

**This Sunday:  
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany  
February 11, 2024  
9:00 AM**

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 [here](#).

There will be a coffee hour with breakfast after the mass.

**This Sunday's Ministers**

Eucharistic Ministers: David Savage and Myrna Koonce

Crucifer: Steve Koskinen

Lector: Janene Gorham

Usher: TBD

Coffee Hour Hosts: Genie Campbell, Jan Tracy, and Ann Bay

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

# Alleluia

Dear Friends,

We gather this Sunday on the last Sunday after the Epiphany and prepare ourselves to enter the season of Lent. Please see below the schedule for Ash Wednesday services, Stations of the Cross services, and an opportunity to share in a Lenten devotional booklet.

In anticipation of Lent, the Christian community has over the centuries developed a number of traditions to mark the beginning of a more reflective and penitential season. Some of us are familiar with Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, when pancakes are often served as a means of using up “fatty” foods before the Lenten fasts - hence the alternative name “Fat Tuesday” (and we anticipated that evening feast with our pancake breakfast last Sunday).

Another tradition is to refrain from saying or singing the word “Alleluia” during Lent. It is a way of holding our breath in anticipation of the first news of Christ’s resurrection on Easter, when we can again utter that jubilant word. At St. Peter’s on Sunday, several of our hymns will give us a

chance to sing “Alleluia” one more time, and as we sing the last hymn, we will process down the aisle with an Alleluia banner, which will be buried symbolically at the baptismal font. We will not see it again until Easter Day, when it will come forth as a reminder of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We will also have some smaller banners at church that you can take home, color, and symbolically bury somewhere in or near your home - and if you want to get a head start on the coloring, you can download and print one of them [here](#).

I look forward to seeing you in person or online this Sunday, as we raise our voices in praise and prepare for the observance of a holy Lent.

Faithfully,  
Fr. Tom

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## **St. Elizabeth's Volunteer Day: Tuesday February 13th**

This coming Tuesday is our day to help serve our neighbors at St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry. We gather shortly before 8:30 AM at St. Luke's Cathedral along with volunteers from other parishes. Please consider joining us for the morning. Anita Chandler, our representative to St. Elizabeth's can provide you with more information.

## **Keep the Donations Coming: Dental Hygiene Products for Needs at St. Elizabeth's**

Donations of dental hygiene products - toothpaste, floss and toothbrushes are especially needed at the Pantry. These donations, along with bed and kitchen linens, and as always winter coats, can be placed in the undercroft for delivery to the pantry. Thank you! Our Youth Service Corps members will bring the dental items to St. Elizabeth's on February 18.



## **Ash Wednesday: An Invitation to Observe a Holy Lent**

Our primary service on Ash Wednesday, February 14, will be at noon. The service will include the imposition of ashes, the Holy Eucharist, and Lenten hymns.

Another service including the imposition of ashes will be held at 7 PM for those who cannot attend the noon service.

Both services will also be live streamed on Facebook.

## **Last Year's Palms Become This Year's Ashes**

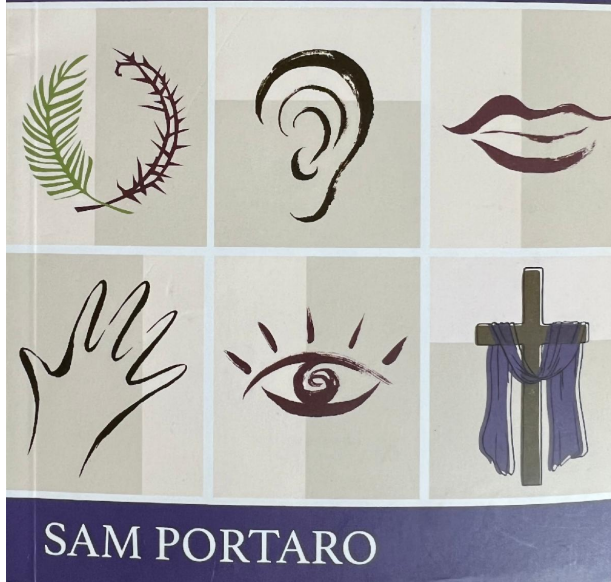
If you have any palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday celebration, please bring them to church this Sunday. They will be burned to create ashes for this year's Ash Wednesday service.

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## **Lenten Devotional Study: Sense and Sensibility**

# Sense and Sensibility

*A Lenten Exploration*



**Please let the rector know by this Sunday if you wish to get a book and participate:**

**Sense and Sensibility: A Lenten Exploration** by Sam Portaro, will be offered as a Lenten devotional study. Rev. Portaro is an Episcopal priest who leads readers through reflections on our five senses - focusing on one sense for each of the five weeks of Lent. The intent is to help create pathways to a fuller awareness of ourselves and our relation to God.

There will be a chance to reflect on these devotions once a week on Zoom - watch for details as to actual time when we will meet.

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**Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 5:30 on Zoom  
Starting on February 16th**

You are invited to join this devotional service each Friday at 5:30 PM during Lent as we trace the last steps of Jesus from his arrest to his crucifixion. This service is on Zoom only, with the depictions of each station that surround us in the

church displayed on the Zoom screen. The first service will be on Friday, February 16th, and the Zoom link is [here](#).



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## Looking Ahead

**Ash Wednesday is February 14: Noon and 7 PM**  
Our primary service with music will be at noon with the imposition of ashes offered.

We will also offer a service with the imposition of ashes at 7 PM.

**Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent at 5:30 PM on Zoom, beginning on February 16.**

**Youth Service Corps: Sunday February 18**  
The group will be collecting and providing dental products for St. Elizabeth's Pantry.

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## **Speaking of Sunset and Sunrise**

After preaching last week's sermon, which referred to meeting God at the "thin times" of sunset and sunrise, the rector received this from his friend Lee, who often attends online:

### **A Girl Scout Way to Start The Day**

God has created a new day  
Silver and green and gold.  
Live that the sunset may find us  
Worthy these gifts to hold.

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## **Compline Link**

**Please note: Compline on Wednesday, February 14 will be held at 6:30 PM.**

Join us for the Compline Prayer Service on Zoom on Wednesday, February 14.

**Here** is the service for Compline.

The Zoom link is **here**.

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# **Sunday Minister Rota for February**

## **February 11**

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Crucifer: Steve Koskinen

Lector: Janene Gorham

Usher: TBD

Coffee Hour Hosts: Genie Campbell, Jan Tracy, and Ann Bay

## **February 18**

Eucharistic Ministers: Lenita Richard and Myrna Koonce

Crucifer: Fred Fowler

Lector: Steve Koskinen

Usher: Anita Chandler

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Keniston Family

## **February 25**

Eucharistic Ministers: Myrna Koonce

Crucifer: Tom Ainsworth

Lector: Jan Tracy

Usher: Bob Simmons

Coffee Hour Hosts: Rodney and Lenita Richard

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## **Weekly Prayer List**

### **Prayers For Parishioners, Families, and Friends**

**Ann Marie Cady**

**Allison Schroth**

**Francisco Andreu**

**Steve Secord**

**Diane Dalton**

**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*  
**Pam**, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*  
**Sally**, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*  
**David Turner**, *cousin of Craig Mousin*  
**Tammy**, *friend of Craig Mousin*

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*

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## **MUSIC NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY**

After graduating from Yale and studying organ and composition in Paris, Seth Bingham (1882-1972) served as professor of music at Columbia and organist for 40 years at

New York City's Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. He composed in a variety of forms, and a number of his compositions were performed by major symphony orchestras in this country and Europe. Lowell Mason (1792-1872) is known as the "father of American church music"; from a distinguished career in Boston, he traveled to Leipzig, Germany, and subsequently became the organist at New York City's Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, whose robust congregational singing achieved world-wide acclaim.

"Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven" was written by Henry Francis Lyte. The hymn is frequently sung in the United Kingdom and was used in the 1947 royal wedding of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth, now the late Queen Elizabeth II, and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Born in Scotland and educated at Enniskillen and Trinity College in Dublin, Lyte's most important position was Anglican curate at Lower Brixham, Devonshire, England, where he served for 24 years. The popularity of this hymn has been significantly enhanced by LAUDA ANIMA, Sir John Goss' stirring melody written in 1869 expressly for these lyrics. Its inclusion in Hymns Ancient and Modern (1875 edition) and in The English Hymnal (1906) have made it one of the most broadly sung Victorian hymns, used most recently at both Queen Elizabeth's funeral and at King Charles' coronation.

"Christ Upon The Mountain Peak" is new to St. Peter's--and frankly, to me. I've long admired the rich imagery of the text, and today's Gospel makes the hymn seem undeniably appropriate. Oxford educated Brian Wren (b.1936) is a prolific writer of hymns and poems on religious subjects. In addition, he has ministered to impoverished and socially downtrodden people throughout his career. The LONDON TIMES included him in a short list of "Modern Day Saints."

The tune, MOWSLEY is named after the tiny village in Leicestershire where its composer, the Rev. Canon Cyril Taylor, grew up and his father served as rector. Taylor, as head of religious broadcasts for the BBC during WWII, was one of England's most beloved hymn tune composers.

Our concluding hymn--"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"--was written by Athalstan Riley (1858-1945), one of the editors of "The English Hymnal" of 1906.

An Oxfordian scholar, Riley translated a number of hymn texts from Latin and Greek, but this one seems to have been an original. The first stanza names the nine orders of angels who praise God, and in stanza four, all are urged to "lift their voices" to the Holy Trinity. No one is exempt from singing!

The Baroque French composer Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704) was active during the reign of Louis XIV when all of the arts--drama and music especially--were victims of court intrigue and backbiting on a grand scale. Charpentier cleverly used his connections to Louis' first cousin, Mlle. de Guise, and son, the Dauphin, to deflect the jealous machinations of the official court composer Lully, who bitterly resented Charpentier's popularity among members of the Royal family. His *Prelude to the Te Deum* is not unlike an English trumpet tune, but its dotted rhythms and ornamentation give it a decidedly French flavor. ~ HT

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