



**This Sunday:
The First Sunday of Christmas**

December 31, 2023

9:00 AM

**A Service of Lessons and Carols
and
the Holy Eucharist**

Join us in person for our service.

Or join us by going to the Parish Facebook page for the online service:

<https://www.facebook.com/stpetersport/>

The worship leaflet can be found will be in the Sunday morning worship reminder.

There will be a coffee hour after the mass.

Sunday Morning Ministers:

Eucharistic Minister: Lenita Richard

Crucifer: Fred Fowler

Lector: Anita Chandler and Others

Usher: Anita Chandler

Coffee Hour Hosts: Lorna Blackmer and Jane Noone

Music Notes for this Sunday are found at the end of Key Notes.

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all who contributed to making our Christmas celebration on Christmas Eve so moving.

This is an abbreviated edition of Key Notes, mainly to remind you that our celebration of Christmas continues. Please continue to spread the word and invite friends to attend the concert this Saturday at 4 PM. Our resident soloist, Mary Sullivan, will be joined by other talented singers in presenting music of the season, including Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols. There is no charge for admission; there will be a plate at the back of the church for those who wish to make donations to St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry. More information is below.

Then we will get to sing carols of the season at our regular mass on Sunday at 9 AM. Lessons and Carols consists of a series of scripture readings interspersed with carols, followed by Holy Communion.

Faithfully,

Fr. Tom

**A CONCERT OFFERING AT ST. PETER'S:
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 AT 4 PM.**

The Ladies of the Amethyst Project (Amethyst Chamber Ensemble's vocal chamber music workshop), alongside the vocal professionals of Amethyst, will offer Benjamin Britten's wonderful "Ceremony of Carols," along

with Christmas carols and other songs of the season. Come join us, and celebrate the turning of the year from darkness into light.

OPEN TO ALL WITH NO ADMISSION CHARGE.



***A Ceremony of Carols
& other seasonal tunes***

SATURDAY December 30th at 4:00 PM

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
678 Washington Ave, Portland, ME

Featuring:

The Ladies of the Amethyst Project

Mary Sullivan, soprano and workshop director

Molly Harmon, soprano

Jenna Guiggey, mezzo-soprano

Joëlle Morris, mezzo-soprano

Josh Witham, tenor

Sean Fleming, piano and organ

FREE
and open to the public
An offering by the
community of St. Peter's

Annual Meeting Date Set for January 21

Our annual meeting of the parish will take place after the Sunday mass on January 21. Please do plan to attend.

If you are newer to the community, you may want to consider officially becoming a member of the parish. Those who join have voting rights at the annual meeting, as well as making a commitment to support the parish through contributions of time, talent and treasure. If you are interested or have questions, please speak to Fr. Tom.

If you are a church officer or leader of a ministry, you received an email from the rector asking you to submit a written report for the Annual Meeting booklet. Please complete these reports by January 7.

Looking Ahead

A Ceremony of Carols Concert on Sat. Dec. 30 at 4:00 PM

Lessons and Carols and Holy Eucharist on Sun. Dec. 31st at 9:00 AM

Annual Parish Meeting on Sun. Jan. 21 after the 9:00 AM mass

Compline Link

Join us for the Compline Prayer Service on Zoom on Wednesday, January 3.

Here is the service for Compline.

The Zoom link is **here**. This link will be the same through February 14.

Weekly Prayer List

Prayers For Parishioners, Families, and Friends

**Ann Marie Cady
Allison Schroth**

Francisco Andreu
Steve Secord
Diane Dalton
Judy Howes
David and Dino Rice
Robert Stillings
Linda Foster
Fred Fowler

Peter Haskell, *friend of Allison Schroth*
Martha and Steve Gagliardi, *friends of Fr. Tom*
Tommy Valente, *friend of Don and Ann Marie Cady*
Jane Reiha, *friend of Judy Howes*
Brenda Pappalardo, *friend of Judy Howes*
Stephen and Rebecca Seraniche, *friends of Dino Rice*
Marge Devine, *family member of Allison Schroth*
Jimmy Devine, *family member of Allison Schroth*
Sharon Bay, *family member of Ann Bay*
Fuji Sprott, *friend of David and Dino Rice*
Steve Garnett, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*

If you wish to add or return persons to the prayer list, please contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinators:

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A Prayer for Those We Love

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From *The Book of Common Prayer*

MUSIC NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

Samuel Walter (1916-87) was organist and professor of music at Boston University and later, at Rutgers. Active as a recitalist, teacher, choral conductor and composer, Dr. Walter was the organist for the late Father Ben Barnes' ordination at St. John's Church, Stamford, Connecticut. Dr. Barnes always appreciated hearing this lovely setting of the old French carol, "What Is This Lovely Fragrance?" the Sunday after Christmas.

"Joy To The World" is attributed to Handel in many hymnals. No such thing. It was composed by the early American church musician Lowell Mason, and--in all fairness to him--was described as being "in the style of Handel." Well.....to a degree, perhaps, but it's certainly not based on a chorus from Handel's Messiah, as later hymnologists claimed. Nevertheless, it's a great tune, and never fails to be uplifting.

Born in the shadows of Westminster Abbey, Henry Purcell (1659-1695) was named organist in 1679. Starting with a birthday ode composed for the king at the tender age of 11, Purcell's music was esteemed by the royal family throughout his illustrious career, and many of his most celebrated works were written for grand state occasions. Upon his death, the officials at Westminster ordered that he be buried adjacent to the Abbey organ where his epitaph reads, "Here lyes Henry Purcell Esq., who left this life and is gone to that blessed place where only his harmony can be exceeded." Together with Bach and Handel, Purcell is honored with a feast day on the liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church (USA) ~HT

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