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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 First Sunday in Lent  
March 9, 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.

**March 2, 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*

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

## **This Sunday Is Also Refugee Sunday**

The Episcopal Diocese of Maine will show its support of the ministry of refugee resettlement by hosting a Refugee Sunday on the First Sunday of Lent, March 9. Refugee Sunday is an opportunity to welcome our new neighbors, teach about refugee resettlement, and inspire the local community to take action in support of refugees and immigrants. Churches throughout Maine are invited to share the message of welcome and hope with our community through stories, reflection, and prayer.



## **We Spring Forward This Sunday**

Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night. Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 AM on March 9th. You do not want to be an hour late for church!

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Dear Friends,

As some of you know, our noon Ash Wednesday service had a delayed start, as several people (including your rector) were stuck in the parish elevator prior to the service. We had just about reached the church level when the elevator stopped, and doors could not be opened.

A call to the fire department resulted in the prompt arrival of several firefighters. While they were armed with axes when they came into the church, they did not need to break down any

doors! After a few minutes they were able to successfully open them manually, and those of us in the elevator exited with great relief and gratitude. The elevator company will be here tomorrow to inspect, repair, and ensure that such mishaps do not happen again

The firefighters who came were at once calming, courteous, and professional in their manner, and I was amazed at how quickly they were on the scene. I recognized how often I take for granted the persons who serve us in this way, and I repeatedly expressed my thanks.

Their presence also made me think about our current political climate when the work of countless civil servants is being disparaged. Whether on the front lines of a fire, working in a veterans hospital, or ensuring that our Social Security checks arrive on time, there are so many people who have devoted their lives to the service of others and the common good. Many of them are being castigated and some cast aside. While every government organization, like any church or other organization should be subject to reform and review, the reforms need not happen in a way that discount or ignore the human costs of changes being made.

I give thanks for all those in our parish who have served or are currently serving in such positions. And I hope you will join me in making sure the next time you have an interaction with an employee working for our good, whether at the local, state, or national level, that you find a way to say “Thank you.”

Faithfully,  
Fr. Tom

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**A Greeting From Our  
Postulant Intern,  
Emily Keniston**

Dear St. Peter's parish,

I couldn't be more delighted to be beginning a new journey among you as a postulant



intern. In the coming months I hope to learn from you and grow in my own faith, to develop new understandings about ministry and to contribute to this parish community in a number of ways.

Many of you know that I grew up in this parish and worshipped here along with my now-husband, Garrett. In fact, many of you were our Sunday school teachers and youth group leaders at one time! These days we have four kids (Ben, who is 18 and no longer lives at home; Ava, 15; Eleanor, 14 and Meredith, 11). We live in Portland, near my parents (Tom and Kathryn) who also worship here. I serve on the bishop's staff as the Director of Faith Formation for our diocese, and in that role I seek to serve individuals and parishes in developing Christian faith throughout our lives. Additionally, I am our diocesan Global Mission Advocate and serve as the chair of The Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on World Mission. When I'm not at work, I love reading, running and anything outdoors.

I encourage your questions and ideas as we move into this new way of being together. Thank you for welcoming me again in this new way and I look forward to journeying alongside you!

In peace,  
Emily

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## **The Disciplines of Lent**

If you are looking for a daily devotional practice during Lent, there is assistance from the diocese:

### **Lent and Holy Week Resources for 2025**

In preparation for the season of Lent, we've collected multiple resources on the diocesan website. These include 40 Days of Welcome and Gratitude, "a call to giving thanks for the ways we are welcomed in the world and the ways that people offer



welcome to us and to our communities"—a new partnership between United Thank Offering and Episcopal Migration Ministries; a Lenten Book Group; an alternate Good Friday liturgy; a link to resources from The Episcopal Church, and more. See all of the resources [here](#).

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## **Stations of the Cross this Friday**

This weekly devotional service reflecting on Jesus' final steps to the cross takes place at 5:30 PM on Zoom. The Zoom link is [here](#).

**Find our full Lenten and Easter Schedule [Here](#).**

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## **St. Elizabeth's Volunteer Day is Tuesday March 11th**

Join us at St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry on Tuesday morning, March 11<sup>th</sup>. We meet at 8:15 AM at St. Luke's Cathedral (accessed from Park St) where we serve neighbors needing essential non food goods.

See the growth in the number of neighbors served in the charts [here](#).

## **St. Elizabeth's Announces Diaper Drive**

Among the essential items distributed are diapers, and St. Elizabeth's board member Gus Goodwin has shared

information about the pantry's Diaper Drive for 2025. They are seeking funding to provide sufficient diapers for the rest of this year. Gus explains the need for additional funding:

- We no longer have access to the diaper bank.
- Increased costs for all essential items.
- Some grants that we have relied on previously are not available.
- The number of neighbors we serve continues to grow.

To solve the funding gap the board has decided to have a diaper drive where we find twelve partners willing to each provide one month's worth of diapers (\$1500). If we can do that we will continue to operate as usual every Tuesday serving our neighbors in need.

Of course, all donations of any amount are welcome. Learn more about the drive, and how you can contribute any financial amount [here](#).

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## **Compline Link for March 12th**

Compline will meet on Zoom on Wednesday, March 12th at its usual time at 7:00 PM. The Zoom link is [here](#). This link is good through April 2.

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## **Being-With Starts on March 16th**

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](http://www.being-with.org).

Please speak to Emily or Jake if you are interested or have questions.

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## Stewardship Update

New pledges continue to be made in the new year, a sign of our growing parish. Treasurer Bob Simmons now reports that **48 individuals or families have made pledges totaling \$78,844**. Thank you! If you have not made a pledge for 2025, you can do so at any time. Pledge forms are available at church or can be found [here](#).

Also, this weekly email newsletter is now being sent to **121 households**.

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## Word of the Week

*A weekly note about the words Episcopalians use.*

The words of the week are ***The Great Litany***.

It is customary on the First Sunday in Lent to begin the mass with the chanting of this prayer of the church, and we shall do so this Sunday. The Litany was the first English language rite prepared by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer. It was first published in 1544. Cranmer modified an earlier litany form by consolidating certain groups of petitions into single prayers with response.

The Great Litany includes an invocation of the Trinity; a series of deprecations which seek deliverance from evil, spiritual harm, and natural calamities; a series of obsecrations which plead the power of Christ's Incarnation, life, death, and resurrection for deliverance; and prayers of general intercession. The language of The Litany is traditional, and if it sounds unsettling at times, remember that we are joining a prayer that has been recited for centuries by countless Christians before us.

Because we chant the Great Litany, the usual Prayers of the People and the Confession are omitted from the service.

The Great Litany can be used at other services as well. Indeed, longtime members of St. Peter's recall a time when the full choir processed and chanted the Great Litany on every Sunday in Lent!

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## St. Peter's Calendar

### Looking Ahead

*St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry*, Tues. Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> 8:30-11 am, St. Lukes  
*Stations of the Cross*, Fri. Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm, Zoom

### In the Coming Weeks

*Youth Service Corps*, Sun. Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 pm  
*Merry Hearts*, Thurs. Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon, Undercroft  
*Safe Church Training*, Sat. Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00-11:30 am, Undercroft  
*Vestry*, Tue. Mar 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm on Zoom

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## Sunday Minister Rota for March

### March 16

Ms. Anne Whitman and Mr. Jake Mahon, *Eucharistic Ministers*  
Mr. Wayne Franklin, *Crucifer*  
Mr. Steve Koskinen, *Lector*  
Mr. Bob Simmons, *Usher*  
Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*  
Mr. Rich Price and Mr. Paul Loven, *Coffee Hour Hosts*

### March 23

Mr. Galen Weibly and Mr. Thomas Ainsworth, *Eucharistic Ministers*  
Mr. Jake Mahon, *Crucifer*  
Ms. Anica Hickey, *Lector*  
Ms. Lenita Richard, *Usher*  
Ms. Anne Whitman, *Altar Guild*

### March 30

Mr. Steve Booth and Ms. Emily Keniston, *Eucharistic Ministers*  
Mr. Galen Weibly, *Crucifer*  
Mr. Fred Fowler, *Lector*  
Mr. Thomas Ainsworth, *Usher*  
Ms. Judy Howes, *Altar Guild*

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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**  
**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*  
**Sandy Woolley**, *friend of Judy Howes*  
**Amanda and Chris Conant**, *friends of Jane Noone*  
**Pam**, *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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or

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*

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### **NOTES ON THIS WEEK'S MUSIC**

Our prelude and postlude are both by Florence Beatrice Price (1887-1953), the first black woman in the United States to be recognized as a major composer. She graduated with honors from the prestigious New England Conservatory of Music, and was much admired by the great contralto Marian Anderson, who frequently included her spiritual arrangements on recital programs. Price was a fine organist, and her "Triumphal March"--long thought to be lost--was just recently rediscovered....in Italy!

Claudia Frances Ibotson Hernaman's hymn, "Lord, who throughout these forty days," is often sung on the first Sunday of Lent. Forty is a number with special biblical significance. It rained for forty days and nights when the earth was overtaken by floodwaters, and Noah waited another forty days before opening the window of the Ark. Israel wandered in the desert for forty years. Jesus was seen on earth following the resurrection for forty days. In the case of Hernaman's hymn, Christ's forty days in the wilderness provides the primary paradigm for the forty days of Lent.

The text for "A Place Called Home" was written by priest, writer, lecturer, musician and college professor Michael Joncas (b.1951). Fr. Joncas first chose the tune--"Finlandia" from the tone poem of the same title by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)--and

subsequently penned the text.~HT

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