

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church
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"A House of Prayer for ALL People"
"¡Una casa de oración abierta a todos!"

The Third Sunday in Lent
March 27, 2011

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Co-Priests-in-Charge
Fr. Dan Weir, Associate Priest

Welcome to St. Peter's Church!

We are a congregation that seeks to be inclusive of all regardless of race, ethnicity, class, gender, orientation, or language. Worship for us is at the heart of our spirituality and we hope you find your time with us helpful in your spiritual journey.

Sunday Services

Holy Eucharist Rite I - 8:00 a.m. Elizabethan English
Holy Eucharist Rite II – 10:00 a.m. Contemporary English and Music
La Santa Eucaristía – 12:00 noon Spanish

Weekday Services

Tuesday 6:15 p.m. La Santa Eucaristía - in the Chapel
2nd Friday of the month 5:00 p.m. Youth Liturgy - in the Chapel
1st Wednesday of the month 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Taizé Prayer and
Meditation Service - in the Chapel

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Everyone is Welcome at God's Table in this Church; Always! When Jesus fed the multitudes on the hillsides of Galilee, he did not check on anyone's church membership. Rather he opened their hearts to the love of God. It is a sign of our unity in Christ that when we break bread and drink wine together we do as Jesus did on those hillsides. He did the same with his friends even on the night before he died. When the first apostles met in the upper room in those first weeks following Christ's death and resurrection, Jesus appeared to them in this sacred meal. The word Eucharist means thanksgiving and is a word that refers to the gratitude that Jesus expressed even in the last moments of his life. We believe that in our worship Jesus is still present to us and that our gratitude continues for all that life is and gives to us. That is why we continue to this day to celebrate this manner of worship. We thank God that you are here. Come and feast with us at Christ's Holy Table where EVERYONE is welcome!



Please silence all mobile phones, PDA's and other devices immediately upon entering the church.

8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite I

Page 323 in the Book of Common Prayer. The Scripture readings are printed below in the Order of Service for the 10:00 a.m. service.

10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Introit: Penitential litany

Cantor: Hold us in your mer - cy. All: Hold us in your mer - cy.

Cantor: Hold us in your mer - cy. All: Hold us in your mer - cy.

Cantor: (Invocation) All: Hold us in your mer - cy.

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Text: Rory Cooney, b.1952
Tune: Gary Daigle, b.1957
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Prayers of Reconciliation

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The Word Of God

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and

livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Psalm 95

Venite, exultemus

Refrain: *If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.*

Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our
salvation.

Let us come before his presence with
thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with
psalms.

For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
(refrain)

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the
knee,
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
(refrain)

For he is our God, and we are the
people of his pasture and the sheep of
his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his
voice!

Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness,
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.

They put me to the test,
though they had seen my works.
(refrain)

Forty years long I detested that
generation and said,
"This people are wayward in their
hearts;
they do not know my ways."

So I swore in my wrath,
"They shall not enter into my rest."
(refrain)

The Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation: *please sing after the cantor, and after each verse.*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus, King of endless glory,
Savior of the world, savior of the world.

The Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Sermon *Father Paul Bresnahan*
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The Prayers Of the People

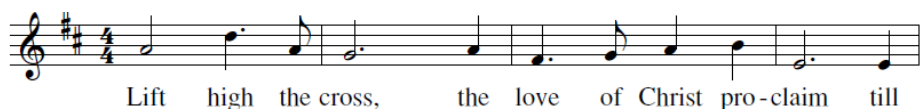
Response: *O, Lord, hear our prayer. Lord, hear us. O, Lord, hear our prayer.*

The Peace ✠

The Holy Communion

We bring bread and wine to the altar of God as a sign that God counts on us to do whatever needs to be done to build the kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. These gifts and the money we offer are signs of our faithful obedience to God. God seeks Peace with Justice among God's people. God seeks Reconciliation, Forgiveness and Joy. God is counting on us to bring these gifts not just to the altar, but to the world we live in.

Offertory Song: "Lift High the Cross"



1. Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where the Mas-ter trod, Our
2. Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign, The
3. Each new-born fol-l'wer of the Cru-ci-fied Bears
4. O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree, Your
5. So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be: Praise



King vic-to-ri-ous, Christ, the Son of God.
 hosts of God in con-quer-ing ranks com-bine.
 on the brow the seal of him who died.
 death has bought us life e-ter-nal-ly.
 to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry!

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18; George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912, and Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956, alt.
 Tune: CRUCIFER, 10 10 with refrain; Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947
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The Lord's Prayer - sung

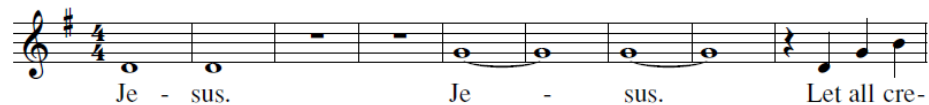
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Lamb of God

Everyone is welcome at God's table in this church; Always! Please feel free to come to the Altar Rail as your way of saying "Yes" to God's invitation.

Communion Song: "Jesus, the Lord"

Refrain



Text: *Jesus Prayer*, Philippians 2:5-11; Acts 17:28; Roc O'Connor, SJ, b.1949

Tune: Roc O'Connor, SJ, b.1949; arr. by Rick Modlin, b.1966

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Closing Song: “Somebody’s Knockin’ At Your Door”

Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door; Some-bod - y's
knock-in' at your door; O sin - ner, why don't you
an - swer? Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door.

Solo: 1. Knocks like Je - sus,
2. Can't you hear him? *All:* Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door.
3. Je - sus calls you,
4. Can't you trust him?

Solo: Knocks like Je - sus,
Can't you hear him? *All:* Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door.
Je - sus calls you,
Can't you trust him?

O sin - ner, why don't you an - swer?
Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door.

Text: African-American spiritual
Tune: SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN', Irregular; African-American spiritual; harm. by Richard Proulx, b.1937

Going forth to make a better world. We have now reached the holiest moment in worship. It is not in the ritual of the altar that we find holiness. Nor is it when we receive that most Blessed Sacrament, as holy as that is. It is rather when we go forth from here to do the work that God has given to us to do, that we discover what holiness is about. The word “Liturgy” means public work; this is God’s work; to **be** The Good News in a world filled with sin. God loves you and you are forgiven. Go forth to love and forgive and reconcile as much as you can for God. In this way may you find holiness, peace, and joy that knows no bounds! And may God bless your going out and your coming in from this day forth forevermore!

Serving Today		
Vestry Persons of the Day	Michele Grimes, Patti Rocci	
Altar Guild	Louise Carr, Frances Kirchberg	
Altar Flowers		
	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
LEM	Jinny Lavoie	Bruce Akin
Lector	Jinny Lavoie	Debbie Barber
Ushers	Spencer Felder, Carole MacDonald	Ruth Brown, Denis Castleton