



ST. PETER'S
— IN THE WOODS —

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2023

10:00 am

Welcome!

We are delighted to have you with us today. We hope you find worship at St. Peter's in the Woods to be an inspiring and nurturing part of your faith journey. If you are visiting, please know that you belong. Don't hesitate to introduce yourself and fill out a welcome card found on the back table of the sanctuary. Simply place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. (We will only contact you if you ask us to!) You are warmly invited to stay for coffee and fellowship after the service.

About Today's Worship:

We welcome all people to God's table to receive Holy Communion. To receive the host directly from the priest, extend your hand as you approach. If you would like to receive the bread dipped into the wine by the priest, extend two hands. A gluten-free alternative is available; please ask the priest when you come up. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please come forward during Communion and place your arms across your chest.

Holy Baptism is our sacramental rite of initiation into the Christian faith. If you would like to learn more about this rite or other sacraments and membership at St. Peter's in the Woods, please speak with our clergy or contact our office: 703-503-9210.

About our worship books: BCP refers to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer (red) and "Hymnal" refers to the 1982 Hymnal (blue), both of which are located under the seats.

Thank you for worshipping with us. We'd love to see you again!

God's peace be with you this day and always,

Rev. Susan Hartzell, Rector

Rev. Guimond Pierre Louis, Assistant Rector

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Rite II

Prelude

Instrumental

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn

The Glory of These Forty Days

Hymn 143

Opening Words

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: **His mercy endures for ever.**

Collect for Purity

Presider: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Kyrie

WLP 838
Repeat x 3

Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Prayer of the Day

(The people remain standing)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

(In unison) *Found in the bulletin insert*

Insert

(The people sit)

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Insert

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *(to be read responsively by whole verse)*

Insert

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Insert

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Hymn 493
vs. 1-3

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Insert

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Rev. Guimond Pierre Louis

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin
 Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under

Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the
 Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the
 living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
 giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the
 Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is
 worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and
 apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

Prayers of the People

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; in the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for.... In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for....
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: Lord, on this day we remember our beloved mountain dedicated to you, Shrine Mont, the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration, and all the Camp Ministries and retreats that gather there. We gather there to draw closer to you and to each other. We gather there for solace and strength. We gather there to learn and grow.
That we may draw closer to you.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; We pray for our President Joe and our Governor Glenn.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Remembering those celebrating a birthday this week..... and anniversaries.... We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially...
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest, especially.... We pray for those who have given their lives in the service of our country.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
A brief silence.

Concluding Collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider & People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Declaration of Absolution

BCP 360

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

The Very Rev. Susan Hartzell

Invitation to the Offering

** Presentation of Alms and Oblations*

Your gift of gratitude will be used to build up God's kingdom and serve others. Online giving is encouraged through the QR code provided. Thank you!



Offertory

O Come and Mourn

arr. Hal Hopson

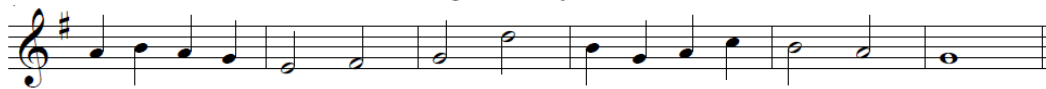
THE HOLY COMMUNION

Presentation Song

Hymn 380



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; Praise



him a - bove, ye heav - enly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. **Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

(The people remain standing)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

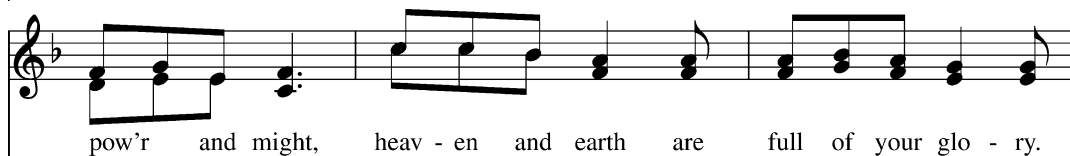
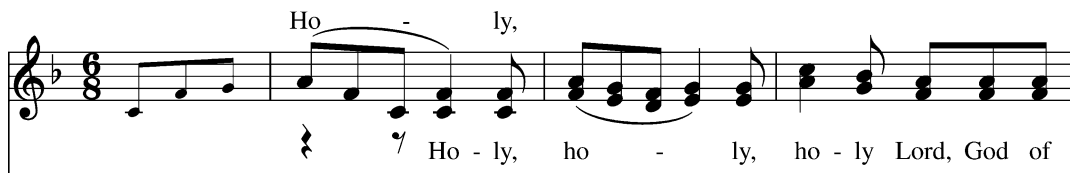
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

WLP 857



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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Presider: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,

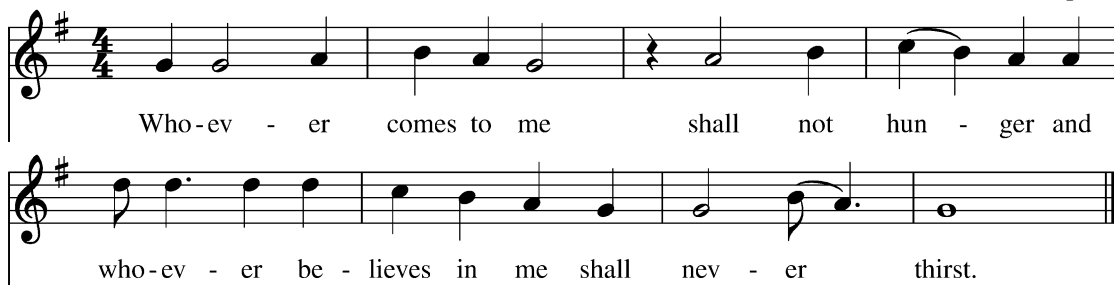
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

WLP 878

Repeat



Who - ev - er comes to me shall not hun - ger and
who - ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst.

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Invitation to Communion

Presider: This altar is not ours; it is the Lord's. So, come to this altar, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him, here.

All persons are welcome at God's Table. Those who would like to learn more about the sacrament of baptism as a rite of Christian initiation, please speak with Rev. Susan. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, please cross your arms over your chest and the ushers will guide you forward. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshipping online

O God, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts.

We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our heart, our soul, and our mind. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

