



The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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**January 17, 2021**

**A SERVICE OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*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  
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.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

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

Introit *Omnis terra*

Plainchant, Mode 7

All the earth shall worship thee, O God, and sing of thee: they shall sing praises to thy Name, O most Highest. Ps. O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honor of his Name; make his praise to be glorious.

– Psalm 66: 4,1

Hymn 477: “All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine”

*Engelberg*

Opening Sentences

*Priest:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and 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.

*People:* **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis (*Hymnal S 202*)

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

*All:* **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

*Priest:* The Risen Lord is with us.  
Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

The Lessons

*Lector:* A Reading from The First Book of Samuel. (3:1-10-20)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.”

But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

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

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you,  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book;  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.

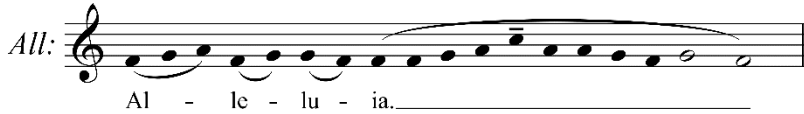
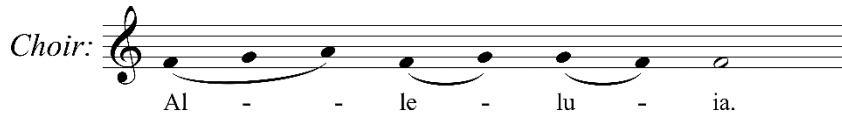
16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

*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.**

Alleluia *Laudate Deum, omnes angeli*

Plainsong, Mode 6



*Choir:* Praise the Lord, all ye angels of his: Praise him all his host.



– Psalm 149:2

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (1:43-51)

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

*Priest:* Praise to you our living Gospel, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Sermon: The Rev. Joseph Wallace-Williams

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

Affirmation of Faith

*Priest:* Let us declare our faith in God.

*All:* **We believe in God, the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

*Lector:* God has called us out of darkness into the glorious light of the Son. Let us pray for the church and for the world, that all people may know the light of Christ, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the church and its ministry to the world, for all bishops and clergy, remembering especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Deon, our Bishop; Rob, Kelly and Joseph, our clergy; our intern Shug, as she prepares for her ordination to the transitional diaconate; for our parish staff; and for all those who bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

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

*Lector:* For the nations of the world and their leaders, for all those in authority, and for an end to injustice and oppression, let us pray to the Lord.

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

*Lector:* For those who have not heard the good news of salvation, for those who have heard but have not believed, and for those who have forsaken their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

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

*Lector:* For the lonely and destitute, for the victims of injustice and discrimination, for the hungry and the homeless, for the unloved and the forgotten, and for all who seek to serve them, let us pray to the Lord.

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

*Lector:* For all who are working to rid the world of the dangers of COVID-19, especially healthcare providers and other frontline workers, let us pray to the Lord.

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

*Lector:* For the sick in body, mind, and spirit, for the dying and the bereaved, and for all those in need of our prayers, especially Janine Brown, Bettie Lou Evans, Jacqueline Hayes, Paul Hmiel, Jen Schafer, Colleen Starkloff, and Richelle Weisbrod, let us pray to the Lord.

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

*Lector:* For the saints who have gone before us in the faith and are now at rest, and for all the saints on earth who surround us in a great fellowship of love, let us pray to the Lord.

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

*Priest:* Loving God, accept our thanks and praise for all your gifts so generously given, and on this day especially for the gifts shared by your prophet, Martin Luther King, Jr. By the hand of your servant Moses you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Lector:* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*All:* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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 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 *Jubilate Deo, universa terra*

Plainsong, Mode 2

O be joyful in God all ye lands; sing praises unto the honor of his Name; O come hither  
and hearken all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what things he hath done for my soul,  
alleluia.

*—Psalm 66: 1, 14*

*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:

*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 who came and lived as one of us.  
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 126: “The people who in darkness walked”

*Dundee*

*MUSIC NOTES:* The Introit is sung by Christina Kruger, alto. The Alleluia is sung by Samantha Arten, soprano. The Offertorium is sung by Amanda Meinen, alto.

The opening hymn, “All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine” (Hymn 477), was sung on the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, 2017. The descant to this hymn is by Richard T. Proulx and is © 1979 GIA Publications, Inc.; it is broadcast here under OneLicense podcasting license A-722743.

The Gloria and Sanctus are by Healey Willan, from his *Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena*. The Gloria was sung on the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, 2019. The Sanctus was sung on the First Sunday of Advent, 2017. These pieces are both © 1928 Oxford University Press, and are 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 final hymn, “The people who in darkness walked” (Hymn 126), was sung on the Second Sunday after the Epiphany, 2017.

## ***PRAYER LIST***

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

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

**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 McMahon, 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 as he speaks with the candidates for vestry. Candidate biographical statements are on pages 12-13 below. 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 to join in the conversation!

**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).

**LIVING TRADITION BOOK STUDY** – 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?” Join in the study of *Inwardly Digest: The Prayer Book as a Guide to a Spiritual Life* by Derek Olsen which begins at 1:30 p.m. today. David Sinden will lead our discussion of Chapter 1: Fundamentals; and Section 1: The Calendar. Order your copy of *Inwardly Digest* by Derek Olsen and join the conversation. Future session will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Sundays Feb. 7, Feb. 21, and, with the author, March 7. Details about how to join book study and other events in 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.

**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 on Fridays at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom. This week we will wrap up our discussion of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter and delve into the second epistle bearing the name of our patron saint. Email Kelly for the link at [kcarlson@stpetersepisopal.org](mailto:kcarlson@stpetersepisopal.org), or find it in Friday’s *News from the Rock*. All are welcome!

**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...***

<p><b>ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</b> – Please plan to virtually attend the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 24th at 9:15 a.m. on Zoom. The link will be provided in Friday’s <i>News from the Rock</i>.</p>
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**SACRED CONVERSATIONS SPEAKER SERIES** – We are pleased to announce Sacred Conversations: Exploring Race and Community, a series of speakers, books, films, and discussions for the people of St. Peter’s. Our first Sacred Conversation will be on Sunday, January 31, during Rector’s Forum at 9:15 a.m. Our speaker will be Dr. Terry Jones, a well-known St. Louis historian and author of books including *St. Louis Metromorphosis*, *Past Trends and Future Directions*, and *Metropolitan Chase: Politics and Policies in Urban America*. Dr. Jones is professor emeritus of political science and dean emeritus of arts and sciences at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He has served as a consultant to more than eighty organizations and governments in the St. Louis region. We are delighted to have Dr. Jones as our guest and look forward to a great conversation! The link will be provided in Friday’s *News from the Rock*.

**LIVING TRADITION SERIES** – This year-long series exploring music and liturgy continues with “**Very Meet to Be Used of All Sorts of People**”: Exploring the First Anglican Hymn Book on Sunday, January 31 at 1:30 p.m. Presented by Dr. Samantha Arten, a musicologist and member of the St. Peter’s Choir. In addition to future meetings of the Living Tradition Book Group (see preceding page), mark your calendar for

Sunday, March 21 at 1:30 p.m. for “**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.

**2021 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN (as of 1/13)**

**Campaign Goal:** **\$1,400,000**  
**Dollars Raised:** **\$981,3299 (70% of goal)**  
**Pledging Households:** **274 (53% of our households)**

**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 18 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.stpetersepisopal.org/give](http://www.stpetersepisopal.org/give).

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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

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

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**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 (PCUSA), 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.

**SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE** – The Committee’s period for accepting applications from interested candidates was scheduled to close Friday. 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@stpetersepiscopal.org](mailto:aknapp@stpetersepiscopal.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 episode 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 our Hymn of the Month! For more information, please email [dsinden@stpetersepiscopal.org](mailto:dsinden@stpetersepiscopal.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.

