we remember the people who are ill and pray for their recovery.*

*We remember especially the people in the medical profession, doctors, nurses, technicians, emergency workers, and others who are putting their lives on the line to care for those who are sick.*

*We offer our worship to the glory of God with gratitude for their courage and service and with our prayers for their safety.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Adapted from Eucharistic Prayer B

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*Priest:* The Word made flesh is with us.  
We lift our hearts to the Lord and give God thanks and praise.  
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Healey Willan (1880 –1968)

*All:* **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Priest:* 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 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:

**We remember his birth, life, and death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming again in glory;**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you ourselves, our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon us. 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 Blessed Mary, St. Peter and 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 forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

*People:* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Fraction Anthem (*Hymnal S 155*)

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

*All:* **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## Spiritual Communion

*Priest:* Remember O people of God, who Jesus was, and is, and will be forevermore.  
Behold him on the day of his baptism.  
Behold in him his Body and Blood, broken and shed for us all.  
Let us feed on him in our hearts, by faith with thanksgiving.

*While we are 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:*

*People:* **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.**

*A moment of silence is kept.*

## A Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Priest:* Having seen the true light that has come into the world, let us pray.

*People:* **Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have nourished us with your presence.  
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

*Priest:* Arise, shine; for your light has come.

*People:* **We will call upon the name of the Lord.**

*Priest:* Arise, shine; for your light has come.

*People:* **We will walk in the presence of the Lord.**

*Priest:* Arise, shine; for your light has come.

*People:* **We will act justly and love mercy all the days of our lives.**

*Priest:* Arise, shine, and live in the radiance of God's goodness and glory as joyful incarnations of the Gospel. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Life-Giving Spirit be upon you and within you and all those whom you love and struggle to love now and forever. **Amen!**

## The Dismissal

*Priest:* Go in Peace and the Light of Christ, to love and enjoy the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Hymn 448: "O love, how deep, how broad, how high"

*Deus tuorum militum*

The Proclamation of the Date of Easter

*MUSIC NOTES:* The Introit is sung by Jay Kloecker, bass. The Offertorium is sung by Samantha Arten, soprano. The Alleluia, by David Sinden, was sung on the First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ, 2020. It was written for the baptism of Margaret, and first sung on this same Sunday in 2019. The opening hymn, “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” (Hymn 616), and the final hymn, “O love, how deep, how broad, how high” (Hymn 448), were both sung on the First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ, 2020.

The Sanctus, by Healey Willan, was sung on the First Sunday of Advent, 2017. This music is © 1928 Oxford University Press, and is broadcast here under OneLicense reprint and podcasting license A-722743.

The Faction Anthem, by Gerald Near was sung on the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, 2019. The music is © 1982 by Church Publishing and is broadcast here under OneLicense reprint and podcasting license A-722743.

The Proclamation of the Date of Easter comes from a time when printed calendars were not common and the dates of the paschal cycle of the liturgical year needed to be announced to the congregation. It is traditionally sung after the Gospel on the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6). This version of the Proclamation comes from St. Meinrad Archabbey in southern Indiana.

### ***PRAYER LIST***

**For Parishioners:** Bill Aitken, Janine Brown, Paul Hmiel, and Jen Schafer.

**For Family and Friends:** Bettie Lou Evans, Jacqueline Hayes, Colleen Starkloff, and Richelle Weisbrod.

**For the Faithful Departed:** Keith Rogers.

**For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces:** Zach Greata and Matt Robinson.

**For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers:** Donna Brookman, Arlene Burnham, Elizabeth Clarke, Devon Corbett, Kathryn Dewein, Greg Evans, Samantha Forsko, Patty Hecker, Taffy Hoos, Fran Kempton, Steve Kohlbry, Ann Lilly, Ann McDonald, Bill McMahan, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Steven Minton, Linda Morotz, Signe Myles, Ted Noland, Ann Randazzo, Louisa Rix, Jeffrey Rixleben, Sarah Roberts, Jane St. John, Greyson Schnoebelen, Carl Schuldt, Julie Stephenson, Henry Thompson, John Walters, Scott Weaver, Rolla Wetzel, Dick Williams, Justin Williamson, Joey Wilson, and Susie Yoder.

### ***TODAY...***

**VIRTUAL WORSHIP** – Our service of Spiritual Communion launches at 8:00 a.m. from our YouTube Page (<https://www.youtube.com/stpetersepiscopalchurch>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/specstl>). Worship is followed by . . . Coffee with the Rector!

**COFFEE WITH THE INTERIM RECTOR** – Brew your cup of joe and join Rob to and Joseph as they talk about where they are headed next month. Tune in this morning at **9:15 a.m.** on Zoom (the link to the meeting can be found in Friday’s *News from the Rock*). All are welcome!

**CHILDREN’S CHAPEL** – Everyone is invited to join Children's Chapel at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings 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. You can find the Zoom link in Friday’s *News from the Rock*. For questions, please reach out to Annie at [aknapp@stpetersepiscopal.org](mailto:aknapp@stpetersepiscopal.org).

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION** – This weekly series of music in the church concludes today at 9:30 a.m. with music for Epiphany and the Baptism of Our Lord. Up to nine persons are welcome with masks and social distancing. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> and final program in the series for the time being. Today’s music will be made available online later in the week at <http://bit.ly/StPetersMeditation>

**LIVING TRADITION CONVERSATION – “In quires and places where they sing”: Anthems and Hymns** – Anthems and hymns have held an increasingly prominent place in Anglican worship. Join St. Peter's Director of Music David Sinden **today at 1:30 p.m.** as we attempt to trace the five-hundred-year development of these forms in our worship. And don't miss the "Top 5 Evensong Anthems Every Episcopalian Should Know"! Details about how to join the conversations and more information about the Living Tradition series may be found online at <http://livingtradition.online>

### ***THIS WEEK...***

**MORNING PRAYER** – Join via Zoom at 8:00 each morning, Monday through Friday, as we pray with and for one another, the community, and the world. The link is provided in Friday's *News from the Rock*, and can also be viewed live on our Facebook page. This will also give you the opportunity to view our new Morning Prayer app, *Prayer 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. **Please note our new hours: from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.** The wearing of masks and social distancing are observed.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** – Bring your own bacon and **join us this Tuesday, January 12th at 8:30 a.m.** after Morning Prayer for our usual lively conversation and a bit of banter. Find the Zoom link in your Men's Breakfast email or Friday's *News from the Rock*. Our virtual breakfast is sure to be a great time for fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

**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*.

**FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – Join us for our study of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter. We meet on Fridays at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom. Email Kelly for the link at [kcarlson@stpetersepiscopal.org](mailto:kcarlson@stpetersepiscopal.org), or find it in Friday's *News from the Rock*. And remember: it's never too early for bible study!

**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 SERIES** – This series exploring music and liturgy continues. Order your copy of *Inwardly Digest* by Derek Olsen so you can join in the upcoming book group. Details about how to join the conversations and more information about the Living Tradition series may be found online at <http://livingtradition.online>

- ***Inwardly Digest* Book Group** session 1 (see details below)

Sunday, January 17 at 1:30 p.m.

Further sessions held on Sundays **Feb. 7, Feb. 21, and, with the author, Mar. 7.**

What if the Book of Common Prayer is for more than just worship within the church building? What if it is really “a map to a deeper relationship with God, a framework for developing a more intentional and rewarding life of faith?” David Sinden will lead this discussion of the book *Inwardly Digest: The Prayer Book as a Guide to a Spiritual Life* by Derek Olsen. For the first session we will discuss Chapter 1: Fundamentals; and Section 1: The Calendar.

- **“Very Meet to Be Used of All Sorts of People”:** Exploring the First Anglican Hymn Book. Presented by Dr. Samantha Arten, a musicologist and member of the St. Peter’s Choir. Sunday, January 31 at 1:30 p.m.
- **“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”:** The Life and Times of Thomas Ken. Presented by Bruce Ryder, a member of the St. Peter’s Choir who is currently conducting biographical research on Thomas Ken, an Anglican bishop and hymn writer. Sunday, March 21 at 1:30 p.m.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** – Please plan to virtually attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 24th at 9:15 a.m. on Zoom. The link will be provided closer to the meeting date.

**CANDIDATES FOR VESTRY** – The Nominating Committee announces the following candidates who, if elected, have consented to serve St. Peter’s Church:

**ANN BABINGTON** – Ann Babington has been an active life-long member of St. Peter’s, and recently retired after being on the staff for seven years as Director of Christian Education. She has served as a Lay Reader and a member of the Handbell Choir for 25 years, and was also a Sunday School teacher, Confirmation Class Assistant, a member of St. Peter’s Cares, and a past President of the Woman’s Guild. In the community she has been on the Boards of The Haven of Grace and The Junior League of St. Louis, and is President Elect of the Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club. For twenty years she was Assistant Head, Director of Admission, and Pre-Primary Division Head at the Forsyth School

**BOB CRAIG** – Bob has been a member of St. Peter's for twenty-five years. He and his wife Jan have four grown children, Brent, Kristen, Margot, and Melanie and four grandchildren. Brent and his wife Margit and their two daughters are also members of St. Peter's. Bob is an Ear, Nose, Throat, and Facial Plastic surgeon. He has previously served as a member of the vestry in Oklahoma and at St. Peter's.

**JIMMY GRIMMETT** – Jimmy was raised in the Methodist Church in Bowling Green, MO. In junior high he began exploring his faith and converted to Catholicism. After graduating from Southeast Missouri State University, Jimmy moved to St. Louis, where he is a general contractor and owner of a masonry company. Jimmy found his way to St. Peter's and the Episcopal Church in 2011 by way of his fiancée, choir member Amanda Meinen. He attended musical events and services sporadically until 2017 when he decided to go all in. He participated in Confirmation classes and was received into the Church. He is a lay reader, participates in Friday morning bible study, and is regular participant in the monthly men's breakfast. He follows his mother's advice, who says, "We're all trying to get to the same place, we're just taking different highways." He is happy to be traveling this highway with you.

**CLAIRE O'BRIEN** – After growing up in Kentucky, Claire moved to St. Louis to attend St. Louis University School of Law. Claire grew up in the Presbyterian Church (PC USA), and her husband, Pat, grew up in the Catholic Church. On a search for compromise, Pat and Claire attended St. Peter's, and found just what they were looking for. Their daughter, Cece, was born in January of 2019, and baptized in the church the following November. Claire practiced law for several years and is currently working at Washington University School of Law in the Office of Admissions and the Center for Career Development.

**LYNN STOCKWELL** – Lynn and her husband, Stephen, moved to St. Louis in 2015 from North Carolina along with their 3 daughters, Audrey, Madison, and Sloane. When they moved to St. Louis, they found St. Peter's and have been active members since. Lynn has been a Sunday School teacher for several years as well as involved in the Christmas Pageant, Sunshine Ministries sandwich making, and Children's Chapel. Lynn is a pharmacist and the Chief Pharmacy Officer for Ascension Health.

**2021 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN (as of 1/6)**

<b>Campaign Goal:</b>	<b>\$1,400,000</b>
<b>Dollars Raised:</b>	<b>\$975,199 (70% of goal)</b>
<b>Pledging Households:</b>	<b>272 (52% of our households)</b>

**There is still time to submit your pledge prior to our annual parish meeting on January 24.** If you have not yet pledged, please do so by January 15 so that we may include your support in our financial report that will be presented at the meeting.

**We need everyone to participate this year** in order to secure a level of financial commitments that will cover our 2021 operating expenses. Please return your pledge card via mail, or you may pledge online at [www.stpetersepiscope.org/give](http://www.stpetersepiscope.org/give).

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET – SUMMARY (as of Nov. 30)**

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expense</u> (inclusive of payroll, benefits)	
Giving by Parishioners	\$1,458,215	Worship & Music	\$619,260
- Pledges/Foundation Gifts		Operations (Supplies, IT/equip, Search costs, Bldg insurance, etc.)	380,931
- Foundation Gifts		Outreach & Diocesan	226,790
- Offering Plate		Buildings & Grounds	196,414
- Other Giving		Programs	<u>172,345</u>
Endowment Transfers &		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,595,740</b>
Other Income	<u>137,525</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,595,740</b>		

***GET INVOLVED, STAY CONNECTED...***

**SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE** – The Committee’s period for accepting applications from interested candidates is scheduled to close soon. If you know a priest you believe could be St. Peter’s next great rector, please alert him or her to our Parish Profile, available on our website!

**SPRING LEARNING AT HOME KITS** – Register to receive a box of Learning at Home materials for the seasons of Epiphany, Lent, and 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 (3 total). For questions, please reach out to Annie at [aknapp@stpetersepiscope.org](mailto:aknapp@stpetersepiscope.org). To register, please fill out the form: <https://forms.gle/B62aCM6K2NAXGYnW7>.

**SONGS AND STORIES** – 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. The latest Christmas episodes of Songs and Stories are now available to view at <http://songsandstories.online>

The Director of Music is also convening young singers this Tuesday afternoon via Zoom to sing Epiphany carols! For more information, please email [dsinden@stpetersepiscope.org](mailto:dsinden@stpetersepiscope.org)

**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](mailto:shepherd@stpetersepiscopal.org)) and a Shepherd will contact you within 24 hours.