



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

Holy Eucharist
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
March 2, 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](#).

Our monthly parish breakfast will be served after the mass.

March 2, 2025

Ms. Janene Gorham & Ms. Emily Hickey, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Garrett Keniston, *Crucifer*

Mr. Wayne Franklin, *Lector*

Ms. Cindy Sherman, *Usher*

Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*

Ms. Anita Chandler, Ms. Patty Lamb, Mr. Bob Simmons, *Breakfast Hosts*

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

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to share with you the news that Emily Keniston, who is seeking ordination as a priest, will be serving her postulancy internship here at St. Peter's. We are the parish in which she came to faith, but she and her family only recently returned to St. Peter's. Emily will serve much as Myrna Koonce did during her postulancy, preaching on occasion, being involved in other liturgical ministries on Sunday mornings, and developing a particular ministry project which will benefit the parish and inform her learning. Emily officially begins her postulancy on March 1, and I will be inviting her to share her own words of introduction in next week's Key Notes. Though many of us know her as a parishioner, I hope you will find ways to welcome her into this new position of leadership at St. Peter's.

As a parishioner, Emily is already engaged in starting a ministry program with Jake Mahon, a ten week formation program called "Being-With." Please read more below, and consider joining this group for growing in your faith.

Finally, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. You will find a full list of Lenten services below, and before next Wednesday, I will send out to you some online resources for daily devotions during the Lenten season. Lent is traditionally seen as a time of repentance, and if we remember that the Greek meaning of that word is "transformation" we can enter into the season with hope and expectation that God will continue to transform and bless us, as individuals and as a community.

Faithfully,

Fr. Tom

Breakfast This Sunday

Our first Sunday of the month breakfast will be a part of coffee hour this Sunday, so we hope all of you can join us.

Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th

We offer two services on Ash Wednesday, March 5th, one at 12 noon and at 7:00 PM. Both services will include the Imposition of Ashes and the Holy Eucharist, and there will be music at the noon service.

See the full Lenten and Easter worship schedule below.

Turning our Palms to Ashes

If you have any palms saved from last year's Palm Sunday service, please bring them to church this Sunday. It is traditional to burn the previous year's palms to create ashes for the Ash Wednesday service. There will be a basket in the undercroft where you can place the palms after the morning mass.

Join Us on the Journey from Ashes to Easter

Join us for our worship during Lent and Easter. All services with the exception of Compline and Stations of the Cross will also be live streamed on our Facebook page.

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday March 5th

Mass with the Imposition of Ashes: at 12 noon, with music and at 7:00 PM

Stations of the Cross on Zoom: Every Friday at 5:30 PM

A devotional service reflecting on Jesus' final steps to the cross. The Zoom link is [here](#).

Compline: Every Wednesday (with the exception of Ash Wednesday) on Zoom at 7:00 PM

This brief evening prayer service occurs throughout the year.

The Zoom link is good through April 2nd and can be found [here](#).



HOLY WEEK:

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday: Sunday April 13th

Mass at 9:00 AM

The service will include the distribution of palms and the reading of the Passion Gospel from St. Luke.

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 17th

Mass at 7:00 PM

We recall the institution of Holy Communion by Jesus at the Last Supper.

Good Friday Service: Friday April 18th at 7:00 PM

The Prayer Book Service for Good Friday, including the Passion Gospel from St. John

Easter Vigil Service at St. Luke's Cathedral, 143 State St. Portland: Saturday, April 19th

Vigil Service and the First Celebration of Easter at 7:00 PM

Easter Day: Sunday, April 20th Festival Mass at 9:00 AM

We celebrate the resurrection, including special music, incense, and a celebratory coffee hour after the service.



Being-With: An Invitation to Grow In Your Faith

We are excited to invite you all to participate in Being-With, a 10-week course designed to explore the Christian faith through shared stories and experiences. Developed by theologian Samuel Wells and Sally Hitchiner, this course is grounded in the belief that God's greatest desire is to be with us in Christ.

Starting Sunday, March 16 from 11 AM to 12:30 PM, Emily Keniston and Jake Mahon will host the sessions weekly in the conference room of Bethany House (the building beside the church).

As each session builds upon the previous one, we encourage participants to commit to as much of the course as possible. Whether you're exploring faith, seeking deeper connections, or simply curious, we welcome you to join us on this journey.

For more information about the course, please visit the official website: www.being-with.org.



A Wonderful Evening of Chili, Chowder, Friendship, and Fun

Thank you to all who contributed to a very successful Chili and Chowder Tasting. In addition to providing warm and wonderful food, you helped raise \$1,170 for the church. Special thanks go to our organizing committee: **Anita Chandler, Rich Price, Paul Love, David Savage, Lenita Richard, and Kathleen McCormick**, and to our many cooks, servers, and those who helped set up and clean up. A good time was had by all.



Aging with Grace

About ten of us met on Tuesday for lunch and an engaging conversation about how we approach the end of life, including the topics of advanced directives and Maine's Death with Dignity Law. Join us a month from now, when we meet again for lunch at noon on Tuesday, March 25th.

Vestry Highlights

The vestry met for its regular monthly meeting this past Tuesday, hearing the monthly treasurer's report, and reports on various ministries.

Vestry highlights include:

Approval of a contract with a mason to complete the exterior stonework repair on the church building

Approval of the annual Parochial Report, documenting financial and spiritual health of the parish and submitted to the larger Episcopal Church

Scheduling of safe church training for new vestry members and others interested on Sat. March 22 at 9:00 AM in the undercroft

Plans for developing a Safe Church Policy for the parish.

Word of the Week

A weekly note about the words Episcopalians use.

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

The sacristy is the small room located to the right at the top of the stairs as you come up from the undercroft. You may never have been in that room, as it is indeed very small. There the faithful members of the Altar Guild prepare for the celebration of communion each Sunday, ensuring that the chalice, paten, and linens are ready, and it is there that they reverently clean and store things after the service (that is one reason why sometimes our Altar Guild members come down to coffee hour a bit later than the rest of us). Do give thanks to Altar Guild members for their faithful ministry every Sunday, and consider joining them if you would like to participate in this essential ministry. Speak to the rector or any member of the Altar Guild you see working on a Sunday morning if you are interested.

St. Peter's Calendar

Looking Ahead

Ash Wednesday Services, Wed. Mar. 5th at 12 noon, and 7 pm

Stations of the Cross, Fri. Mar. 7th at 5:30 pm, Zoom

In the Coming Weeks

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry, Tues. Mar. 11th at 11 am, St. Lukes

Youth Service Corps, Sun. Mar. 16th, at 12:30 pm

Merry Hearts, Thurs. Mar. 20th at 12 noon, Undercroft

Safe Church Training, Sat. Mar. 22nd, 9:00-11:30 am, Undercroft

Vestry, Tue. Mar 25th at 6:30 pm on Zoom

Compline Will Resume After Ash Wednesday

Due to Ash Wednesday, there will be no compline one March 5th. Compline will resume on March 12th.

Sunday Minister Rota for March

March 9, 2025

Ms. Emily Keniston & Ms. Lenita Richard, *Eucharistic Ministers*

Mr. Fred Fowler, *Crucifer*

Ms. Janene Gorham, *Lector*

Ms. Anita Chandler, *Usher*

Ms. Janene Gorham, *Altar Guild*

Ms. Lenita Richard, *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 Vessey

Cindy Sherwood

Galen Weibley

Fred Madore

Alan Biagiotti

Jane Noone

Marc Lombe and family

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*
Peter Munro, *brother of Emily Hickey*
Sandy, *friend of Judy Howes*
Todd Cheney, *father of Matt Cheney*
Jay Sprout, *friend of Tom Mousin*
Brenda Macomber, *friend of Jane Noone*
Sandy Woolley, *friend of Judy Howes*
Chris Conant, *friend of Jane Noone*

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

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

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 several 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 relatively 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."

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 several 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 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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