



*Opening wide our doors and hearts
in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior*

Holy Eucharist
The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November, 17, 2024 9:00 AM

Join us in person for our service.

Or join us by going to our livestream on the St. Peter's Facebook page [here](#).

The worship leaflet can be found [here](#).

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

This Sunday's Ministers

Ms. Anne Whitman and Ms. Janene Gorham, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Crucifer*

Mr. Jonathan McCormick, *Lector*

Ms. Cindy Sherwood, *Usher*

Ms. Janene Gorham, *Altar Guild*
The Hickey Family, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

Music Notes for this Sunday's service can be found at the end of Key Notes.

Dear Friends,

The Episcopal Church is a part of the larger Anglican Communion. The communion consists of church bodies around the world that grew out of the Church of England.

I have sometimes been asked whether Episcopalians “have a pope.” We do not. However, as Anglicans, we look to the Archbishop of Canterbury in England as the spiritual leader for the whole communion. The archbishop does not have ecclesiastical authority over the Episcopal Church. We have our own structures of authority, and we recently installed a newly elected presiding bishop, the Most Rev. Sean Rowe. The Archbishop of Canterbury serves more as a symbol of unity for Anglicans across the globe.

I share this with you because you may have read that the current archbishop, the Most. Rev. Justin Welby, has just announced that he will resign from his position, acknowledging that he did not act appropriately to respond to allegations of abuse within the Church of England, where he does ecclesiastical oversight. Bishop Brown has released a statement about the archbishop's resignation, which can be read [here](#).

I invite you to keep in your prayers all those who have been harmed in any way by persons to whom the church has granted roles of leadership or authority. May there be healing for them, and a renewal of our resolve to always protect and respect the well being of every individual in our midst.

Faithfully,
Fr. Tom

Diocesan Convention is This Saturday

The convention of the Diocese of Maine will be held this

Saturday, November 16th. The convention will meet for business at the Holiday Inn in Portland, and at St. Luke's Cathedral.

Guests are welcome to join in person or watch the livestream of Convention business (9-11 a.m. and 2-4:30 p.m.) on the [diocesan YouTube channel](#) and Convention Eucharist (11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.) on the [Cathedral's YouTube channel](#).

Our convention delegates this year are Anita Chandler and Lenita Richard, who will be attending along with the rector.

A Wonderful Holiday Fair!

Thank you to all who made our fair such a success. So many of us showed up to make it a festive day. Thank you especially to fair co-chairs, Patty Lamb and Bob Simmons. They will have a report for us on Sunday as to how much we raised to support the ministries of St. Peter's.





Aging with Grace....And Merry Hearts This Week

Aging with Grace, a group that meets to discuss the blessings and challenges of getting older, will meet on Zoom this Wednesday, the 20th at 3 PM. The Zoom link is [here](#).

Then, join with friends for lunch on Thursday the 21st at noon in the undercroft for a lovely time of good food, faith, and fellowship.

Looking Toward Leadership in 2025

At our annual meeting in January of 2025, we will elect church officers and vestry members, and delegates to our diocesan convention. Consider prayerfully if you are being called to serve as a leader in one of the elected positions. The Nominations Committee is made up of Loran Blackmer, Lenita Richard, Anita Chandler, and the rector. Speak to one of them to learn more.

Youth Service Corps News



On October 20, 13 youth from 5 churches attended our Youth Service Corps trip to St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center in Portland. First, we purchased socks, boots, hats, gloves and hand warmers at Marden's. Then, we delivered these items to Sarah Coburn Borgeson, the Executive Director of St. E's. After lunch, she took us on a tour of St. Luke's Cathedral and gave us an opportunity to make some kits for the hundreds of neighbors that come every Tuesday morning. St. E's board member, Gus Goodwin, followed up with some team building games outdoors in the labyrinth before we said goodbye. Thanks for hosting us, St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center!



The next Youth Service Corps gathering will be on Sunday, November 24th at Trinity Episcopal Church. The group will pack food for local food pantries, meeting at 11:30 AM. And lunch will be included.

Word of the Week

A weekly note about the words Episcopalians use.

The word of the week is **Episcopalian**.

Why choose a word that may seem very familiar?

The word *episcopal* comes from the Greek word *episkopos*, which means “bishop.” When the Episcopal Church was establishing itself after the American Revolutionary War, it wanted to distinguish itself from the Church of England, and chose the name Episcopal to connect it to the historic leadership of bishops, rather than allegiance to the King of England.

But there is another reason to highlight the word *Episcopalian*. It is always a noun, and never an adjective. You and I are Episcopalians. But we do not worship at an Episcopalian church, and we do not use an Episcopalian hymnal or prayer book. We are members of an Episcopal church, we sing from an Episcopal hymnal, and follow the Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer* for our liturgies.

Episcopalian is the noun, and *Episcopal* is the adjective. Perhaps an easy way to remember the distinction is this: “I am an Episcopalian, and I am a member of an Episcopal parish.”



We have been inspired by the witness of parishioners who have been sharing with us on Sunday mornings why giving is an essential part of their faith, and why an offering of time, talent, and treasure to St. Peter's is so important.

What do we mean by "time, talent, and treasure?"

We offer ourselves to God in a variety of ways. When we volunteer with our time, whether it is raking the lawn, making,

folding leaflets for worship, or serving as a Sunday morning ministry, we are making an offering of our time. When we use the gifts that God has given us and the skills we have learned to build up the Body of Christ, we are making an offering of talent. (Did you see the evidence of so much talent at the Holdiay Fair last Saturday?) And when we make pledge, regardless of the amount, we give thanks to God by offering a portion of our treasure.

We invite everyone to bring their pledges statement on our Commitment Sunday/Ingathering of Pledges, Sunday November 24th. If you cannot be with us that day, you can mail your pledge to the church.

You can access the mailed materials below.

A letter from the rector is [here](#).

The 2025 Pledge Statement is [here](#).

Questions and Answers about stewardship is [here](#).

Calling for a Copier

A subcommittee of the vestry is exploring inviting all of us to participate in a capital campaign in 2025. As we consider the preparation of materials, we wonder if you have access to a color copier that might be used to print materials for the campaign. If so, please be in touch with Lincoln Clark at lcvt998@gmail.com

From the Junior Warden

Please add your name to the signup sheet in the undercroft for fall lawn cleanup. Thank you.

You will probably notice a lot of leaves have fallen onto our grounds and annually we put together a work day to try and get up as much as possible before the snow comes. We want to establish a yard work day as Saturday, November 23rd from 0900-1130. We would like to get leaves cleaned up and the

gardens cleaned out as best we can. If you can help out that would be great.

Wayne

Advent Approaches

Yes, it is still early November, but Advent will soon be here, beginning this year on December 1st. Marked off by the four Sundays before Christmas, Advent has traditionally been a time of preparing, both for the birth of Jesus Christ, and for his eventual return.

An Advent Devotional Calendar

Every year, the rector produces a devotional Advent calendar to use during the season. We will have printed calendars on card stock at church to distribute, but you can also download the calendar, and learn more about its history [here](#).

The Advent Grace of Starting Over

Save the date of Wednesday December 11th. Fr Martin Smith will be with us again to lead us in a Quiet Evening for Advent, from 7 PM to 8:30 PM. We will meet in the church, and the evening will also be live streamed on our Facebook page. Here is a description of the evening:

The freshness of God's patience is most real to us when we accept the call once again to open a new chapter, make a fresh beginning, making ourselves available to God's desire to be in us and with us. In this quiet evening Fr Martin Smith will give three brief reflections, each followed by a time for personal prayer and pondering. We will conclude with the service of Compline.

St. Peter's Calendar

Looking Ahead

Aging With Grace, Wed. Nov. 20th at 3 PM on Zoom

Merry Hearts, Thu. Nov. 21st at noon

Church Lawn Cleanup, Sat. Nov. 23rd, 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Advent Quiet Evening with Fr Martin Smith,
Wed. Dec. 11th, 7:00 Pm -8:30 PM

Compline Link

Join us for the Compline Prayer Service on Zoom on Wednesday, November 20th.

Here is the service for Compline.

The Zoom link is **here**.

This link is good through December 8, 2024.

Sunday Minister Rota for November

November 24

Mr. Galen Weibly and Mr. Thomas Ainsworth, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Fred Fowler, *Crucifer*

Ms. Cindy Sherwood, *Lector*

Ms. Lenita Richard, *Usher*

Mr. David Savage, *Altar Guild*

TBD, *Coffee Hour Host*

Weekly Prayer List

Prayers For Parishioners, Families, and Friends

Ann Marie Cady

Allison Schroth

Francisco Andreu

Diane Dalton

Dino Rice

Robert Stillings

Fred Fowler

Mary Ann Hoy

Barbara Vesey

Cindy Sherwood

Galen Weibley

Peter Haskell, friend of Allison Schroth

Martha Gagliardi, *friend 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*
Fuji Sprott, *friend of Dino Rice*
David Turner, *cousin of Craig Mousin*
Tammy, *friend of Craig Mousin*
Beth, *friend of Lee Walters*
Pam, *friend of Anita Chandler*
The Kutasi Family, *friends of Allison Schroth*
Glenn, *spouse of Caroline Loupe*
Janet Blessing, *neighbor of Jane Noone*
Kelly Marie Bell, *friend of Allison Schroth*
Earle, *friend of Cindy Sherwood*
Grace, *family member of Jessie Vega*
Kay Gross, *friend of Jane Noone*
Lisa Gorham, *daughter of John & Janene Gorham*
Gerald and Anita Talbot, *friends of Anita Chandler*
Janine W., *friend of Anita Chandler*
John Manchester, *friend of Fr. Tom*
James Ford, *former parishioner, friend of Lenita Richard*

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

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Emma Bond at: 207-619-3662
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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

NOTES ON THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

During his 50-year tenure as chief organist of the Mormon Tabernacle, Alexander Schreiner (1901-87) was heard by millions, through both his transcontinental concert tours and the weekly

broadcasts of the Tabernacle Choir. In 1937, during one of the (then) live broadcasts, a short "filler" was suddenly required, and Dr. Schreiner improvised the *Lyric Interlude* which is heard as this morning's prelude. During much of his tenure at the Tabernacle, Schreiner was also Professor of Music at UCLA and played three recitals per week on the newly installed organ at Royce Hall. Schreiner's admiration for this instrument--built by the Aeolian-Skinner Company of Boston-- led to the magnificent instrument installed in the Tabernacle in 1948. Incidentally, Schreiner's timing was as accurate as his legendary technique: the "filler" which led to the "Lyric Interlude" was requested to be "about" three minutes. Schreiner completed it in two minutes, fifty-seven seconds.

"Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever" (I Timothy 1:17) is the basis for today's opening hymn of pure praise. The rollicking rhythm of the Welsh melody leads to the climactic poetic thought of God being invisible only because He is hidden by the splendor of light.

Washington Gladden--author of "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"--was one of America's best-known Congregationalist ministers. A powerful and fearless advocate of the "social gospel," his hymn is a direct response to Christ's invitation to "follow me."

The story of John Newton--the one-time slave trader who, following his conversion, became an Anglican priest, preacher and writer, scarcely needs recounting. While he is best known as the author of "Amazing Grace," he wrote several other much admired hymn texts, most notably "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken." Zion, the city of God, is the symbolic center of this hymn, and each stanza focuses on a different image of divine strength: "rock of ages," streams of living waters," "cloud and fire," and the "Redeemer's blood." The tune is no less powerful: arranged by Haydn and based on a Croatian folk hymn, it seems a perfect complement to Newton's stirring text.

Gordon Young (1919-98) was born in Kansas and educated at the famed Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. He spent much of his professional career in Detroit, where he served as organist of the historic First Presbyterian Church. He was an active recitalist, teacher and lecturer, and was one of America's most prolific composers: at one point, he had nearly a thousand compositions in print. In musical parlance, a cortege is a composition designed to

accompany ceremonial processions, such as memorial or festival observances. The term comes from the Italian *corteggiare*, meaning "to pay honor."~HT

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