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

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**Holy Eucharist**  
**The Second Sunday After the Epiphany**  
**January 19, 2025 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 after the mass, followed by our annual meeting.

**This Sunday's Ministers**

Ms. Emily Keniston and Mr. Thomas Ainsworth, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Garrett Keniston, *Crucifer*

Mr. David Savage, *Vergers*

Mr. Thomas Ainsworth, *Lector*

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

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Dear Friends,

**The annual meeting of our parish is this Sunday after the mass.**

Please join us downstairs in the undercroft for coffee hour. After everyone has obtained some refreshments, we will commence with the meeting. Why is it important to be there?

We have an opportunity to give thanks to God and to one another for all of the ways people have served the parish in the last year.

We have an opportunity to learn more about all aspects of the ministries of St. Peter's, to review where we have been in the past year and to anticipate all that is to come.

We have an opportunity to commit ourselves to the work of the parish. If you are not yet a member, you will be invited to sign the Parish register and commit yourself to offering your time, talent, and treasure to God through what you offer to St. Peter's.

We have an opportunity to elect and bless our leaders for the coming year, as we elect officers and members of the vestry, our governing board.

And as always, we have the opportunity to enjoy good food and the lively fellowship of our after church gatherings.

If we can arrange for live streaming or a Zoom connection, we will alert you to that in the Sunday morning worship reminder that goes out to our mailing list. I hope to see you there!

Faithfully,

Fr. Tom

The Annual Report booklet, with reports on all of our ministries in 2024, will be available at the meeting. The booklet includes the treasurer's report for the last year, as well as the 2025 budget approved by the vestry.

If you would like to read the reports in advance, you can read drafts of the reports [here](#) (there may be a few more edits before Sunday!) and budget information [here](#).

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## **Ageing With Grace Begins New Year with Lunch Gathering on January 21st**

While the Ageing With Grace group has met primarily on Zoom, we will meet for lunch in January. We will gather on Thursday the 21st, and while breaking bread together will continue our conversations about the blessings and challenges of growing older.

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## **Supporting Our Neighbors Together**

*John Hennessy, a member of the St. Luke's Cathedral parish community, extends an invitation to all of us in area parishes for those of us who feel called to find ways to support members of marginalized communities who may face threats in the year to come:*

Hello,

On behalf of the St. Luke's Responsiveness Committee, led by Linda Carleton and Ruth Roemer, I invite you and/or anyone in your congregation who has expressed interest in working together as people of faith to respond to the impending challenges of our neighbors in Greater Portland to a meeting on **Saturday, January 25th at 10 AM at Loring House**. We will have beverages and morning snacks.

With the vestry's approval, a group from St. Luke's has worked to establish and maintain contact with community partners who already work closely with the affected people. We know that conversations about the future of immigrants, asylum seekers, and the LGBTQ+ community, particularly our

transgender brothers, sisters, and siblings, are happening in all of our churches. The group realizes that we are truly stronger when we work together.

With that as context, the group would like to expand the conversation with you and determine how combining forces will benefit our neighbors. Our combined mission will be to walk together in prayer, relationship-building, advocacy, and education. We will discuss best practices for expanding this conversation to the diocese in the weeks ahead.

John Hennessy

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## **Have Your Say: Teen / Tween Forum and Retreat Feb. 7 - 9 Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center, Greenfield, NH**

Registration is open for *Have Your Say* 2025, a forum-style retreat open to middle and high school students from Maine and New Hampshire. This year attendees will explore the theme "Who Do You Say That I Am?" through art, conversation, and connection. It will be lots of fun! This event is "pay as you're able," which means households will choose if and how much they can contribute to making the event possible. Carpooling is available.

Need more information? Please speak to Emily Keniston.

Register [here](#).

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## **Reviving the Flower Guild**

Several folks, among them members of the Altar Guild, met on

Sunday morning after church to discuss the ministry of flowers for our Sunday services. We are excited about the possibility of a larger group carrying out this ministry for Sundays and the festival seasons of Easter and Christmas. We welcome others to join us. Please speak to Fr. Tom if you are interested, and he will connect you with the group for their next gathering.

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## On Words: Adverbial Drift

There has been lots of change in the usage of adverbs, much of it sloppy. We'll take a look at three in particular: momentarily, periodically, and likely.

The original, and useful, meaning of “momentarily” was “for a moment”. Recently it has come to be used most often to mean “soon”. Why? one wonders. This is just another example of the corruption of meaning produced by people who hear a word, think it sounds cool, can't be bothered to look it up, and simply assume its meaning. It also has the pompous appeal of allowing one to use five syllables instead of one. With the original sense in mind, it amuses me to hear a flight attendant announce that “We will be airborne momentarily”.

Google gives us an easy way to see the change in frequency of use of a word. Have a look at <https://books.google.com/ngrams>. Using this to look up “momentarily” shows us that the frequency of use has increased almost ten-fold since 2000. The result of this makes it unclear which meaning is intended, thereby robbing us of a useful sense.

“Periodically” has the same polysyllabic charm: six syllables instead of the two in “sometimes”. Its original and useful meaning is to specify a particular interval, e.g. weekly, monthly, yearly, over which something occurs. And again, the use of it in this way, instead of saying “sometimes”, robs us of a useful sense; we now have to say something such as “every three weeks”.

“Likely” is a different case. Its meaning has not changed and is clearly understood. It can be either an adjective or an adverb.




But it ends in “-ly”, so it must be an adverb, right? Well, no. Until recently the more common meaning was adjectival, as in “He was the likely winner”. Now, that would more commonly be said as “He will likely win”, adverbially not adjectivally.

This is simply fashion, and, as I maintain, there is fashion in almost everything. Using the link, [ngrams](#) will show you how greatly its use has increased in the recent past.

*A monthly column on the meaning and use of words by Jonathan McCormick*

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**COMMITTED**  
*to* **LISTEN**

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025  
12 pm • Portland, Maine


An in-person performance of  
"The Malaga Ship"  
by Antonio Rocha

co-hosted by

Maine Council of Churches

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MLK Day 2025 ATLANTIC BLACK BOX



## **Committed to Listen: Observing Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2025**

**Monday, Jan. 20, 12 p.m.**  
**Hope GateWay Church**  
**515 Woodford St., Portland**

In honor of Martin Luther King Day, an in-person performance of "The Malaga Ship: A Story of Maine and the Middle

Passage," by Antonio Rocha is being staged at Hope GateWay Church. Tickets are free but must be reserved in advance because seating is limited. If you are able, please consider [\*\*making a donation\*\*](#) to help cover the cost of this event.

**We have just learned that the event is sold out, but you can sign up for a waitlist in case space opens up.**

Sign up for the waitlist [here](#).

## **Word of the Week**

*A weekly note about the words Episcopalians use.*

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

While this word was explained during announcements last Sunday at mass, perhaps a more detailed explanation will be helpful. We know that a preface provides an introduction, such as one written by an author at the beginning of a book. In the liturgy, the preface refers to the introductory section of the Eucharistic Prayer, coming after the Sursum Corda (the opening salutation between the priest and the people) and the Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy Lord...).

The words, often chanted by the priest, vary with the seasons. There are three proper prefaces of the Lord's Day used for much of the year: "Of God the Father," "Of God the Son" and "Of God the Holy Spirit." In addition there are proper prefaces for particular seasons, such as Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, as well as for particular occasions such as baptisms or the dedication of a church. *The Book of Common Prayer* contains 22 proper prefaces in both traditional language (pp.344-349) and contemporary language (pp.377-382). In this season after the Epiphany, we will be using the proper preface for Epiphany:

"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 Jesus Christ our Lord."

## Looking Ahead

*Annual Meeting*, Sunday January 19th after the 9:00 AM Mass  
*Youth Service Corps*, Sun. Jan 19 at 2:30 PM Seacoast Adventure  
Park

*Aging With Grace Lunch*, Tue. Jan. 21 at noon, Undercroft

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### Compline Link for January 22nd

Compline will meet on Zoom on Wednesday, January 22nd at its usual time at 7:00 PM. The Zoom link is [here](#). This link is good through February 19th.

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### Sunday Minister Rota for January

#### January 19

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Mr. Richard Price and Mr. Paul Loven, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

#### January 26

Mr. David Savage and Ms. Lenita Richard, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Steven Koskinen, *Crucifer*

Mr. David Savage, *Vergers*

Ms. Anne Whitman, *Lector*

Mr. Thomas Ainsworth, *Usher*

Mr. David Savage, *Altar Guild*

The Keniston Family, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

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### 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 Vessey**  
**Cindy Sherwood**  
**Galen Weibley**  
**Fred Madore**

**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*  
**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 Tom Mousin*  
**Peter Munro**, *brother of Emily Hickey*  
**Sandy**, *friend of Judy Howes*  
**Todd Cheney**, *father of Matt Cheney*

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

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or

Emma Bond at: 207-619-3662  
[emma.e.bond@gmail.com](mailto:emma.e.bond@gmail.com)

**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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## NOTES ON THIS WEEK'S MUSIC

A student of Vaughan Williams at London's Royal College of Music, Percy Whitlock (1903-46) quickly arrived at a musical idiom that combined elements of his teacher's output and that of Sir Edward Elgar. His lush harmonic style also bore traces of Gershwin and other popular composers of the 1920s. Like Vaughan Williams, he often used themes that sounded like folk songs but were, in fact, original creations.

The son of a British admiral, Sir Henry Williams Baker (1821-77) was the editor of *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, whose publication in 1861 laid the groundwork for the great Anglican tradition of congregational singing which has continued to the present day. Sir Henry paired his text for "O Praise Ye The Lord"--our opening hymn--with a rousing tune by Sir Charles H. H. Parry, the director of the Royal College of Music in London.

Thomas Dorsey (1899-1993), the author/composer of our sequence hymn, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," was born in a small rural town near Atlanta. In 1919 he moved to Chicago which was the center of his activity as a performer, composer/lyricist and Christian evangelist for the remainder of his life. Most of his musical training was in the church, but he also studied and played jazz and blues which he later combined with religious texts, giving birth to gospel music. The last words that Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke before he was assassinated were to Ben Branch, the well-known black bandleader who was to provide the music that night at a prayer meeting. They would sing a special song since it was his favorite. "Ben, don't forget to play "Precious Lord" in the meeting tonight. Play it for me. Play it real pretty." And then he stepped out onto the balcony....

Michael McCabe (b.1941) combined a full-time military career

with an active schedule as both organist and composer. Highly regarded as a performer, he served for a time as organist of Grace Cathedral, San Francisco. Like last week's postlude, the "Fanfare" heard this morning is hot off the press: it, too, was published this past November. ~HT

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